

APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The Church of*

# ST. ALBERT *the* GREAT

*Since 1935, a welcoming, caring Catholic Community of Faith  
on E. 29th Street at 32nd Avenue. S. in Minneapolis, Minnesota*

**PARISH OFFICE:**

2836 33rd Ave. S.  
Minneapolis MN 55406

**612-724-3643**

FAX 612-722-9726

Email: [info@saintalbertthegreat.org](mailto:info@saintalbertthegreat.org)

Office staffed T thru Th, as we are able.

We continue to offer three masses each week to enable people to attend while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The Sunday 9:30 am mass continues to be live streamed on our Facebook page. We are also offering a Saturday 5:00 pm mass and a Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) mass.

Although state capacity restrictions have been lifted, we must still maintain six feet of physical distancing between groups, which means that our attendance is still limited. The 9:30 mass is the most popular. When your schedule allows, please consider attending one of the other two services.

Attendance at mass is still NOT required. Please make choices that keep you and the community safe.

Fr. Joe and the staff hold you all in our prayers, and ask that you pray for us and for all the essential workers who are striving to keep things running.

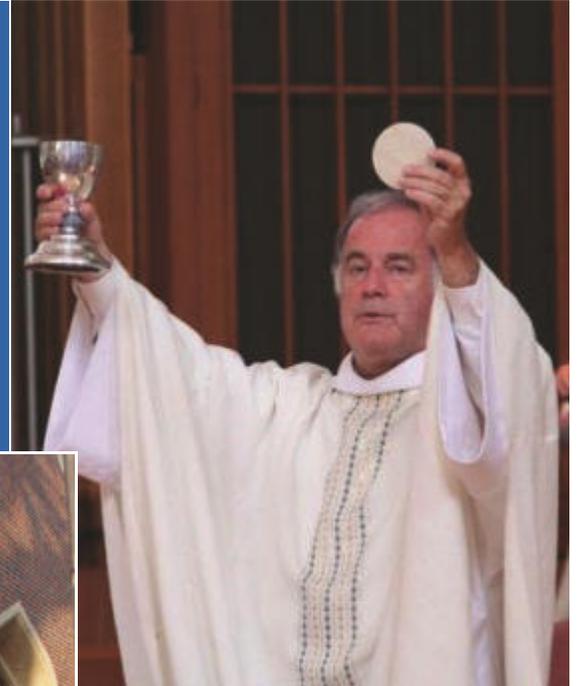
We support the quality, faith-based K-8 education at  
**Risen Christ Catholic School**  
1120 E. 37th St. in Minneapolis.  
612-822-5329

Call the Parish Center  
at 612-724-3643  
to learn more about this  
special ministry of sharing  
God's caring presence.



[www.saintalbertthegreat.org](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org)

“You are  
witnesses to  
these things.”



Say YES to  
love and peace.  
Amen! Alleluia!



**This week at St. Albert's**

(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)

*During the pandemic, we are offering **three** masses per weekend to help attendees maintain social distancing. Fr. Joe is still celebrating private daily masses for the intentions below.*

**Saturday, April 17 –**

5:00 pm **Jake McCoy †**

**Sunday, April 18**

9:30 am – **Frank Murphy †, Felix Fettig †**

12:00 pm – **Geraldine Ryan †**

**Monday, April 19—James Otto †**

**Tuesday, April 20 – Betty Schuster †,  
Rita Rompa †**

**Thursday, April 22 –**

**Victims of Shooting in Boulder, CO**

**Bob Libera †**

12:00 to 3:00 pm **Crafters' Circle, Social Hall**

**Friday, April 23 –**

**Health needs of Sr. Peter & Sr. Lucy**

**Saturday, April 24 –**

5:00 pm **Dean Santos †**

**Sunday, April 25**

9:30 am – **Marie Swetz †**

12:00 pm – **Babs Santos Anderson †**

**In our prayers**

We remember those who need healing, including Michael Callaghan, Maggie Peters, Diane Hauschneck, Michelle Larson, Diane Marrin, Anne-Marie Christensen, Lenny Klosinski, Judith McCormack, Dick Martin, Jack Lachenmeyer, Dave Buck, Mary Lindahl, Jack Duffy, Betty Foster and Hugh Sweeney.

Please add a prayer for those who have died, including Daunte Wright.

