The Sunday Bulletin

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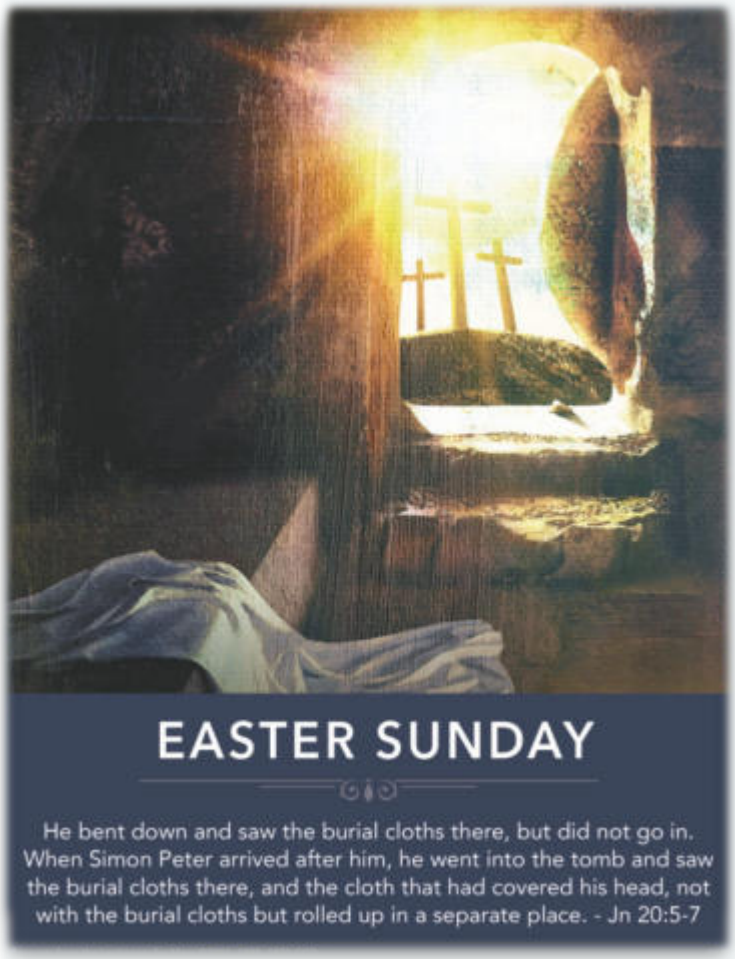
Saint Leo the Great Parish, West Salem, Wisconsin **April 4, 2021**



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Bulletin Deadline To appear in *The Sunday Bulletin,* items must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!"* (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma*, of the apostles, because Jesus had prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity: The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26).* 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears**. Happy Easter!!**

God Bless — Fr. Kenny

DCCW Collection Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and there will be the annual collection for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please make checks out to the parishes and place your donation in the envelope labeled **DCCW** for this collection.

Volunteers As more people are comfortable to return to Mass in person, we would like to update our volunteer roster with the goal to return to using Ministry Scheduler Pro. At this time we would like to know who would like to volunteer as ushers, cleaners, readers, Zoom technicians and money counters and also your Mass time preference. Please email stleomaryoffice@wsbcwi.org or call 786.0610 ext. 6. We also want to thank all the wonderful volunteers that have helped out since June. Many of them have volunteered every week. We appreciate all the help we get from our volunteers!

Raffle Tickets The Father McCaffrey Council #9438 of the Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for the state wide annual drawing. Tickets are $5.00 each. First prize is $50,000 or a 2021 F150 XLT SuperCab Truck; Second prize is $25,000 or a Harley Davidson Motorcycle; Third Prize is $500 for 100 lucky winners. For tickets contact any Knight or call Dan Leis at 786.1211, Gary Althoff at 451.5148, or Ron O'Connell at 881.9290.

Stewardship Reflection Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives. Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they "ran." Mary did not see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John did not hear the news and think, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus. We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion, and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most. Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

New Lay Formation Institute Class Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in the fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study, held in July 2021, by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at other times. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memory of	*By*
Rebecca LaForce	Barb & Joe Hesselberg
Dan Hesselberg	Barb & Joe Hesselberg
Galen Romskog	Pat Romskog
Don & Jean Sesvold	The Sesvold Family
Marty Elsen	Pete & Barb Elsen
Bob & Grace Rondorf	Donna Garves
Harold & Mary Mashak	Brian & Carmen Mashak
Ron & Andy Lokken	Diane Lokken
Walt & Rose Reyzer	Thomas Reyzer
Larry Calkins	Carol Calkins
Donald Elsen	Curly & Dorothy Tenner
Anna Marie Carpenter	Tony & Joan Rausch
Roger Carpenter	Tony & Joan Rausch
Corinne Rausch	Tony & Joan Rausch
Vince Rausch	Tony & Joan Rausch
Rita Rausch	Tony & Joan Rausch
Tim Rice	Karen Rice & Family
Monica Schneider	George & Marlene Gersch
Vickie Johnson	Mark & Julie Miller
Herbert & Elreda Meyer	Mark & Julie Miller
Gene & Lillian Blaski	Rich & LaVerne Ciechanowski
John and Florence Rydzins	Rich & LaVerne Ciechanowski

