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4 APRIL 2021  
EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park  
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**Sacraments:**

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Reconciliation**

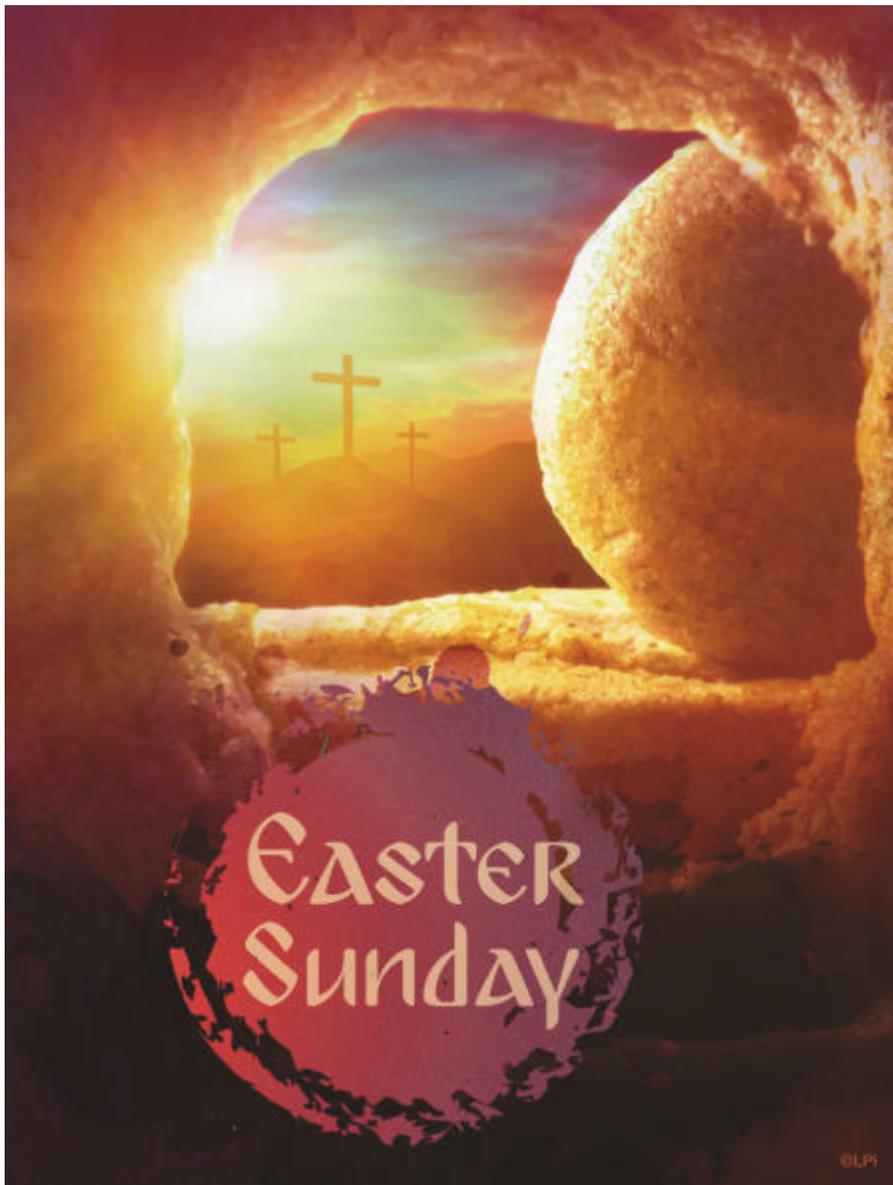
Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

**Marriage—Must be active and registered  
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call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at  
248.374.9045



**LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD**



**Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021**  
**Vigil of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 Rev. Richard P. Ciesniewski (2004)  
 Rev. Lawrence Deslongchamps (1981)

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**9 am – Oak Park**  
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson  
 Al Fliger by Carol Fliger  
**11 am – Ferndale**  
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis  
 Thanksgiving for healing of grandson Rhett  
 by Ed and Judy Dupke  
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler  
 by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