*Due to HIPAA privacy standards, hospitals and care centers cannot notify us of your need for our prayers or visits unless you direct them to call.*

*If you or someone you know would like to be included in our prayers, or have the Sacrament of the Sick, or communion brought to you, please let the office know at 612-724-3643. Messages are checked regularly.*

To request that the Eucharist be brought to you at your home, please contact Fr. Joe at 612-245-3345, or Jim Curran at 612-483-1546.

Volunteers will mask and safely deliver communion to you.

**As you consider returning to in-person mass:**

- \* **We are continuing to offer three Masses** each weekend for those who wish to attend in person at 5 PM Saturday and at 9:30 and noon on Sunday. We encourage those who are age 65 or older or who have underlying health conditions to stay home and view the 9:30 AM livestream. Anyone with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 must remain at home.
- \* **ONLY Front center church doors are open, along with the elevator entrance. (One household at a time in elevator.)**
- \* Although we have previously asked that people separate themselves alphabetically by last name, you may attend the service that is convenient for you. The 9:30 AM Mass is the most popular. If you have the flexibility to attend at 5 PM Saturday or noon on Sunday, we invite you to do that. We have not yet had to turn anyone away due to overcrowding, but we will regretfully do this if we run out of space at any liturgy.
- \* **Thank you for wearing your masks!** This important health measure is *required* in the state of Minnesota. Please remember that your mask must cover both your nose and mouth and that you should keep it on for the entire time you are in church except when receiving communion. If you need a mask, we have disposable ones available.
- \* As appealing as our music is at masses with cantors, we ask you **NOT to sing, even while masked**. This is a precaution the Archdiocese recommends, as even when we keep six feet apart, viruses can still travel further through the air when propelled by speech or singing.
- \* **Please sit in marked spaces with members of your group only.** A group can consist of people from the same household or from two households that are part of a pre-existing "pod." It can also include any number of individuals who attend together and have been fully vaccinated, which means that it has been at least two weeks since the final vaccine dose. We have marked three spaces in each open pew which are spaced out to ensure that people remain six feet apart. Please sit at one of these spaces. Larger groups may need to occupy two spots. *Do not sit in an available spot if you cannot maintain six feet of separation from people who are already seated in that pew.*
- \* We have been blessed recently with some delightful weather, but we expect to see a variety of temperatures in the coming months. **Please dress appropriately** for a church that will have its front door and all of its windows open even when we would normally be running the heat or the air conditioning. Also, please do not close or adjust the windows.
- \* We have resumed the distribution of communion during its proper place in the liturgy. You may return to your seats after receiving communion. If you are not comfortable with this, you may also leave immediately after reception.
- \* Please exit the church immediately after the dismissal and move away from the front doors to ensure a path for other people to exit. The only people remaining in church will be staff and volunteers who are cleaning the church in preparation for the next service. You are welcome to have conversations outside with appropriate physical distancing.

## “Have you anything to eat?”

At first the cardboard sign was hard to read, but as the old lady came closer to the car, I could clearly read the block letters: “I Am Hungry. Do You Have Anything to Eat?” Fortunately, I had a “Mickey D” five-dollar gift card that would provide a hamburger, fries and a beverage. Smiling, the toothless lady thanked me and then offered a blessing: “God is with you.” Momentarily, I felt I was in the presence of Jesus.

The gospel reading for The Third Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:35-48, offers us another post-resurrection account of Jesus with his disciples. In this passage, the two disciples who had recognized Jesus “in the breaking of the bread” on the road to Emmaus were calmly recounting their experiences to the eleven and their companions when Jesus suddenly stood among them. Not unlike the startling appearance of Jesus to his disciples recounted in last Sunday’s gospel account, John 20:19-31, Jesus appears once again to his startled and terrified disciples.

Despite the multiple post-resurrection appearances, the disciples continued to believe that Jesus was a ghost. Recognizing the disciples’ uncertainty and fear, Jesus said to them: “*Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.*” The recounting of this post-resurrection experience provides one more testimony to the corporeal presence of Jesus among them.

