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*Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021*

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801
Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
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Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

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Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis - Friday 2 pm - 3 pm

Mass Intentions for April 5 - April 11

Monday,	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFds + Margaret DePolis by Mary Haas
Wednesday	8:30 am SFds + Carl DePolis by Mary Haas
Thursday	8:30 am SFds + John Biver by Adelle Koel
Friday	8:30 am SFds +
Saturday	4 pm SJ Cluster Family
	6 pm SFds + Jack Kormos by Marilyn & Bruce Ward
Sunday	8:30 am SC + Jeanne Gulan by Gulan Family
	10:00 am SFds + Elsie Stellrecht by Dan & Virginia James

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday from noon until 3pm.

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1] / Mt 28:8-15
Tues: Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b] / Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b] / Lk 24:13-35
Thurs: Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab] / Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22] / Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a] / Mk 16:9-15
Next Sun: Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]
1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-3

Observances for the week of April 4, 2021

Sun: Easter Sunday
Mon: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tues: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wed: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thurs: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Fri: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Sat: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**Please read this week's
bulletin insert on the web page.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story
"Is there a happy ending?"**

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right. But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist. ©LPI

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad! Ps 118*

It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead. He was crucified on the eve of Saturn's day, and on the day after, that is, on the day of the sun, he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them what we have now offered for your examination.

- Justin Martyr, Second century.



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