**Monday, April 5, 2021**  
 Rev. Robert A. Bretz (1993)

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**  
 Rev. Robert B. McGrath (2014)

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**  
 Msgr. Stanley S. Skrzycki (1973)

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**  
 Rev. John F. Tierney (1965)

**Friday, April 9, 2021**  
 Rev. Leonard J. Partensky (2011)

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**  
**Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
 Rev. Hector Saulino (1994)

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**9 am – Oak Park**  
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson  
 Rev. Ralph V. Barton (1993)  
**11 am – Ferndale**  
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis  
 Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family  
 In memory of Frank and Jeanette Seidl  
 by the Frank Seidl Children  
 Living and deceased members  
 of the Kemling and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS**

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.



***Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners***

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

***Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military***

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

**OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:**

	Mar. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$13,676	\$150,621
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$779	<b>(\$41,013)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$6,324)</b>	<b>(\$39,379)</b>

Week of 03-21-2021 Offertory total: \$4,250.00

On-line giving totaled \$2,685.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$10,990.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of March deposits totaled \$13,675.75.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: 33,695.00  
 AS OF 03-23-2021: 151 PLEDGES RECEIVED  
 146 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$96,850.00  
 TOTAL PAID: \$97,115.02

Refund Due Parish: \$6,665.00  
 Refunds Issued: \$56,755.02

**FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**  
**BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR**  
**EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

The third part of the Paschal Triduum begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil to the Easter Sunday Masses. "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, 'so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Rm 6:4)'. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #654)

Within the Easter Vigil is the blessing of the new fire, light overcoming darkness. The scribing and lighting of the Paschal candle, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and mind." The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) tells us, "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so glorious a redeemer!" We listen to the Word of God, the story of our salvation from creation to the resurrection. "The gospel of Easter is very clear: We need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his resurrection. This is not to go back in time. It is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth." (Pope Francis - Easter Vigil homily 2014)

The new water is blessed, and we renew our baptismal promises. "I solemnly assure you, no one can enter into God's kingdom without being begotten of water and the Spirit." (Jn 3:5) "Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too live a new life." (Rm 6:4)

As a Catholic community and Church, we celebrate the Eucharist and receive in communion the true presence of Jesus in the body and blood of Christ. "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and my soul will be healed." After the Easter blessing we then go forth into the world proclaiming He is risen and singing joyful alleluias!

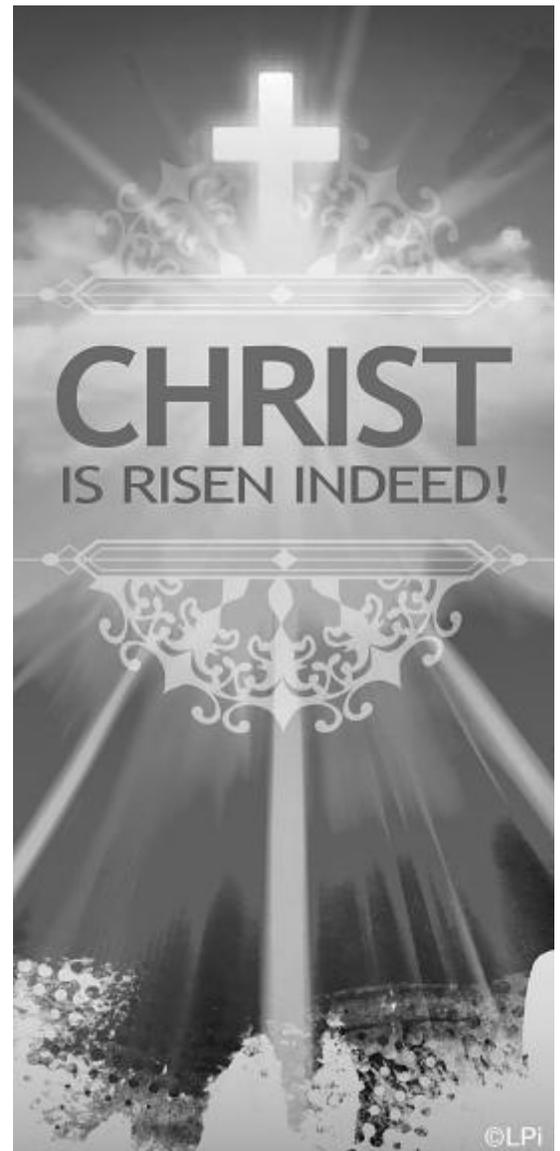
At the Easter Sunday Mass we continue the joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and go forth into the world and proclaim: He is risen!

