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### April 3-4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## 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

Inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró. En eso llegó también Simón Pedro, que lo venía siguiendo, y entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en sitio aparte. - Jn 20, 5-7

### ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

**Welcome!** It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Closed

Jean -Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

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*Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.*

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### *Musings From The Pastor.*

If you mention the word theology to many people they are liable to turn up their noses and imagine scholarly studies, containing shelf upon shelf of dusty and abstruse volumes, pored over by desiccated scholars who habitually dwell in the higher realms of abstraction. But it is actually possible to study theology through art.

The artistic traditions of the eastern and western Churches portray the resurrection differently. Westerners are very concerned with history and with events. They like to try and freeze the resurrection into an event.

The fact that there is no description in scripture of the process of the resurrection, far from inhibiting western artists, has actually given their imaginations free rein. You will all be familiar with the spectacular depictions of Christ emerging from the tomb in various stages of undress, radiating power and majesty brandishing the standard of the resurrection, a red cross on a white ground, before him.

The eastern tradition does not show the event so much as its effect. The finest ikons show a majestic Christ, springing down amongst the ranks of the faithful dead, drawing them up in a glorious chain dance of joy. Christ lays hold of them all, and in the Spirit, draws them into the communion he enjoys with the Father, a communion that even death cannot sunder.

Jesus' mission was physical. He reached out and touched especially those excluded from the communion of society; those who followed him had also, in some way, been touched by him. He had laid his hands on them, drawn them away from their nets, from their tax offices, from their hearths and homes.

His touch had caused them to leave everything and follow him. Their despairing conviction when faced with his death was that they would never again know his touch. The withdrawal of Jesus from their lives may involve their losing touch with each other.

When the women went to the tomb with spices, it was to embalm the body. They did not want it to wither away. They wanted to preserve it, to hold on to it, to stay in touch with it. But the precious body of the Lord was not there.

They meet the risen Christ when they have turned away from the tomb, and left everything behind them. Jesus discloses himself to them by greeting them or calling them by name. The spontaneous reaction that this evokes is the desire to hang on; the women fall at his feet and cling to him.

It is almost as if they wish to ensure that he stays there firmly planted in their midst. He will only stay there if they hang on to him.

The message of the resurrection is that Christ still lays hold of us. The way we can stay in touch with him is by allowing ourselves to be touched by him and in bringing his touch to others.

The only person who declines to touch him is in fact Thomas. Thomas was the one who clung to the literal reality of the death of Jesus. Others might have preferred to forget the

reality of Jesus's death, but Thomas could not: for him the wounds were real.

When confronted with the risen Christ, he declines the invitation to place his hands in the marks of his sufferings. There is no need. Thomas confesses that Jesus has laid hold on him; he has been touched by the risen Christ.

The lesson that the earliest generations of Christians learned is necessary for us too. We need to allow ourselves to be touched by Christ, to be drawn into communion with him.

The Welsh poet R. S. Thomas has a line in one of his poems:

*He is such a fast  
God, always before us and  
Leaving us as we arrive.*

We often imagine ourselves pursuing an elusive God, trying to find him as the treasure in the field. The message of the resurrection is that he finds us. The seekers at the tomb could not find him until he had found them. Redemption is allowing oneself to be found by God.

*Happy Easter: Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.*

### DES MOINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The COVID 19 PANDEMIC cancelled the Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's spring conference last March 2020. We decided we did not want to cancel again this year! As a result, ALL Catholic women are invited to join us on April 10, 2021, for a virtual encounter to RENEW AND REFRESH in these difficult times. We are delighted to have as our featured speaker Barbara Heil, a former Pentecostal minister and now a Catholic speaker who will talk on "Women of the Kingdom, Living as Daughters of God." Bishop William Joensen will also join us. It will be a morning only event (9:30-11:30 a.m.) and it is FREE. We do ask that you register on the diocesan website and we will send you a link to join us. Come in your PJs, bring your coffee and enjoy the morning with other Catholic women around the diocese. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8448121270>

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in south-west Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ. Your pledge card can be placed in the collection basket, brought or mailed to the parish office, or mailed directly back to the Diocese. Or, you can give online at [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving). Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

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| <b>Parish ADA Goal</b> | <b>\$ 26,573.00</b> |
| <b>Amount Paid</b>     | <b>\$ 7,640.00</b>  |
| <b>Balance</b>         | <b>\$ 18,933.00</b> |



**FAITH FORMATION  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

We are having In-Person classes. Please watch Facebook and Flocknote for information regarding classes, or any future Zooms. Alan will continue to keep everyone updated on Facebook and Flocknote. We will follow all Covid-19 protocols.

