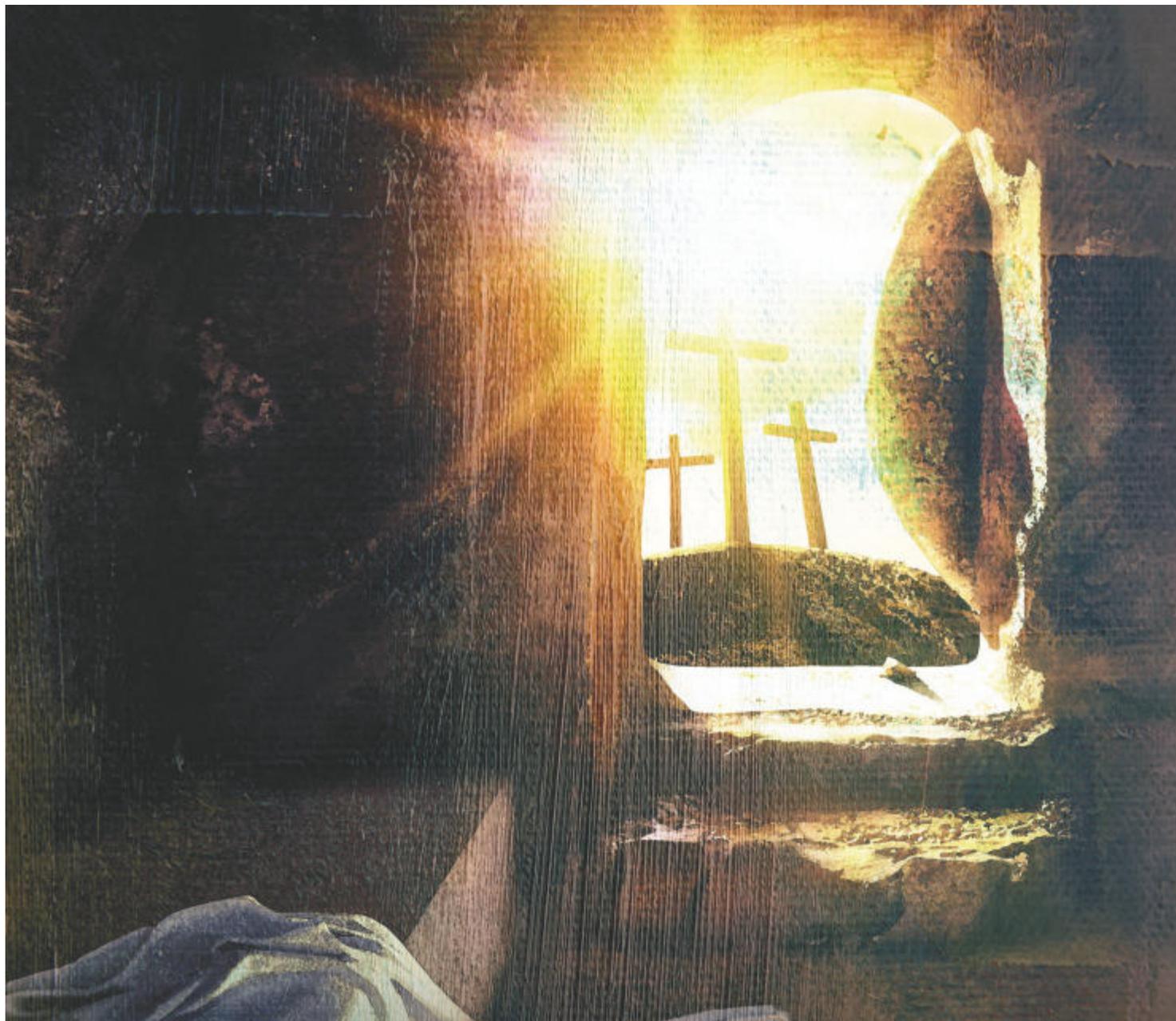


# Cluster Parishes

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## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

**Mass Intentions  
Apr 7 to Apr 11**

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Michael Rowland
Thu	8:30am	HT	Dorothy Stumpf
Fri	8:30am	SM	Joan Shebek
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Joan Redlinger
Sun	8:00am	HT	Leroy Yeggy
Sun	10:00am	SM	People of the Cluster

\*\*\*The number of Mass Intention requests for 2021 has now exceeded the number of Masses we can say this year. All future Mass intentions requests will be submitted to the diocese. The diocese will then send them to retired priests who will offer a Mass for your Mass Intention.

***PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS***

Almighty God, you created us to share in your divine life. Pour out your spirit on our diocese that we may be a fruitful church. Bless us:

With zealous priests and deacons;  
With prayerful religious sisters and brothers;  
With faithful married couples;  
With loving persons who live for the kingdom of heaven.  
Grant us discerning hearts,  
To love you more deeply  
And to serve as Jesus served,  
In whose name we pray.  
Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations, pray for us!

**Emmaus Groups**



Please consider joining a "Discipleship Quad" to participate in an Emmaus Group.

These are four-person prayer groups that are very informal and flexible to ac-

commodate your schedule. Information and videos can be found at clusterparishes.org. Click the "Communications & Resources" tab, and click on "Emmaus Groups".

