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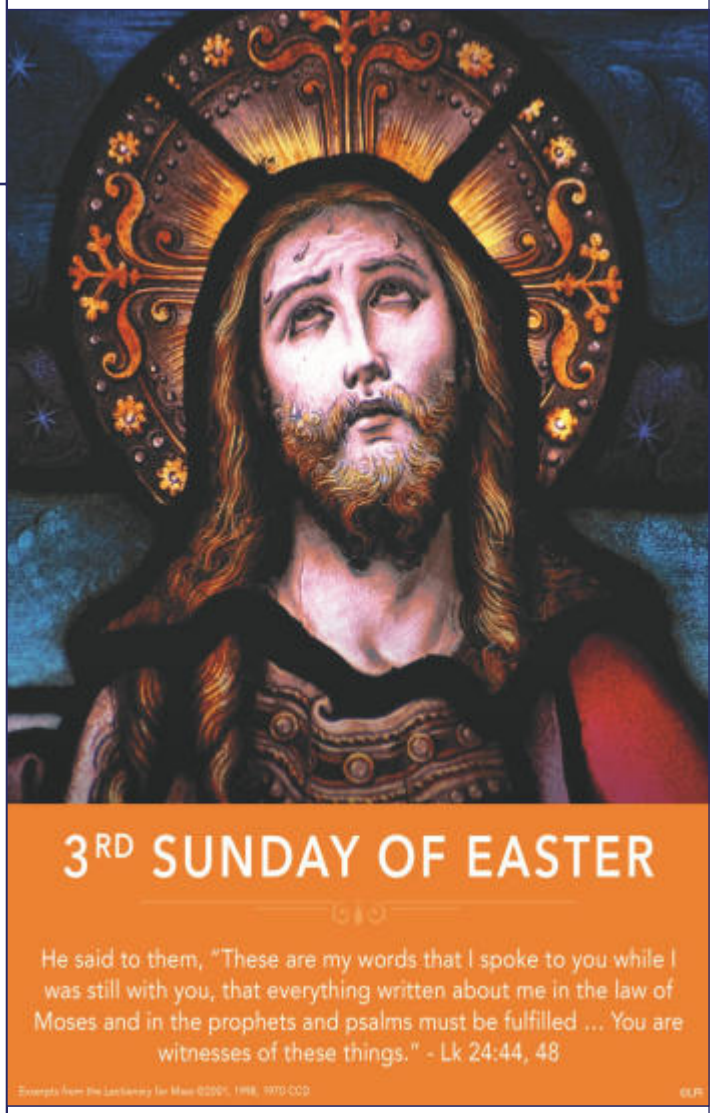

Holy Mary, you gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever. Intercede for all who are suffering from the COVID 19 pandemic and lead them to the healing power of your Son, Jesus. Comfort us in our sorrows and give us hope when we are tempted to despair.

Cardinal Joe Tobin,
Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey

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LITURGY SCHEDULE:
MASSES:
Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9 am

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturday 4:30 - 5 pm or by appt. (641-472-4375)

Daily Masses: See enclosed calendar

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Marriage: please call the parish office 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH. We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished and that you will share your special gifts with us. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. **Parish registration forms are in the church Gathering Space. Fill one out and give it to Father Nick or drop it off at the church office.** We take this opportunity to welcome all of you, our parishioners and visitors, to church today. We thank you for making us a part of your day.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, Apr. 19
No Mass
Tuesday, Apr. 20
NO MASS
Wednesday, Apr. 21
8:30 am Communion Service
Thursday, Apr. 22
NO MASS
Friday, Apr. 23
8:30 am Mass — Fr. Vitolds Valainis†
Saturday, Apr. 24
5:30 pm Vigil Mass — Mary Catherine Adam†
Sunday, Apr. 25
9:00 am Mass — For The People

Scripture Readings for the Week

Apr. 19: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/ Jn 6:22-29
Apr. 20: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Apr. 21: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Apr. 22: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/ Jn 6:44-51
Apr. 23: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 6:52-59
Apr. 24: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/ Jn 6:60-69
Apr.25: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

APRIL	18 SUN 9 am Mass	19 MON No Mass	20 TUE **NO MASS** 6:30 pm RCIA	21 WED 8:30 am Communion Service 6 pm —7:30 pm First Communion Class with student & parent	22 THU **NO MASS**	23 FRI 8:30 am Mass	24 SAT 4:30 - 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm First Communion Mass
MAY 2021	25 SUN 9 am First Communion Mass	26 MON No Mass	27 TUE 8:30 am Mass 6:30 pm RCIA	28 WED 8:30 am Mass	29 THU 8:30 am Mass	30 FRI 8:30 am Mass	1 SAT 4:30 - 5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass for our high school seniors

The Annual Plant Sale is back!! The sale will be held May 1&2. The plant baskets would make a great Mother's Day gift. Proceeds for the plant sale will benefit our students attending NCYC in November and our Parish Nurses.

