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Sunday, April 4th—The Resurrection of the Lord

We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.

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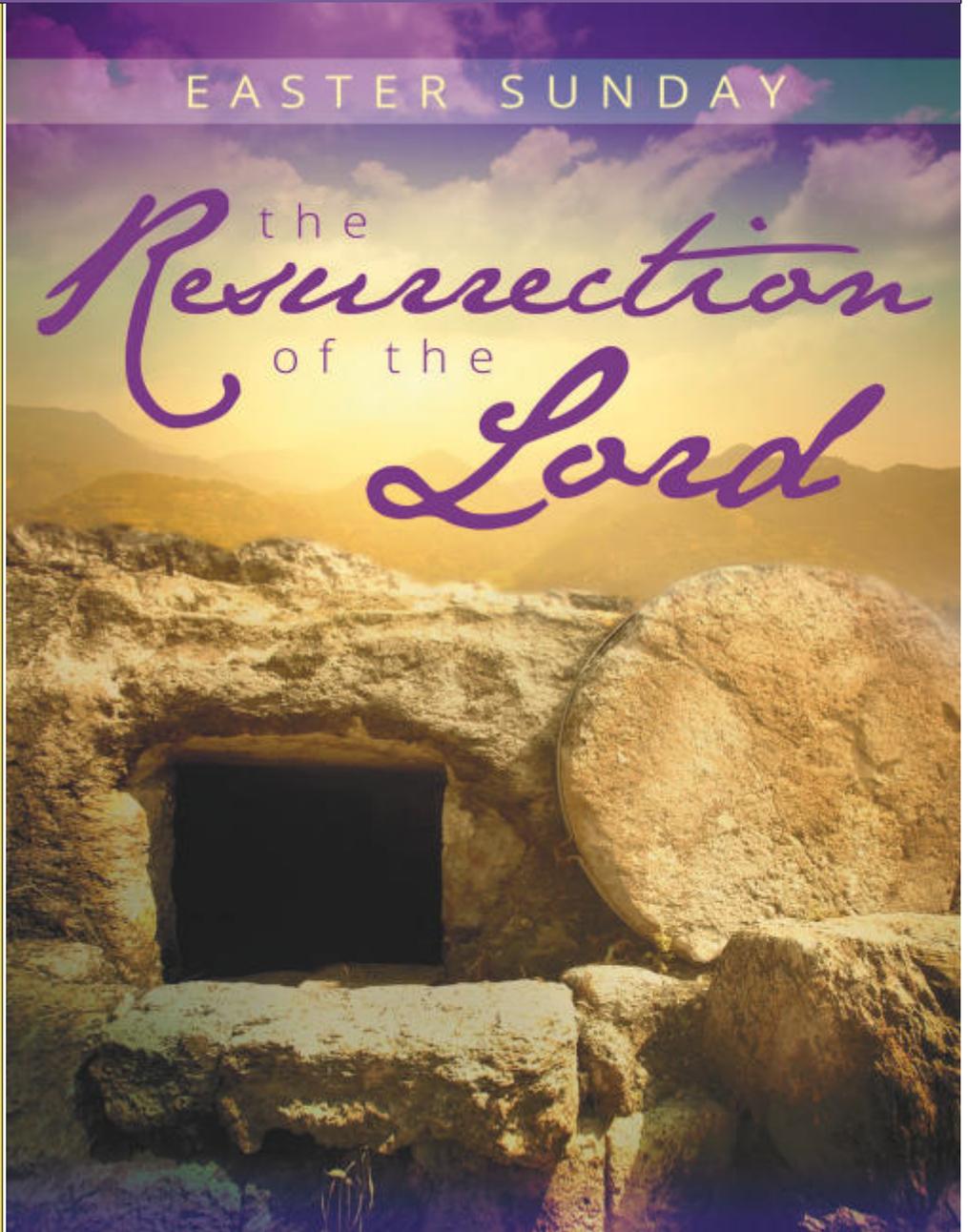
Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



Disciple Stewardship : In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “think about the things above rather than things of earth.” We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

SCRIPTURAL READINGS
Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The community of believers shared “one heart and one mind.” No one claimed ownership over anything, everything was held in common, nobody went needy among them, and all “bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. “The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.”