There are videos and schedules on the St. Mary's Faith Formation website giving information. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so. Please sign up for Formed and YDisciple. The formed website is: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

Catholic Youth Camp Registration is open for Catholic Youth Camp. Go to [stmcenter.com](http://stmcenter.com) and register your children for a fun, faith-filled summer experience.

Registration is open but filling fast for April's Radix retreat for high school seniors. Join for a weekend (April 9-11) of prayer focused on cultivating our roots in Christ and is Church so they can remain strong after high school. Go to [dmdioocese.org/radix](http://dmdioocese.org/radix) for more information and to register

Any questions call Alan @ 712-303-2680.

Blessings to all! Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church Director of Religious Education; [stmarysrodre@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrodre@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by emailing [sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org) or calling 515-237-5045 or 712-328-3086.

**CONSIDER ANNUAL SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities is in the middle of its annual appeal. Gifts help support every program administered by Catholic Charities, from feeding the hungry, counseling the afflicted and housing the homeless. Donate online at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/donate-2/>. Any questions regarding how to give, how to establish a monthly pledge, and more can be directed to Deb Powers at 563-275-9643.

**CHRIST'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY MOVING IN SPRING**

Lois Trinity has let us know that Christ's Cupboard Community Food Pantry and Clothing Closet thanks everyone for their past support in our community since 1998. They have always been grateful for the many gifts of money, food, personal supplies, clothing and volunteers. They will be moving to 206 E. Coolbaugh St sometime this Spring (2021). The need for a move is due mainly to the growth of the work over the past several years, and with a response to the COVID guidelines with social distancing. She said as they anticipate their move, they are in need of more volunteers to help. Anyone interested in helping please call Lois at 712-310-2041. "Because of His amazing and unending love, we serve those who need a helping hand". Thank you for your continued support.

**Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: 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; St. Isidore of Seville

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15; St. Vincent Ferer

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18; St. Crescentia Hoess

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35; St. John Baptist de La Salle

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48; St. Julie Billiart

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14; St. Casilda

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15; St. Magdalen of Canossa

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

EASTER



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**ADORATION NEEDS A REPLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY**

We are looking for a replacement for the 10:00 a.m. hour for Adoration, **effective immediately**. This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith.

**CATHOLIC RADIO STATIONS AVAILABLE**

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| Iowa Catholic Radio   | Spiritcatholicradio.com |
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**RACIAL JUSTICE**

We are called by the Church to actively engage in the dismantling of injustice around us, including racial injustice. The Diocese is offering a new study session on Catholic racial justice here: <https://www.dmdioocese.org/resources/social-justice/racism/online-study-session-on-racism>. Use this for your own Lenten journey and feel free to share with others. It includes prayers, videos, reflection questions and more.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Saturday-April 10-No Mass

### Sunday-April 11

Lector: Mike Portz

Altar Servers: Quinn & Jameson McDonald

Min. of Communion: John Pruss

Homebound: John Pruss

Greeter/Usher: Mike Portz / Tim Schmid /Kerry & Elaine Carlson

Musician/Singers: Linnea Wemhoff / Pete Wemhoff

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**A ceremony honoring the Holy Eucharist is available on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 6, WOW TV, Omaha.**

### EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING MASS

**We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 and 1:00 Masses on Easter Sunday. There are designated areas for age groups. All kids are welcome!!**

### AA MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

AA meetings are held in the Church Hall on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning

Josh Watson

Homebound Parishioners

Patricia Menendez

Len & Fran Ross

Teresa Navarro Bueno

Arlene Lao

Teresa Williams

Ken Steffen



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

### RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit [www.211iowa.org](http://www.211iowa.org)

### HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through [Iowa PBS](http://Iowa PBS). Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

### IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

**RCIA:** Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Saturday-April 3-Easter Vigil**

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 8:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Charles & Vera Kusleika+

### **Sunday-April 4-Easter**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ernest Mutschler+
- 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Monday, April 5-Office Closed**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 6**

- 8:30 a.m. NO Mass in Imogene
- Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

### **Wednesday, April 7**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish
- Pastoral Council Meeting

### **Thursday-April 8**

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

### **Friday-April 9**

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak
- 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Saturday-April 10**

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

### **Sunday-April 11**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Gena Portz+
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting



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