Even though both the gospels of Luke and John place great emphasis on the physical presence of the resurrected Christ, the apostles continued to have their doubts. In the gospel accounts of Luke and John, the disciples are encouraged to touch Jesus and to see that a ghost does not have flesh and blood. A final test of his real presence, Jesus asked the disbelieving and wondering disciples: “*Do you have anything to eat?*” The curious “taste test” requested by Jesus prompted the disciples to give him “a piece of broiled fish.” Jesus took it and ate it in their presence. There is no recorded account whether Jesus would have preferred deep fried fish or fish sticks smothered in a kosher tartar sauce.

In the post-resurrection accounts, Jesus struggled with his disciples’ uncertain faith (the “Doubting Thomas Syndrome”) and their fears. Jesus always greeted them with the phrase: “*Peace be with you.*” It was a greeting of courage and support. The final words of the gospel of Luke capture the formidable task ahead: “*Thus, it was written, that the Christ is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*” The assurance of these words provided the early Church with a clear evangelical mission to preach “repentance and forgiveness.”

The first two readings for this Third Sunday of Easter, Acts of the Apostles 3:13-19 and the First Letter of John 2:1-5, offer testimony to the power of the resurrected Christ and challenged the early church communities to repent from behavior that was contrary to the teaching of Christ. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, chastises the community: “*Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins might be wiped out.*” In John’s first letter to the community he encouraged church members to obey Jesus’ commandments: “*Whoever says I have come to know Jesus, but does not obey his commandments, is a liar and in such a person truth does not exist.*”

Both Peter and John are witnesses to the less than ideal behavior of the early Christian communities and are proponents of the need for both repentance and forgiveness. Persistent conversion of heart (*metanoia*) be-

comes the hallmark of the early church *kerygma* (teaching). God is faithful in his covenantal promises and sent Jesus Christ as the Messiah. With the fulfillment of the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, the early church was charged with remaining faithful to the teachings of Jesus. As we know too well, the historical understanding of an ideal expression of faith remains a work in progress.

As we grapple with the post-Easter celebrations (minus the chocolate bunnies and multicolored Peeps), the resumption of normal life, especially during this time of the pandemic, remains elusive. The distracting lure of crass materialism competes with unemployment and an uncertain economy. Recently, when a newspaper announced a CEO’s annual compensation of \$7,394,954 million dollars (not to mention the non-equity incentive of \$2,472,250), somehow current Congressional debate over a fifteen-dollar minimum hourly wage seemed disheartening. Pope Francis continues his uphill battle for economic justice in a world where hunger runs rampant. Current estimates of the global population that goes to bed hungry every night is about nine percent (9%) or 690 million people. If the current trend continues, it is estimated that the number will grow to 840 million by 2030. World hunger issues are compounded by the life struggles of migrants and refugees. The current crisis on the Southern border of the United States continues to create overwhelming problems for those seeking to offer adequate care and safety for those fleeing from a world of poverty and violence.

As our Lenten intentions quickly fade, it is important to keep in mind the traditional three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Penitential Practices and Alms Giving. While these ideals are worth striving for, the consistent need for perseverance can be exhausting. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude as we patiently search for peace with justice demands constant accountability and transparency in our political, social and religious institutions. Hesitating to share our resources in the face of perceived scarcity can easily create an atmosphere of ambivalence and paranoia. Trying to follow the basic commands of Jesus to love our God and our neighbor remains an everyday challenge. Remaining faithful to Jesus’ teachings is a full-time task. Letting the Word of God penetrate those parts of us blinded by ignorance and hardened by fear is, indeed, no easy venture.

“*Have you anything to eat?*” The practicality of Jesus’ request took his disciples by surprise. While the formality of Jesus’ request might be better phrased, “What do you guys have to eat?”, the invitation to hear what Jesus really wants demands that we listen to his questions as well as his answers: “*I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was naked, and you clothed me. You offered hospitality when I was homeless. You cared for me when I was sick. You visited me when I was imprisoned. You took time to bury the dead.*” (Matthew 25:31-46).

The primary task of caring for one another continues to remain a challenge for all of us. God doesn’t take kindly to liars, so stop pretending you can’t see those who are hungry and in need. In the world of weight watchers, the waist is a terrible thing to mind, but in the world of justice, the mind is a terrible thing to waste!

Peace,  
Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.



