

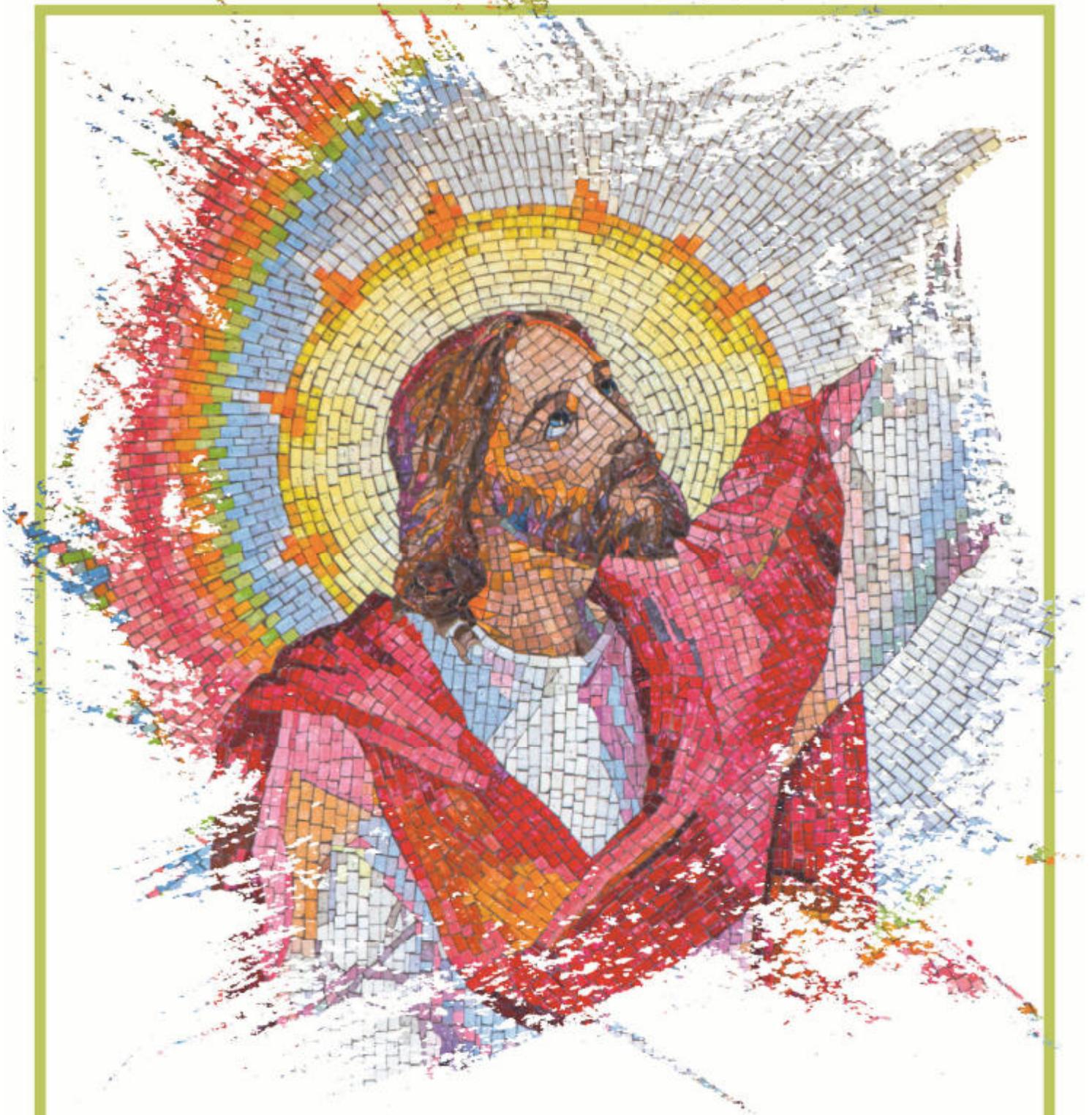
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April 18, 2021

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OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS
MUST BE FULFILLED.” —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, April 17 | Purita Corpuz† |
| Sunday, April 18 | For the Parish |
| Tuesday, April 20 | Nancy Robinson† |
| Thursday, April 22 | Raeker Family† |
| Saturday, April 24 | For the Parish |
| Sunday, April 25 | John, Cecilia, & Patrick O’Leary† |

Sacramental Information

www.strichards.com/sacraments

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

Sacrament of Baptism—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



Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses at St. Richard

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Pre-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

First Sundays, **May 2, June 6, July 4** at 11:15am



Assumption & St. Richard Catholic Churches



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 in the Narthex when here for Mass or mail it to the parish office. To respect privacy, we only print last names of prayer recipients if the requester is an immediate family member. Prayer Requests can also be submitted online at www.strichards.com/prayer.



