

St. Richard's Catholic Church



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Liturgical Year B

THE *Resurrection* OF THE LORD



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EASTER SUNDAY

— Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro, y vio y creyó. - Jn 20, 8



Message from Fr. Liekhus

It has been wonderful to see a steady increase in our Mass attendance as we get closer and closer to normal. In case you've been away or haven't been able to keep up with the news, here's what's going on in the parishes.

Back in January, the archbishop sent a letter to the parishioners of St. Peter, St. Richard and Assumption, announcing that I would be the pastor of the three parishes starting in July, with the help of a bilingual parochial vicar (an associate pastor). The purpose of this was to facilitate greater collaboration between the parishes – it's easier to work together when there is one leader giving direction.

After that announcement, I asked for and received nominations from the three parishes for a combined Parish Council. That council is now formed, and we'll meet every two weeks for the next few months to discuss how to accomplish our mission together.

And that focus is intentional. The temptation is to look inward and worry about what might change because of

this new arrangement, or to try to look down the road and predict what might happen next. If we dwell on such unknowns, we will only be discouraged.

I would much rather lead parishes that are excited about sharing our faith in Jesus Christ, and growing in our own discipleship. That is our mission, so that is where our focus will be. Stay tuned as our collaboration starts to take shape, and be ready to grow in your discipleship!



Pastoral Ministry



Pastoral ministry strives to provide pastoral care to everyone at all stages of life, and we look for new and creative ways of ministering to parishioners, visitors, and the community.

As part of our dedication to social justice, we partner with many community organizations to serve not only our parish, but also the larger community.

Find more information at www.strichards.com/pastoral-care or by contacting Jolaine, Director of Pastoral Care, at jliupakka@strichards.com or 612-869-2426 extension 113.

Pastoral Care

- Anointing of the Sick
- Sunday Bus (*restarting as soon as possible*)
- Faith & Light
- Funeral Lunch Ministry
- Prayerful Presence Funeral Ministry
- Homebound Ministry
- Word & Communion Services
- Prayer Network
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Grief Support Network

Social Justice & Outreach

- Loaves & Fishes
- VEAP
- Birthright
- Habitat for Humanity
- Meals on Wheels
- Help at Your Door
- Helping Hands Fund

We Can Help!!

Generous St. Richard's parishioners have stepped forward to donate funds for parishioners and neighbors who are in need of assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities, medical bills, food, and other needs during these difficult times. If you need this assistance, contact Jolaine Liupakka at 612-869-2426, extension 113, or jliupakka@strichards.com.

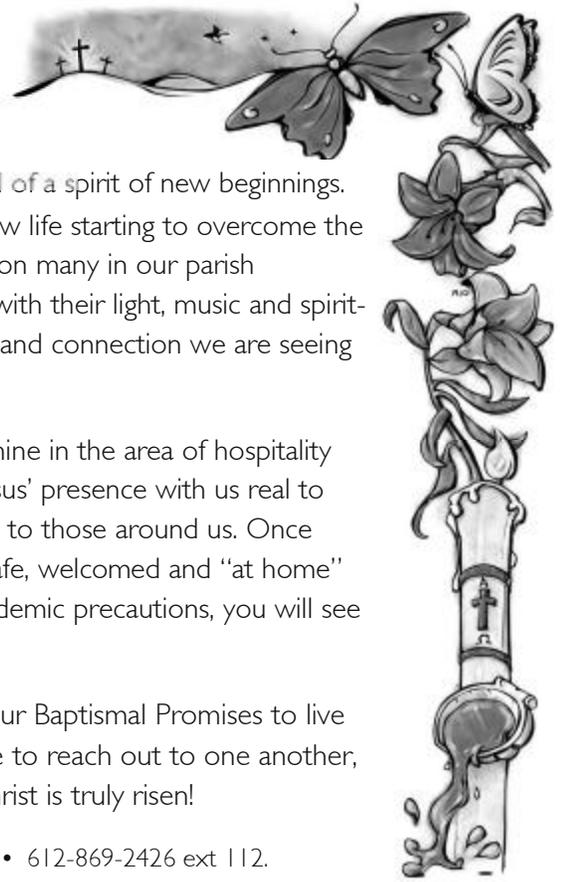


We will be hosting our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, **April 7**, from 1:00-7:00pm.