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tues Apr 6	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Zoom Mtg
Wed Apr 7	6:00 PM	Grades 5 & & Zoom Class
	6:30 AM	Confirmation Classes
	6:45 PM	Grades 6 & 8 Zoom Class
Sun Apr 11	9:00 AM	Kindergarten CCD
	11:00 AM	2nd Grade CCD
	5:30 PM	4th Grade
	6:00 PM	Grades 1 & 3 Family Zoom

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

	2020-21
$ 38,845.00	Parish Target
$ 46,365.00	Amount Received
119%	Percent of Target Met
$ -	Amount Needed
$ 7,520.00	Monies Returning to Parishes

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15		
Apr 5	Private Mass	John Grattan Jr. by Jane Mathison
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18		
Apr 6	5:30 PM	Keivel & Rodenberg Families by Kay Kesler at St Leo
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35		
Apr 7	8:30 AM	† Colton Kirchner by Sue Kneifl at St Leo
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48		
Apr 8	8:30 AM	† Patricia Lydon by Fred Kramer at St Leo
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14		
Apr 9	8:30 AM	† Todd Clements by The Clements Family at St Leo
	10:00 AM	Lakeview Residents at Lakeview
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15		
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3		
Apr 10	4:30 PM	† Elreda Meyer by Mark & Julie Miller at St Leo
Apr 11	8:00 AM	Pro Populo at St Leo
	10:00 AM	† Marion V. Barta by Ray & Marianne Barta at St Leo

Open Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year At Aquinas Catholic Schools, they empower students to become their best selves and to be leaders in and out of the classroom. Aquinas is now accepting new students and returning students for grades 3P-12TH grade. To learn more or to schedule a virtual visit with one of the principals please visit aquinascatholicschools.org or call 608.784.8585.

The Resurrection OF THE LORD

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U.S. Bishops' Action Alerts opposing ERA and "Equality Act" The U.S. Bishops ask the faithful to voice their opposition to a renewed attempt to ratify the deceptively named Equal Rights Amendment, as well as to speak out against the more recent, similarly named Equality Act, both of which threaten the true dignity of women and the lives of unborn children. They would also discriminate against the work of faith-based organizations. For more information and to make your voice heard, visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Inspiration for the Week Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers. ©Lpi

Easter Sunday

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

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APOSTLES	CLOTHS	HOLY	MARY	RISE
APPOINTED	COLOSSIANS	JERUSALEM	NAZARETH	SACRIFICE
BAPTISM	DEAD	JESUS	PASCHAL	SIMON
BELIEVE	DISCIPLE	JEWS	PAUL	SPIRIT
BURIAL	FORGIVE	JOHN	PETER	STONE
CELEBRATE	GALILEE	JUDEA	PREACH	TESTIFY
CHOSEN	GLORY	LAMB	PROPHETS	TOMB

FINANCE REPORT	St Leo the Great Parish			St Mary Parish		
	Mar 15 - 21, 21	Fiscal Year to Date		Mar 15 - 21, 21	Fiscal Year to Date	
		Jul 1, '20 - Mar 21, 21	Budget		Jul 1, '20 - Mar 21, 21	Budget
401.00 · Adult Envelope Receipts	2,091.00	160,841.57	127,129.03	1,848.00	46,805.00	44,387.10
402.00 · Youth Envelope Receipts	0.00	67.00	216.94	4.00	149.55	173.55
403.00 · Offertory Plate Collections	120.12	3,198.29	8,677.42	30.00	873.00	0.00
404.00 · Other Church Support/Income	4.50	462.88	433.87	0.00	13.00	0.00
411.00 · Monies Collected for Bldng/Reno	0.00	2,815.00	1,301.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
432.00 · Societies	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
434.00 · Bequests & Memorials	50.00	1,545.00	0.00	0.00	670.00	0.00
441.00 · Int Received from St Ambrose	0.00	32,965.22	36,879.03	0.00	1,804.92	1,865.65
442.00 · Int Received from Others	0.00	40.81	95.45	0.00	17.07	86.77
452.00 · Rel Ed & Adult Tuition/Fees	0.00	4,690.00	5,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
461.00 · Insurance Recovery from Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,125.14	28,125.14	0.00
467 A · Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebates	0.00	12,250.25	0.00	71.25	2,415.00	0.00
467 B · Gifts for Works of Charity Fund	270.00	1,662.00	0.00	250.00	468.00	0.00
Total Income	**2,535.62**	**220,538.02**	**181,283.35**	**30,328.39**	**81,440.68**	**46,513.07**
Total Expense	**1,195.71**	**149,625.40**	**154,152.65**	**14.21**	**48,077.71**	**52,775.46**
Net Income	**1,339.91**	**70,912.62**	**27,130.70**	**30,314.18**	**33,362.97**	**-6,262.39**

