

Cluster Parishes

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Mass Intentions

Apr 21 to Apr 25

Wed	8:30am	SJ	Richard Ockenfels
Thu	8:30am	HT	Richard Welte
Fri	8:30am	SM	Mike Latta/Tony & Irene Kiefer/Ginger & Judy Kiefer
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Bev Mast
Sun	8:00am	HT	People of the Cluster
Sun	10:00am	SM	Ambrose & Gladys Kron

***The number of Mass Intention requests for 2021 has now exceeded the number of Masses we can say in a 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 accommodate 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	\$ 1,493
Weekly Actual	\$ 10,879
YTD Collection	\$ 62,268
YTD Goal	\$ 61,200
Under/Over	+\$ 1,068

Holy Trinity

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,336
Weekly Actual	\$ 8,892
YTD Collection	\$ 58,393
YTD Goal	\$ 54,760
Under/Over	+\$ 3,633

St. Joseph's

Weekly Goal	\$ 578
Weekly Actual	\$ 26,217
YTD Collection	\$ 31,995
YTD Goal	\$ 23,712
Under/Over	+\$ 8,283

Sunday Homily

Fr. Bill

When the disciples first saw Jesus after he was raised from the dead, they went through many emotions, but fear and joy are the ones we identify with most easily. They knew Jesus had died after torture and crucifixion. No one could have survived all that he endured.

Not only that, but the disciples had abandoned him and Peter had denied knowing Him three times. So, when he stood in their midst, they were fearful. Is this a ghost? Has he come back for revenge? Is someone trying to trick us?

But Jesus assured them that he was not a ghost and showed the disciples his hands and feet and they saw the nail wounds. As they began to feel joy, Jesus went one step farther and asked for something to eat, convincing them that he was truly alive, and he ate a piece of baked fish. Just imagine the joy they felt!

We know that when Jesus appeared fully alive among his disciples, he came with a mission. He explained the Scriptures that had foretold his coming and his mission, and their understanding was opened. Now that they had a whole new understanding, they were to go and witness to the message and resurrection of the Lord. Their lives were changed when the Holy Spirit breathed on them.

Do you ever think about what it would have been like to be there, to witness Christ for yourself? Would it make a difference for you and in what you believe? What difference would it make in how you live your life? These are important questions for us today.

Believing in the risen Christ, involves affirming and communicating life. That means many things including something that might seem simple to us. It means feeding others. There are many ways of feeding others. Some ways are heroic, and some are simple, but we can all feed others even without giving actual food.

We do not have to be Mother Theresa, but we must give life! The risen lord is sending all of us to give life in witness to the resurrection. How we do that is up to each of us. It might be a smile to a stranger or a word of encouragement to a fellow worker. It might be taking school supplies to someone in need in the fall or a good warm coat in the winter.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Xander Robel Hernandez, son of Merlin & Jade Hernandez, who was baptized at St. Joseph's last week!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harvick James Gier, son of Joseph & Kailey Gier, who was baptized last week at St. Mary's.

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 or in a printed note mailed to:

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

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](tel:563-333-4107) or [1-888-456-HOPE](tel:1-888-456-HOPE).

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>

Facebook Scams

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

Helping out at the food pantry, or Catholic Worker House. Taking a plate of cookies to someone home bound or alone gives life. Inviting a fellow student or others we are ignoring to eat lunch with us gives life as well. And of course, donating to Catholic Relief Services when another country suffers a devastating famine or natural disaster literally helps to feed the people of that country. All of these just examples of the many options out there.

This is the right time for all of us to thank God for the life and love we have been given. Now is the time to not be held back by fear. It is equally the right time to be a witness to the resurrection and give life to those around us with love.

Christ is our example and he died on the cross for us. What are we doing for Him? How are we emulating Him in our lives? Now we are to go and witness to the message and resurrection of the Lord. Our lives need to be changed just like the disciples' lives were changed on that day.

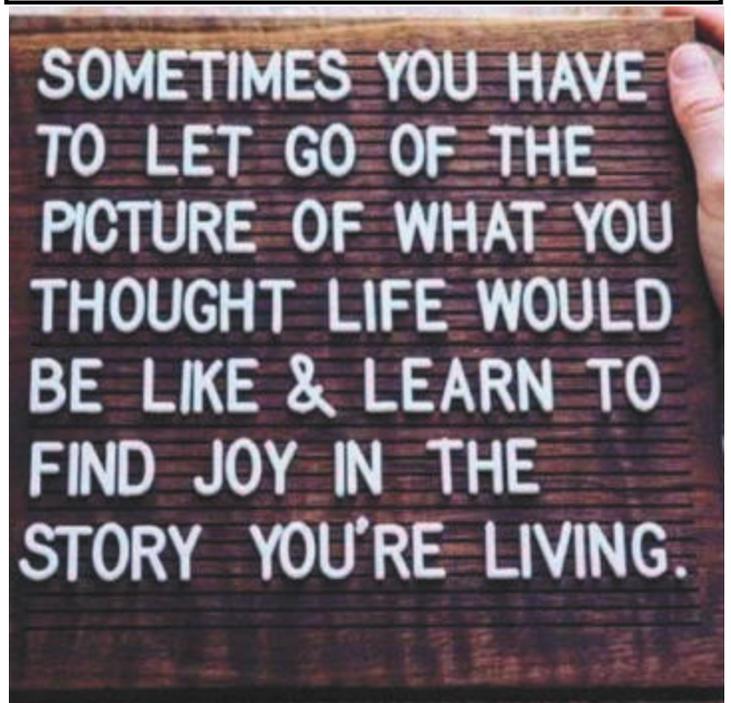
As we are being feed the Body and Blood of Christ today let us go out those doors with joy and feed our neighbors and those in need who are in our path, as if we just saw Jesus raised from the dead.

**SHOUT OUT
TO ALL OF US
FIGHTING
A BATTLE THAT
MOST PEOPLE
DON'T UNDERSTAND.
~ KEEP HANGING IN THERE ~**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Harvick James Gier who received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's this last Saturday! Harvick is the son of Joseph and Kailey Gier.



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