In addition to blood donors, we need a couple of people to provide hospitality by welcoming donors to our Social Hall. Email or call Jolaine (see contact information above) if you can volunteer.

Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code *StRich* or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Liturgy and Hospitality



This joyful Season of the Resurrection of Christ is always full of a spirit of new beginnings.



This year, we are especially blessed with signs of new life starting to overcome the darkness of the pandemic, and the physical separation many in our parish community have experienced. Our Easter liturgies with their light, music and spirit-filled prayer mirror the growing sense of rebuilding and connection we are seeing at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

One comment we hear over and over is that we shine in the area of hospitality and welcome. The atmosphere of belonging and care helps to make Jesus' presence with us real to others. As the resurrected Christ is present to us, we in turn, are Christ to those around us. Once someone arrives at St. Richard for a liturgy, they can immediately feel safe, welcomed and "at home" in God's family. Even during these days when we need to continue pandemic precautions, you will see smiles in peoples' eyes and gestures and feel a sense of connection.

During this Easter Season, as we light the Paschal Candle and renew our Baptismal Promises to live as priest, prophet and king in the footsteps of Christ, may we continue to reach out to one another, welcome everyone "home" and spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is truly risen!

By Cindy Nedved, Director of Liturgy & Hospitality • cnedved@strichards.com • 612-869-2426 ext 112.



in "Normal" Times

Here's a picture of what our musical life looked like here at St. Richard before the pandemic. We plan to be up and running again by the fall. Who knows...? Maybe we'll be able to start choir this summer!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING is the foundation of all our music ministry; the sung prayer of the people of St. Richard has a long history of strength and beauty!

CHOIR rehearsals are normally held on Tuesday evenings. No auditions are necessary. A wide range of musical styles is sung, including Latin chant, classical pieces, Appalachian folk

songs, spirituals and modern compositions. Betsy Sullivan, our music director, directs the choirs and accompanies them.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: We have been blessed with the talents of string players, flutists, guitarists, and brass players. Players with experience on their instrument and a good ability to read music are invited to talk with Betsy about opportunities to play.

CANTORS are more experienced singers, invited by the music director to serve in the solo ministry of Cantor. Most cantors also serve as members of the choir.

HANDBELL CHOIR: We have a beautiful set of handbells and hand chimes! Donna Kavanaugh directs our handbell choir, which practices weekly for part of the year, and plays at weekend masses periodically.

TAIZE PRAYER: A small group of singers and instrumentalists provides

the music for our First Friday Taize evening prayer services. For the last ten years, our Taize services have drawn people of many Christian denominations from all over the metro area. This beautiful, candlelit service is a meditative mix of gentle repeated songs, scripture, and silent prayer. We hope to start this up again in the summer.

Want to know more, and possibly join up? Contact Betsy Sullivan at bsullivan@strichards.com.

We cannot wait to sing our praises once more!!





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612-869-2426 (press “1” for pastoral emergencies or ext. 101 to leave a message in the general office voicemail)

Fr. Jim Liekhus Pastor
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Our Lord Jesus Christ...

*May we see you more **CLEARLY**
LOVE YOU MORE Dearly
Follow you more **NEARLY***



Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, April 3	Winifred Vaughn†
Easter Sunday, April 4	For the Parish
Tuesday, April 6	Henry Vogelgesang†
Thursday, April 8	Mary and Stephen Kain†
Saturday, April 10	For the Parish
Sunday, April 11	Chuck Spragg†

Prayer Request

St. Richard's prayer network consists of many parishioners who pray daily for the needs and concerns of our community, as well as offering prayers of thanksgiving. **Please print clearly. Por favor imprime claramente.**

Place this in the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office. To respect privacy, we only print last names of prayer recipients if requester is an immediate family member. You may also submit Prayer Requests online at www.strichards.com/prayer.

