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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

- SAT. April 3** 8:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Mallien & Jacques Families
- SUN. April 4** 8:00 AM Mass for the Parish
10:00 AM Mass †Norman, James, & William Godfrey, Stephanie Thompson & Joshua Cordio
- TUES. April 6** 5:15 PM Mass For John & Elizabeth Fiske
- WED. April 7** 8:15 AM Mass For Linda Maasz-Schaller
- THUR. April 8** 8:15AM Mass †Bob & Mary Jane Jonas
- FRI. April 9** 8:15 AM Mass †Carl & Virginia Meier
- SAT. April 10** 5:00 PM Mass †Richard Angeli
- SUN. April 11** 8:00 AM Mass †Trevor Farrell
10:00 AM Mass For the Parish

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

CONFESION

- Saturdays** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- Sundays.....** 7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
- Appointment**Call Fr. Tim anytime

MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member. Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage. Call or email Father Tim for the Anointing of the Sick. Active parishioners may inquire about a quinceañera

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:00-12:00

Tues. 11:00-3:00

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Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us.

If you are not already a member,
consider joining our parish.

We seek to know, love, and serve God
and His children. Join us!



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-7

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.



Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

The Facts of Life

At the moment the nuclei of the father's sperm and mother's egg unite, a new and unrepeatable human being comes into the world, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA. The new little person's sex is also determined from the beginning. This tiny human begins her life as a single cell gliding down the fallopian tube. In just a few days she will snuggle into the soft lining of her mother's womb where she will be nurtured for about nine months. After birth she will play a unique role within her own family and community – a role only she can fulfill. All she needs is time, nourishment, and, most of all, love.



Pro-Life Committee of the CCW

My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realize that praying to Him is loving Him.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Covid Vaccines and Abortion

Last week Fr. Tim spoke of the link between the COVID vaccines, and the stem cells harvested from aborted fetuses. Below is a link to an interview with Fr. Tad on the ethics concerning the vaccine.

<https://www.father tad.com/index.php?clID=1074> The CCW will be providing addressed envelopes and template letters for parishioners to use when sending their disapproval of the link between the vaccine and abortion to the drug companies. These resources are available at the ProLife table in the gathering space.



Please pray for the intentions
on our St. Joseph Prayer Chain.



Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection February 2021: \$24,809.25.
February EFTs: \$ 7,410.00
February On-Line Giving: \$3,455.00
Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00
Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00
Budget needed per year: \$498,00.00.



Knights News

For Catholics and most other Christians all over the world, Easter is a solemn holiday that is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox; which is in late March to mid-April. Most people can tell you that Lent is 40 days, but how long is Easter? One day? Yes, Easter Sunday is one day, but do you know how long the season of Easter really is?

Seven weeks.

Think about that. Do you celebrate Easter one day, one weekend, all season, or with your entire life? Does the way you celebrate Easter show your family the importance of the Lord's Resurrection in your life?

As Saint Paul wrote in [1 Corinthians 15:14](#), "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity.

Easter Sunday begins for most Catholics by attending the Easter Vigil Midnight Mass. Others begin their Easter Sunday with a morning mass. Following the morning mass, the parish may hold an Easter breakfast for their members. Or they may provide food to the less fortunate.

The average Catholic family will either attend local community events, or spend the remainder of the day with loved ones. They may take part in parades, feasts, festivals, or watch live performances. Some of these events can be heavily inspired by the 14 Stations of the Cross, retelling the events of Jesus Christ's Crucifixion. Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so, too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to [Pentecost Sunday](#), the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) and [Ascension](#).

In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends. [Trinity Sunday](#) and the feast of [Corpus Christi](#), which both fall after Pentecost, are "moveable feasts," which means that their date in any given year depends on the date of Easter.

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists -- that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." Pope Benedict XVI



*Christ
is
Risen!*

The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

We can celebrate the Lord's resurrection with our beautiful mosaics hung in the sanctuary! Just a reminder, my thoughts on this plan of updating the sanctuary wall were that it would first be beautiful. Beauty is what we call a transcendental along with goodness, and truth because they transcend space and time. Beauty raises the mind to something more—you may have pondered a beautiful sunset and thought to yourself, there must be more to life than this world. God is beauty, and so when we experience true, objective beauty, it raises our mind to the Divine Artist who is reflected in His beautiful creation.

The sanctuary of the church where we bring Heaven to earth every time Mass is celebrated should reflect that beauty both to have a dignified space for this to happen and as a reminder to us of the awesome wonder that is taking place here.

My second principle was that I wanted there to be continuity with the history of St. Joseph Parish. The mosaic that was in the sanctuary at the last church, which is now in the gathering space is striking.

Producing new mosaics for the sanctuary ties in the history of the parish and continues the style of our whole campus which already had three major mosaics. In determining what the images would be, I wanted them to be Eucharistic images. The lamb recalls the Passover lamb and the Exodus of the Israelites and finds its fulfillment in Revelation as the true Lamb of God who takes His place on the throne in the true Promised Land. The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol: in legend, if a pelican is not able to find its babies food, it will pick flesh from itself and feed it to them.

The peacock is another ancient Christian symbol; there was a non-Christian belief that if you ate the flesh of a peacock you would have eternal life; eating the flesh of the Son of God gives eternal life. The deer represents us from psalm 42, "As a deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you my God". Like the deer, we yearn for God who satisfies our hunger in the Eucharist.