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, “Peace be with you” and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Thomas doubted and then believed



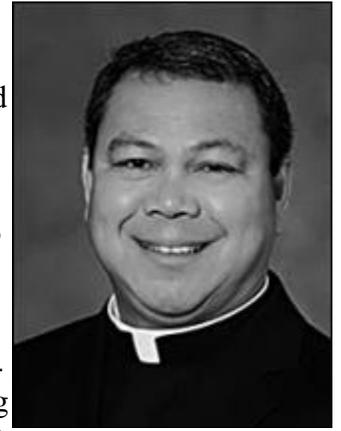
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Dear parishioners,

It was said that the outcome of the battle in Waterloo between the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte was conveyed through semaphore, a system of signaling that makes use of flags or lights. The message was sent from a sailing ship that was on its way back to London. When the message reached the roof of Winchester Cathedral, it read through the heavy fog that almost covered the landscape: “Wellington defeated.” The citizens were devastated upon receiving this bad news, plunging their hearts into the deepest sadness. But when shortly the fog cleared up, the rest of the message came through: “Wellington defeated the enemy.” Suddenly the citizens’ mourning turned into dancing and their deep sadness turned into euphoric rejoicing. There are simply no words able to describe the joy the people felt over the victory so happily won.



Similarly this is the story of Easter. The only thing is that Easter is far greater than any story of victories in the world. It is because Easter is the story of victory over our ultimate and greatest enemy: Death. The resurrection of the Lord affirms that death does not have the last say in our existence. Because of Easter, we are meant for more than this present life and are not anchored to this world. Human life is no longer limited by the cycle of birth and death. It is all because Christ has shared the gift of His life with us through baptism and His resurrection blazed the trail for us to follow. That is, through His mercy and by living out faithfully our baptismal Easter is the answer to all the tears we shed at the graves of our loved ones because it reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare to believe in. call, we too will experience the resurrection. Thus, Easter is a turning point inviting us to live in an entirely new way that goes beyond the limitation of this world. We are challenged to become part of the new creation, inspired by the life of God.

The Gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning the stone at the entrance of Christ’s tomb was rolled back. The question we must all face is: have we arisen to new life with Christ, or are there still boulders weighing us down and keeping us imprisoned? What are the tombs in our lives that lock us in? What are those things that limit us? Is it resentment that we cannot let go? Is it grudge that we keep harboring? Is it jealousy? Is it the inability to forgive? Is it an addiction before which we feel so powerless? Whatever kind of dysfunction we suffer, none of them can be more powerful than the hope that Easter brings. Ester announces that there is a way forward out of darkness and transformation can truly take place in our lives. The Good News of Easter is that by God’s power, the boulders that hold us locked and buried can be rolled back and we can be set free. This can truly happen because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia! **HAPPY EASTER!**

F. Burt Absalon, Pastor

Greeter Schedule:

April 11th

8:00 a.m.: The Vest Family
10:15 a.m.: The Riley Family

April 18th

8:00 a.m.: The Widmayer Family
10:15 a.m.: The Fifer Family

April 25th

8:00 a.m.: The Vanderstappen's
10:15 a.m.: The Witt Family



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Vocation Corner: VICTORY!!!

Doing God's will and following God's plan is what vocations are all about! Today's celebration of Easter is the ultimate victory for vocations! I say this because one of the most important things to always keep in mind in life is that following God's plan quite often will involve picking up some form of the cross and it's not always easy! In fact sometimes it can be very very hard. A perfect example of this would be Jesus as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Through prayer He spoke to God the Father and said "Not My will but Thy will be done." This is a hard prayer to pray for sure! However, it is the most rewarding prayer that there is because God's will for us is always greater than what we have planned for ourselves. I say with absolute confidence today because God's will for Christ was the victory that we celebrate today!

Remember to pray, pray, pray!



People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Bill Matussek
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Harold Johnson
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Art Holt	Rita Hagenbruch
Gayle Johnson	Viola Huff



Mass Intentions

April 11th

8:00 a.m.: People of the Parish

10:15 a.m.: John Lanphier
Requested by Barb Lanphier

Intentions available starting in September—please feel free to call or email to schedule one.

Sacramental Policies

Baptism: Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

First Eucharist: Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

Matrimony: Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Anointing of the Sick: For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

New Members: New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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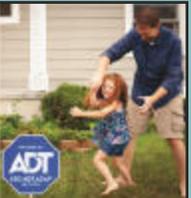
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