

April 18, 2021

Saint

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAKE YOU A SAINT.
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HE CAN DO THAT."

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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives
through worship, discipleship and service.

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr. 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. Frontline & healthcare workers

Apr. 19

Apr. 20

7:30 a.m. Houseless people

Apr. 21, St. Anselm

7:30 a.m. Flores family

Apr. 22, Earth Day

7:30 a.m. Thomas Fox†

Apr. 23, St. George & St. Adalbert

7:30 a.m. Victims of violence

Apr. 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit teachers

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday

3-4 p.m. Penance | 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

9 a.m. Mass

Father Daniel Haugan, Pastor
haugand@holy-spirit.org

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m.



Saturday, Apr. 24
6:30 p.m.
Stream at
nightofspirit.org!



There's a few days left to order your plants and gift cards! Your order supports the Women of Holy Spirit. WOHS will receive 30% of all plant sales and 15% of all gift card sales. Proceeds will go toward special requests and parish needs identified by WOHS members.

Order by **Thursday, Apr. 22**. Order at
gertensfundraising.com (enter ID: 189).

Questions?
Contact Sue at cssmlyons@gmail.com or
(651) 699-6878.

OPEN POSITIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT

We need your help! Holy Spirit School is hoping to provide Preschool and Extended Day services this summer. We are searching for suitable candidates for the following positions:

Assistant Extended Day Director

- Oversees the summer program
- Applicants would ideally be a college graduate or a current college student with relevant experience

Preschool Teacher

- Applicants would ideally be a college graduate or a current college student with relevant experience
- Experience with preschool-aged children is preferred

Applicants should email Dr. Adrian, Holy Spirit principal, at adrianm@holy-spirit.org. Please pass this along!

Welcome
WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE STUDENTS WHO MADE
THEIR FIRST COMUNION
LAST WEEKEND:**

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Piper Burke
Hugo Chevrier
Magnus Diaz
Leo Forti
Xavier French
Sonya Huerta
Sonya Johnson
Everly Jones
Eddie Keenan
Delaney Lynch
Mary McLafferty
Quinn Murphy
Ayla Schmueck
Violet Schmueck
Sammy Seifu
George Spartz
Anibal Vargas
Luke Walz

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

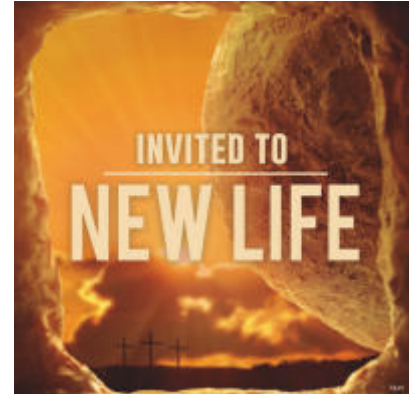
In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel Question:

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?



A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME

God of all creation,
you have given us the responsibility of a steward,
one who cares for something.
Our stewardship is to care for our common home, the earth.

We look to your goodness shown to us by all the good gifts the earth bestows upon us:

The rain to water the ground.
The crops that spring from the ground.
The animals that roam the fields.
The medicines that come from the plants.

We also look to you for the wisdom to care for this creation of yours:
Give us wisdom to know how and when this good earth needs our special attention.

Helps us not to be shortsighted
and assume that the earth can heal
itself without our help.

You created us from the earth
and we depend upon it for our
health.

We ask all from you, and give
all back to you.

This we do in Jesus' name who is our
brother and savior.

Amen.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

What Mass Means:

How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing

Apr. 23 | Webinar presentation from 9-11 a.m.

We tend to think of “sacrifice” and “real presence” as doctrines to believe in—perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as “transubstantiation.” But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ’s dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge! The event is free.

Register at least five days in advance of the event at collegevilleMN.com/theologyday.