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

"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?"

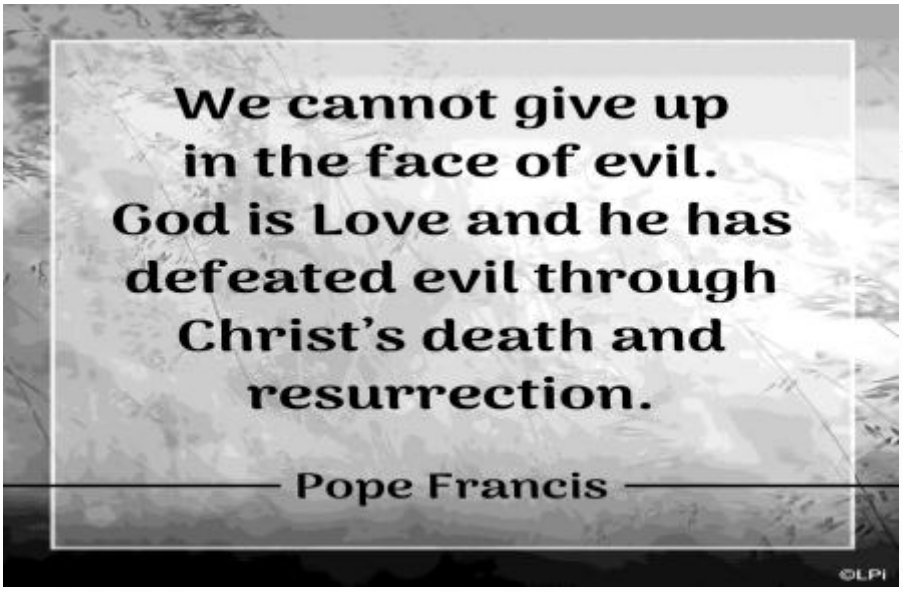
I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. 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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

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

Answer:
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.

FIRST READING:

"To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Acts 10:43)

PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

GOSPEL:

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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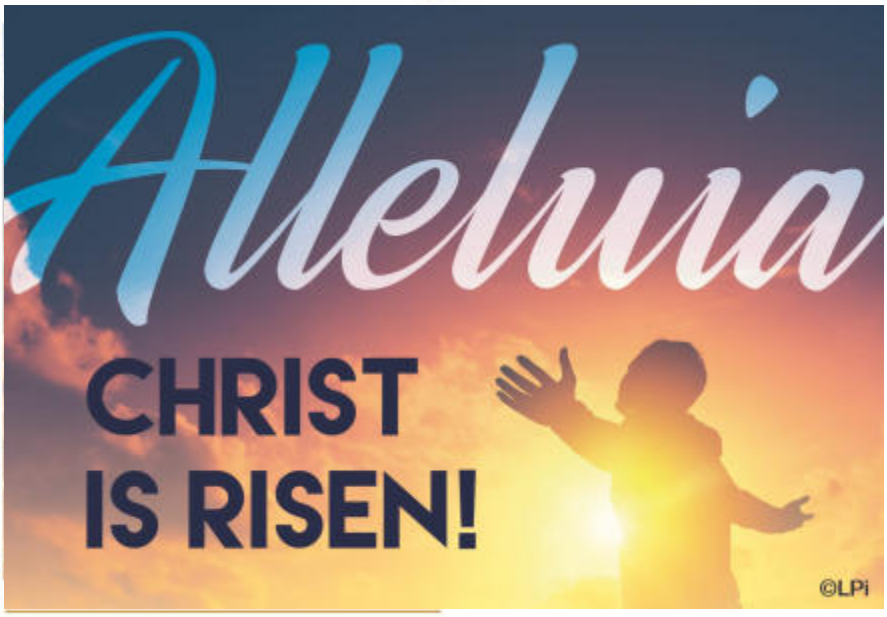
WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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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