If Interested Contact:

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**Mass Offerings**

**St. Mary's**

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,677
Actual	\$ -
YTD Collection	\$ 51,389
YTD Goal	\$ 65,403
Under/Over	- \$ 14,014

**Holy Trinity**

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,288
Actual	\$ -
YTD Collection	\$ 49,501
YTD Goal	\$ 50,232
Under/Over	- \$ 731

**St. Joseph's**

Weekly Goal	\$ 644
Actual	\$ -
YTD Collection	\$ 5,778
YTD Goal	\$ 25,116
Under/Over	- \$ 19,338

## Fr Bill's Homily

Today is the most significant day in the Church calendar that we celebrate, remember, and teach our children. This is the day of the rebirth, the resurrection, the exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ. After dying the humiliating and excruciatingly painful death on the cross, Jesus arose from the dead, victorious and triumphant, proclaiming himself the Lord of the Universe and the Master of life and death!

This single event is filled with meaning for us. It means that death was not the end for Jesus and death will not be the end for us either. Death is merely the transition from this life on earth to our new life in Heaven. Just think of that - we who fear death, we who jump back in horror at the thought of dying, need no longer be afraid!

Death – whether of ourselves or of those whom we love - is not the terrible thing we imagined it to be. Death is an end to pain and suffering. Death is birth into the realm of God and eternal happiness. We have the sure and certain hope that we will rise just as Jesus did.

Many people who strive to live according to the law of God, who struggle to obey the Ten Commandments do so out of fear of the final Judgment. That is okay. But I am convinced there is a better way. Once we truly appreciate what Jesus Christ has done for us, once we begin to understand what a powerfully redeeming love he has for each of us, then we begin to see the better way.

This “better way” becomes ours when we truly enter into the mystery and the movement of Christ's death and Resurrection. The motivation for Jesus was not fear, it was love, and he spoke of this often. He said, “No greater love than this no one can have than that he lay down his life for his friends.” He also said, “Perfect love casts out fear.”

Even hanging on the Cross, Jesus was mindful of this. He prayed to his Father in these words, concerning his executioners, “Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.”

One poetic person, now anonymous, puts it this way. He says, “I asked Jesus; ‘Jesus how much do you love me? Jesus stretched out his arms as far as he could, and he said, ‘This much.’” And then he died.”

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## Bishop Prayer Requests

Bishop Zinkula wants to pray for the people he serves in the Diocese of Davenport, by name and by prayer intention. So much so, that he invites people to share their prayer intentions with him on his new prayer webpage (<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/prayer-requests>). Prayers may also be submitted by email at [prayers@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:prayers@davenportdiocese.org) or in a printed note mailed to:

Diocese of Davenport  
780 W. Central Park Avenue  
Davenport, IA 52804-1901

## Pornography Addiction

Porn addiction is “the new drug”. In medical studies, the dopamine centers in the brains of those addicted to pornography light up just like cocaine addicts. If you feel you have fallen into the trap of porn addiction, please do not be afraid to seek help. You can contact Fr Bill or Deacon Derick. Additional resources can be found <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/pornography-awareness>

## Job Openings at Pleasntview

Home Health Aide caring for the Independent Living resident, hours vary with a month-by-month schedule.

Dietary Aide or Cook part-time days or evening.

Housekeeper part-time days

All positions have every other weekend off, PTO, EIB, and qualify for matching retirement benefits. All full-time employees are also eligible for medical, dental, vision, accident, and short-term disability options.

## Know Someone Who Needs a Bulletin?

If so, please let us know and we would be happy to mail them a hard copy of the bulletin. Please email Jane Duwa at [rvsec@iowatelecom.net](mailto:rvsec@iowatelecom.net) with the person's name and mailing address.

## Facebook Scams

Fr. Bill does not communicate through Facebook Messenger. If you need to communicate with him please use cell phone or e-mail.

## Text Message Scams

Please be aware of a continuing text message scam that involves a *supposed* text from Fr Bill asking for money or an i-tunes card. Fr Bill would never send a text message asking for money or gifts.

This love enters into all our plans, our dreams, our hopes, our behavior, and our morality. Everything we do, and everything we refrain from doing, we do out of love; love for Jesus Christ and for all of His brothers and sisters throughout the universe. Our religion, our faith, even our moral behavior is based more firmly on love than on fear.

We love Jesus Christ because he loved us first. This is the message of the Resurrection. This is why we sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.” It is the reason we sing, “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.”



### **Confession**

If you would like Fr Bill to hear your confession, please call him at (319) 430-6888 to schedule a time to meet. Thank You

### **Prayer Requests**

Please contact Fr Bill or Dcn Derick if you have any Prayer Intentions. We will put them in the Prayer Intentions Basket and offer them up at Mass.

### **Wounded by Abortion?**

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE.

### **Pray For Vocations**

Please say a prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and sacramental married life that day. Options include the Our Father, our Diocesan Prayer for Vocations, Hail Mary or something longer such as a rosary or chaplet of Divine Mercy.



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"Prayer, for me, is simply the raising of the heart, a simple glance towards Heaven, an expression of love and gratitude in the midst of trial, as well as in times of joy"

- St. Therese of Lisieux

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