Creating Meaningful Events That Celebrate Life™

Proud to be family owned and operated  
Our Proud Heritage • McDivitt-Hauge

### Bradshaw Funeral & Cremation Services

Funerals • Cremation • PrePlan<sup>SM</sup> • Grief Resource Service  
3131 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406  
(612) 724-3621 • Visit our website: www.bradshawfuneral.com



Free Landscape Design  
Consultation  
612-710-7211  
Info@arvoldlandscaping.com  
www.arvoldlandscaping.com

YOUR REALTY

**Frank Bielinski**  
(612) 782-9168  
**Julie Bielinski Janssen**  
(651) 491-1384  
www.yourrealty.org

### Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Whether starting a new tradition or keepin old ones  
3640 23rd Ave South • 612-729-2331

Edina Realty

**BUYING OR SELLING**  
Bruce A. Hendrickson, CRS, CBR  
Professional Real Estate Services  
5318 Lyndale Ave. So.  
Dir: 612.821.4215 • Cell: 612.750.2136  
brucehendrickson@edinarealty.com  
BruceHendrickson.com



2500 25th Avenue So. Minneapolis, MN  
phone: 612-721-6211  
keith@memorylanesmpls.com



CEMENT WORK OF ALL TYPES • FREE ESTIMATES  
RandTCement@yahoo.com  
Hugo 612-721-5291



Authentic Mexican Cuisine  
Open Mon-Sat 10am to 9pm • Closed on Sunday  
4000 E. Lake St. • 612-722-6888

**Risen Christ CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
1120 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612-822-5329

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022!



www.risenchristschool.org

Sushi Tempura Noodles Beer Wine Saké  
**Midori's**  
2629 East Lake St. • 612-721-3011  
www.floatingworldcafe.com

**STOP LIVING WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE**  
Call 651-269-5157  
**John Kieser**  
Public Claims Adjuster  
Kieser4@gmail.com

**MICHAEL TIERNEY**  
Parishioner  
Real Estate Agent  
Edina Realty

An Irishman on your home team.  
(612) 385-4359  
michaeltierney@edinarealty.com

**MINNEHAHA SENIOR LIVING**  
**PROVIDENCE PLACE**  
SKILLED NURSING • REHABILITATION  
"A Campus for all Care Levels"  
612-238-2702

### Home Medical Equipment



3115 E 38TH STREET  
MPLS MN 55406  
612-722-9000 Main  
Web: apamedical.com

Call for a Free Product Catalog

Ramps, Lift chairs, Home Delivery  
Incontinence, Safety Bars Installed

**RIVER LAKE CLINIC**  
• Family Eyecare  
• Eye Injuries  
• Optical, Designer Frames  
• Treatment of Eye Disease  
Evening Appointments Available  
4323 E. Lake Street  
722-1003 Riverlakeclinic.com

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters  
**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**INDUSTRIAL BARBER SHOP**  
CALL FOR APPT.  
612-702-6770  
Never Doubt Your Goodness!

800-447-1846 | 612-724-3606  
www.soderbergsflorist.com  
**Soderberg's Floral & Gift**  
St. Albert Parishioners receive 30% discount on all in-store purchases  
A REAL Mpls neighborhood florist, you have been able to trust since 1924.

**MERLINS REST**  
\*Kids eat free on Sundays\*  
your local friendly pub  
612-816-2417 www.merlinsrest.com  
3601 E Lake Street - Minneapolis, MN 55406

**EAST LAKE LIQUOR**  
3916 E. Lake St.  
(612) 724-5467

### WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES



• Full Time Position with Benefits  
• Sales Experience Preferred  
• Paid Training  
• Overnight Travel Required  
• Expense Reimbursement  
CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com  
www.4LPi.com/careers

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME  
**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**  
Contact **Jim Byrne** to place an ad today!  
jbyrne@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2596

### Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered  
right to your inbox!  
www.parishesonline.com



**Precision Tune Auto Care**  
"Thanks For Putting Your Trust In Us."  
612-721-3303  
3232 E. Lake St.

**Washburn-McReavy**  
washburn-mcreavy.com  
Funeral Chapels, Cemeteries and Cremation Services

**UPTOWN CHAPEL**  
2301 Dupont Avenue S  
612.377.2203  
**NOKOMIS PARK CHAPEL**  
1838 E Minnehaha Parkway  
612.721.1651



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lp.com

St. Albert, Minneapolis, MN

A 4C 02-0003