The Mississippi Regional Blood Center will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, April 26th, from 3:00 pm to 6:15 pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Cambridge Building. To donate call Marianne McGregor at 641- 469-3241. **A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate the next blood on August 2nd. Call Marianne to volunteer.**

Notes from Father Nick...

Next weekend ten of our young children will receive their First Holy Communion during our 5:30 pm and 9:00 am Masses. Let us keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in this Sacrament.

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter and as such, we continue rejoicing in the foundation of our faith, that of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. That glorious event marks not only the promise that is given to us of our own eternal life; it also reminds us of the constant and eternal presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives. The Lord is now with us, never to leave us, and within our midst as Savior, Forgiver, Friend, Healer and Redeemer. May we continually proclaim the word Easter, "Alleluia!"

I pray the Easter Message strengthen you now and always!

fr. nick

Save the Date

What: One Day - Fun Day for all St. Mary's children ages 4 to 12.
When: Saturday June 12, 2021 from 9:00am to 2:30 pm
Where: Jefferson County Park, Shelters 1 & 2.
The fee of $10 and includes lunch.
Sign up will begin in middle of May. This event will replace VBS this year.
Looking for teen and adult volunteers. Please contact Jean Dorothy.

WHITEHOUSE JESUIT RETREAT IS NOW OPEN

Located in St. Louis, MO, White House is a Jesuit retreat house based on *The Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius. Since 1922, White House has been offering 3 day preached retreats throughout the year on our beautiful 80-acre campus located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. On each retreat, four or five priests are available for private conferences and the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. People of all faiths are welcome at White House! Mass is celebrated each day and at night there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Explore the beautiful campus, walk the Way of the Cross, and pray at the shrines of the Sacred Heart, the Holy Family, Our Lady and St. Joseph. The minimum age for attending a White House retreat is 18.

Weekend retreats begin with dinner at 7:00 pm. Thursday and end Sunday at 2:00 pm following lunch.
Weekday retreats begin with lunch at 1:00 pm. Monday and end with brunch at noon Thursday.
For more information: http://www.whretreat.org or call 1-800-643-1003.

If you wish to be placed on the prayer chain or if you want your names removed, we respectfully ask that you make that request to the Parish Office or Dot Hellkamp (472-5282).

Advertiser of the Week *from the back of our bulletin:*

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

HOLY FAMILY RADIO
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KC high school scholarship applications are due to the parish office by April 15th.

Protecting God's Children These sessions are open to all adults and are mandated for all employees and volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. Register on-line at www.virtus.org or P.O. Box 232,Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.
To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 18: Ernesto Alonso, Ivy Mitchell, Stacie Sieren, Annette Simonson
Apr. 19: Patty Ledger, Austin Wilkinson
Apr. 20: Aaron Ledger
Apr. 21: Randy Hellweg
Apr. 22: Tom Twohill
Apr. 23: Kim Ledger, Rose McMahon
Apr. 24: Isabel Allen, Glenn Hamm, Justin Hammes

If we have missed your name it was not intentional.
Please call the parish office and we can correct the error.

As you celebrate your birthday of human existence this year, in your charity, would you help other celebrate their life also? Please consider joining many of us here at St. Mary by sending a check for $12.00 (yet the gift you give is your gift) to Heartland Pregnancy Center, 101 S. Market, Ste 302, Ottumwa, IA 52501 so that others may have a life and a birthday to celebrate.

B. Adam, D. Cummiskey, P. Cummiskey, E. DeMeyer, P. Graber, L. & L. Hampton, L. Koerselman, J. Morrissey, S. & J. Murphy, R. Sieren, J. Stanley, L. Weber

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING:

February 23 thru March 1, 2021
61 Families Contributed

Envelopes	3083.00
Offertory	221.00
Total week's income	3304.00
Catholic Messenger	**4495.50**
Subscriptions paid	**1962.00**
Balance due	**2533.50**

Mass Attendance:

April 11 & 12, 2021
5:30 pm: 71 & 9 am: 143

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olpretreat@gmail.com. To learn more about these programs and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit www.theprairieretreat.org. All offerings are online. For online retreats, we will send an email to you with a Zoom link.

Online: Circle of Life Series: Spring: Tues, Apr 20,| 10:00am-11:30am

Online: Practical Mindfulness: Pockets of Peace in a Pandemic World: Wed, Apr 21, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Free Online: Ecumenical Prayer Service: Earth Day: Tues, Apr 27, 7:00pm-8:30pm

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