Become a Member

We are so glad you are here!

Are you interested in making St. Richard's Catholic Church your parish home?

If so, complete the online parish registration form at www.strichards.com/join-us.

Need to know more about us?

Check out our website at www.strichards.com or call the Parish Office from 10am-1pm Monday—Thursday to be directed to a staff member who can assist you.



Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses at St. Richard

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Weekly registration required for in-person weekend liturgies

www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up

8am Daily Masses

Monday & Saturday at St. Peter

Tuesday & Thursday at St. Richard

Wednesday & Friday at Assumption

Reconciliation at St. Richard

Sundays 9:00-9:30am

Online Mass

www.strichards.com/from-home

Drive-Up Eucharist at St. Richard

Sundays, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4 11:15am

Sacramental Information

www.strichards.com/sacraments

Reconciliation—Sundays 9:00-9:30am or by appointment.

Sacrament of **Baptism**—First see www.strichards.com/baptism, complete first steps, and then contact Beth Gaetz

First Eucharist or Confirmation—Contact Susie Osacho in the parish office to register for Faith Formation

Marriage—Couples contact Fr. Liekhus or Cindy Nedved at least six months in advance

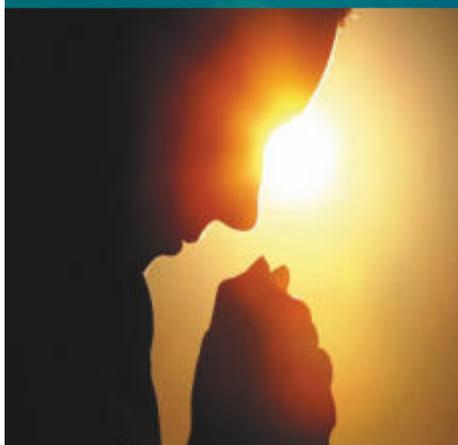
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Adults (**RCIA**)—Contact Susie Osacho in the Faith Formation office

Sacrament of **Anointing**—Twice annually; emergencies by appt

Funeral Planning—Contact Cindy Nedved

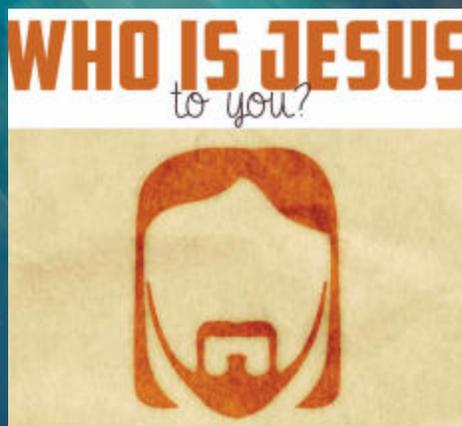
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we're glad you are here



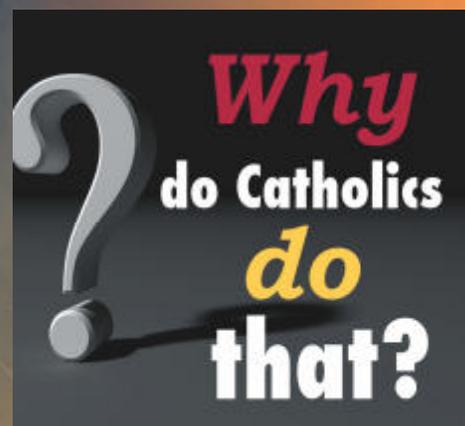
Prayer

Relationship with God



Sacraments

Encounter with Jesus



Scripture & Tradition

Seeking the Truth

**Wherever you are in your discipleship journey,
we are here.**

Explore www.strichards.com/faith-formation for ways to Grow In Faith Together.
Or, contact Susie Osacho, Director of Faith Formation • sosacho@strichards.com • 612-869-2426, ext. 120



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