Are You Being Called to Lead & Serve?

After many years of leadership, dedication, and service, St. Richard's Loaves & Fishes Ministry Meal Coordinator is ready to step down, making room for another one or two servant leaders to rise up. Might this be your perfect opportunity to lead and serve? Meal Coordinators plan the menu, pick up food, and recruit and coordinate volunteers who prepare, serve, and clean up after a free community meal on the third Friday of the month at Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield. The next meal will take place on **May 21**. If you have questions or are ready to say "yes", please contact Jolaine in Pastoral Care at jliupakka@strichards.com or call 612.869.2426 ext113.



April is Childhood Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time for all to come together to build caring connections, supportive environments, and positive experiences for all children. All of us truly play a role in building and maintaining safe, stable, nurturing homes and environments needed for the healthy development of our future generation of adults. Learn how you can spot the signs of abuse and what you can do to help prevent it by checking out the resources on our website or studying the handouts available at the church entrances.

Thank You: Amazing Support for VEAP in March!

Thank you to everyone that donated food and other items for our VEAP March FoodShare Drive! In the first half of the month, 236 pounds of food & supplies were collected, and Palm Sunday weekend's drive-up collection filled up the back of a minivan! We also received \$1,595 in monetary contributions for VEAP. Once again, thank you for your generosity! If you wish to continue to donate items to VEAP, you may drop them off in the Narthex when the church is open. We also accept monetary donations for VEAP year-round.



Faith Formation Update

It's hard to believe that after today, **April 18**, only two sessions remain in our weekly Sunday Morning Growing In Faith Together program for grades 1-8. While we needed to adapt the program due to COVID—at times meeting in person, via Zoom or with parents leading lessons at-home, there were definitely moments of grace where true connections and growth were experienced. We extend special thanks to our catechists, subs, hall monitors, volunteers and behind-the-scenes helpers who shared their faith and walked with the children, youth and families through a very unique journey. We are so grateful for you all!



Getting to Know Amanda Verkman, Bookkeeper

Hello to all and thank you for your already warm welcome! I joined the Parish Staff as the Bookkeeper at the beginning of March, 2021, and am so happy to be here! My husband and I live in Bloomington with our three dogs, and we are thrilled to be expecting our first baby in August! My free time is frequently spent enjoying the outdoors, either visiting nearby parks, sitting by the fire in the backyard, or spending time with and riding my two horses. My work history consists of a variety of accounting and bookkeeping roles, office management, and consumer credit compliance, with a bit of horse training and riding instruction thrown in just for fun. I'm excited to bring my experience to St. Richard and join this wonderful community!



Feedback from American Red Cross—Blood Drive

"I want to thank you for hosting a successful blood drive yesterday [April 7]. We were able to collect 21 units. That will save 63 lives!" Our next Blood Drive will take place **July 28**. We invite you to join us in welcoming donors to St. Richard at future Blood Drives by emailing or calling Jolaine in the Parish Office.



Thank You!

We collected \$1,469 for the USCCB's Global Solidarity campaign in March. Our struggling brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

Parish Book Club

The Parish Book Club will discuss *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Sunday, **May 23** at 12:15pm. This book draws on the Sermon on the Mount to discuss what it means today to be a disciple of Christ. If Covid restrictions have changed by then, we may meet in person. Otherwise, a Zoom link will be provided for our virtual meeting. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Maureen Mahowald at maureen.r.mahowald@gmail.com for more information.



Stewardship

"Let us focus on GENEROSITY, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

March 2021 General Operating Support

Budgeted Giving for March	\$ 58,970
March Mass Offertory	\$ 56,746
March Budget Deficit	(\$ 2,224)
YTD Budgeted Giving (FY 2021)	\$ 620,440
YTD Actual Giving (FY 2021)	\$ 558,584
Year To-Date Budget Shortfall	(\$ 61,856)
YTD Last Year (FY 2020)	\$ 623,612

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:00am Individual Reconciliation—Reconciliation Rm (door 3)
- 10:00am Mass & CLW—Church (*advanced registration required*)
- 10:50am Faith Formation Check-In (Gr 1-8)—Education Wing
- 1:30pm Confirmation Preparation—Education Wing (door 5)

Monday, April 19

- 10:00am Parish Office phone answered until 1:00pm

Tuesday, April 20

- 8:00am Mass—Church (door 3)
- 10:00am Parish Office phone answered until 1:00pm

Wednesday, April 21

 St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 10:00am Parish Office phone answered until 1:00pm
- 12:30pm Mass (Virtual), Blessed Trinity School's YouTube page
- 7:00pm Confirmation Class Check-In, virtual

Thursday, April 22

Earth Day

- 8:00am Mass—Church (door 3)
- 10:00am Parish Office phone answered until 1:00pm

Friday, April 23

 St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

- 7:30pm RCIA, virtual session

Saturday, April 24

 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

- 5:00pm Mass—Church (*advanced registration required*)

Sunday, April 25

Forth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- 9:00am Individual Reconciliation—Reconciliation Rm (door 3)
- 10:00am Mass & CLW—Church (*advanced registration required*)
- 10:50am Faith Formation Check-In (Gr 1-8)—Education Wing
- 4:00pm Confirmation Retreat, virtual



Alzheimer's Association Virtual Lunchtime Presentation

Grab your lunch and join us virtually from 12noon-1pm on Wednesday, **April 21** for a presentation entitled "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips From the Latest Research".