Fratelli Tutti

Two sessions left: Apr. 27 & May 25 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Virtual event

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations to dive into the important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern how *Fratelli Tutti* can influence and enrich our lives. The series is open to all. Visit centerformission.org/whats-new to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick at fitzpatricka@archspm.org or (651) 291-4410 for more information.

Giving Insights Spiritual Forum on Lay Leadership

Apr. 29 | 7-8 p.m. | Virtual event

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 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 their gifts—in building his Church body here on Earth. Registration is free and required. Visit ccf-mn.org/events/forums/spiritual-2021.

Angels and Demons:

What do Scripture and Tradition Say about Them?

Apr. 30 | Webinar presentation from 9-11 a.m.

Movies and the Internet show no shortage of information on angels and demons. Bookstores have whole racks devoted to the topic. While much of what we see and read keeps us entertained, the media’s presentation of the spiritual and diabolical worlds is all too often unconnected to the Christian message. In this presentation and in light of Christ’s absolute victory over sin and death, Fr. Michael Patella will outline the Christian understanding of the devil, angels, demons, ghosts, and spirits in Scripture and Tradition. He will also discuss the inherent problems and dangers that arise today with the undue attention many give to the occult. Event is free. Registration is required (register at least 5 days in advance); visit collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call (320) 363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

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?”

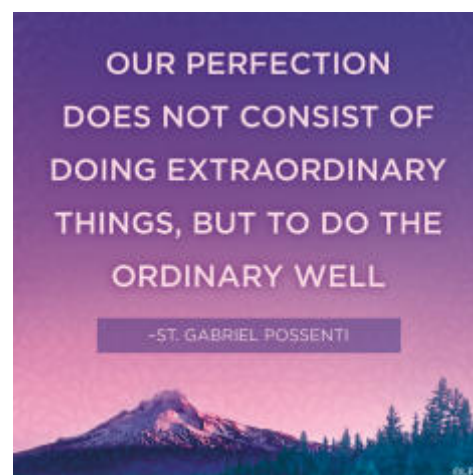
It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

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.

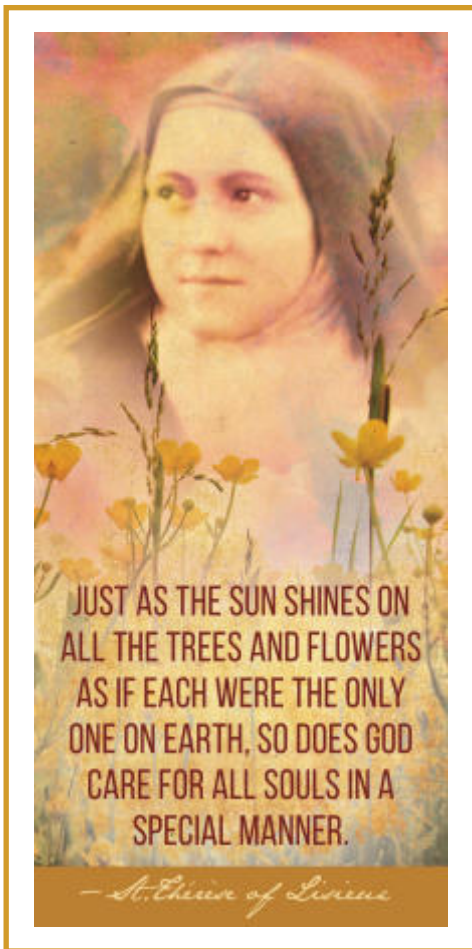
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



APR. 18 GOSPEL MEDITATION

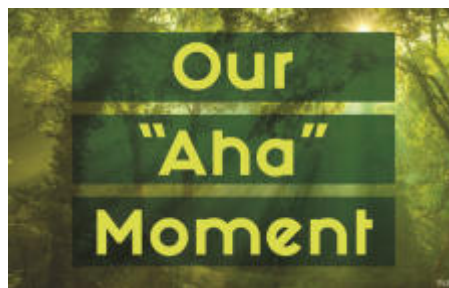
We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.



LIVE THE LITURGY

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



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