The side panels match the crosses on the sides of the mosaic in the gathering space, keeping the continuity with our other mosaics and the previous church.

Even though the project is not completed yet as the mosaics will be framed and some touch-up painting needs to be done, I think you would agree with me that the sanctuary looks truly heavenly! Thank you to Josh Winer for creating the mosaics, seminarian Mark Foley for painting the stencil work, Andy Koehler for installing and framing the mosaics, and to all of you who financially supported this project. I truly appreciate your work and generosity.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Tim

St Joseph School News 'n Notes

Congratulations to all who entered the 2021 Fort Atkinson Regional Science Fair! St. Joseph School had many terrific entries! A special thank you to Mr. Ray Robinson, Middle School Science and Math teacher for his guidance, support, and dedication to our students. Our middle school students did an amazing job of entering their SJS science fair project in the Fort Atkinson Regional Science Fair. They did amazingly well. Congratulations!

The following is a list of our winners:

Grade 6-8 Division

- **1st place-** Caylah Boldt 7th grade
- 2nd place-** Jameson Stafford 6th grade
- 3rd place-** Sam Murphy 6th grade
- 4th Place-** Savanna Hendrickson 7th grade
- 5th place-** Ella Last 8th grade
- 6th place-** Sonja Morales 7th grade

Happy Easter to you and your family. May this spring season be so very special for you.

Blessings, Kari R. Homb, Principal



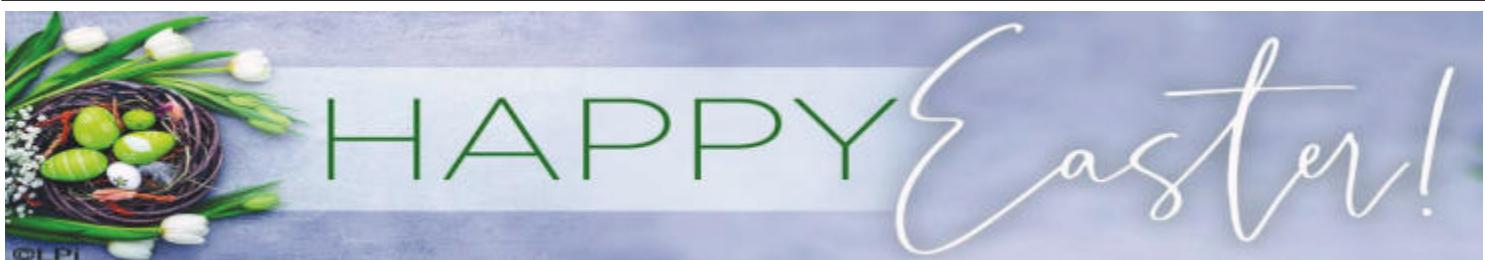
Sixth grade



Seventh grade



Eighth grade



40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council #3396 is once again sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Our goal is to donate 250 cases for the Ft. Atkinson Food Pantry. A case of food is \$15.00. Checks should be made out to KC Council 3396 and can be dropped in the church collection baskets. Questions?



Contact Bill Roberts 920-723-0672. Thank you.



NEED FOOD?

Anyone in need of food is welcome to come to the parish for free groceries from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. this Thursday.

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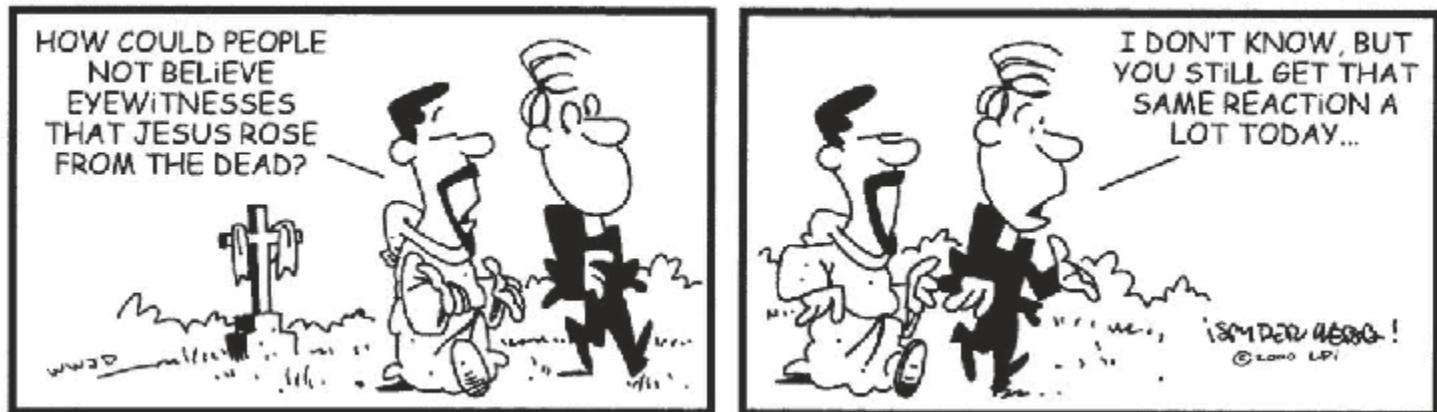
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Spend some time remembering past Easters from childhood to adulthood, especially Easter of 2020. Discuss your memories with family or friends.

Jesus rose from the dead. What difference does that make in your life in 2021?

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