This event is free and hosted by The Basilica of Saint Mary. Please register to attend at <http://bit.ly/HealthyLiving-April21>, and invite others to participate. Additional presentations will take place **May 19, June 16, July 21, and August 18**.

Archdiocesan Youth Day (AYD) Middle School Edition

Middle school age students are invited to join speakers including Bishop Andrew Cozens, Fr. Chad VanHoose and more in the first AYD event designed specifically for this age group on Friday, **April 23**, from 6-10pm at St. John the Baptist, New Brighton, and again on Friday, **April 30**, from 6-10pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville. For more information, contact Katie Walker at 651.291.4506 or walkerk@archspm.org.

Fratelli Tutti Series: Two Sessions Remain

Two more virtual sessions in this online series will take place from on **April 27** and **May 25** from 7-8:30pm. Join us as we continue to dig into this very important encyclical from Pope Francis and consider its impact on our lives. Visit center-formission.org/whats-new/ to sign up or contact Adam Fitzpat-



School News

Three Parish Communities—ONE Spirit!

Virtual Visit with BT

Learn more about becoming a Blessed Trinity Tiger this Tuesday, **April 20**, at 9am. Sign up on our FB page or join us using this link: <http://meet.google.com/zhd-hfum-pus>.

BT Golf Tournament

Spring is coming and so is our Golf Tournament. We'd love to have you join us on **May 10** at Minnesota Valley Country Club. Early Bird Registration is open on <https://BTgolf.givesmart.com>.

Spend Your Summer With Us!

We still have openings for Summer Preschool and Club Tiger! Field trips, activities, and plenty of fun are planned. Must commit to a minimum of 2 days/week. Contact Noreen O'Donnell, Director, at odonnelln@btcsmn.org with any questions.

Fall Openings for Preschool at BT—Register Today!

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Community News

rick for more information at fitzpatricka@archspm.org or 651.291.4410. If you've missed the previous presentations and discussions, the recordings are accessible at Center-ForMissionMSP's YouTube channel.

Giving Insights Spiritual Forum on Lay Leadership

Answering the Baptismal Call: Why are lay leaders crucial for parish revitalization? The Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota invites you to a virtual panel discussion on **April 29** from 7-8pm with national and community leaders to discuss the importance and role of the laity in advancing the mission of the Church. We'll discuss "co-responsibility" and how Christ calls each member to take part—according to his or her gifts—in building his Church here on Earth. Registration is free and required. Visit ccf-mn.org/events/forums/spiritual-2021/.

Family Rosary Procession: Sunday, May 2

Please join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda for the May Family Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The gathering at the Capitol will begin at 1:15pm and the procession will begin at 2pm. Details to follow. For more information visit minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.





Message from Fr. Liekhus

As the current pastor of the Church of the Assumption and St. Richard, and the future pastor of St. Peter (beginning July 1st), I introduced the members of our new Parish Council last month on a video that has been on our websites; now, they will have the chance to introduce themselves.

Over the next three weeks, we'll roll out these videos of each Parish Council member and publish them on our websites. Hear about what makes them excited about this collaboration and how they hope to be able to serve.

Please continue to keep our parishes in your prayers, as we work to spread the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Meet Your Combined Parish Council



"I am very committed to the community and most excited about the opportunity that we have to bring all the skills, talents and gifts to make an even more vibrant Catholic community in the area.

I am excited to work with you and look forward to hearing from you."

Anne Marie Gavel Parish Council Chair

Member of St. Richard's Catholic Church for 36 years

Get to know Anne Marie by viewing her video introduction at www.strichards.com/parish-pastoral-council.

You can share your feedback and ask any questions by calling a central phone number, **612-440-7573**, or by sending an email to info@richfieldcatholics.org. A member of parish leadership will follow up with you personally.

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Learn how you can help!

www.strichards.com/childrens-faith-formation

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
'Peace be with you.'*

But they were startled and frightened..." Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

SUN 4/18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/19	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/20	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/21	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/22	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/23	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 4/24	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 4/25	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Wednesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	Earth Day
Friday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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