As St. John Paul II reminds us, "Do not abandon yourself in despair, we are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!"

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being, the cry for unending life which is part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: That is the real message of Easter. Anyone who ever begins to grasp with this means also knows what it means to be redeemed!" (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

The Paschal Triduum ends Easter Sunday evening with Vespers (Evening Prayer).

Happy Easter - Alleluia



**EASTER MEAL BLESSING**

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day. May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate together. May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship.*

*May we remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us. And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love. Amen.*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!**

*Alleluia! He is risen! Father, you make all things new, beginning with your work in creation, making us in your image and likeness, giving us all good gifts. And now, you give more. Jesus is risen. You have raised him! We receive this life! Help us to respond. Help us to offer our lives as pure gift in imitation of the one who first loved us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**APRIL 4, 2021—HE IS NOT HERE! HE IS RISEN!**

Today's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. We can picture them, walking, carrying their spices, wondering about how they would move the stone. Perhaps these grieving women were thinking about Jesus' life and telling stories about him. They were probably raw with the emotions of the past few days.

In an instant, everything has changed. The stone is rolled back. The man in white tells them Jesus is not there, that he is risen. They are the first witnesses, the first ones to see the completely new thing God was doing. What must it have been like to see this? The Gospel of Mark says that they were amazed. They did not understand that this was good news. News that would change all of history.

Imagine that you are with the women. What do you see, smell, and hear? Write a first-person account, recording your reaction as the meaning of what you have seen comes over you, as your mind comes to the realization that Jesus is risen. Does it seem like a light has been turned on? Reread the Gospel account aloud, and invite those you are with to illustrate the story. Discuss how it feels to have this good news proclaimed. How will your life reflect the joy of this good news to all you encounter?

**THIS WEEK AT HOME****MONDAY, APRIL 5—GOD RAISED THIS JESUS**

"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses." Peter's speech summarizes the whole of the paschal mystery: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. During the Octave of Easter, the first eight days of our season of celebration, the Church celebrates as fully as she does on Easter Sunday. Each day is a solemnity. How can you continue your celebration? Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6—SECRET EGGS**

A fun activity to carry the celebration forward makes use of watercolor paints, a white crayon, and paper to make Easter eggs with hidden messages or pictures. Cut out an egg shape from paper. Use a white crayon to draw designs and write messages such as "Alleluia!" "Jesus is Lord!" or "He is risen!" You might draw a cross, lilies, or other traditional Christian symbols. Paint over the designs with watercolors to reveal the words and pictures. Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7—ON THE ROAD**

The road to Emmaus is an image frequently depicted in Christian art and literature as an image of discipleship. People have long reflected on the Eucharistic image, recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and of their hearts burning as they opened the Scriptures. Engage the text for yourself. Copy the Scripture, in its entirety or just a phrase that stands out, such as "their eyes were opened" or "were not our hearts burning within us?" You might also choose to illustrate your image or to decorate the Scripture you copied with a beautiful border. Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8—WITNESSES**

In these resurrection appearances, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what has happened with both words and actions. When he eats and invites human touch, he is showing them that he is not a ghost. He is sharing his resurrected body. When he opens the Scriptures, he is explaining how God has been working in the world throughout salvation history, culminating in this moment. Jesus is forming them as witnesses. Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9—ALL OF THE WORLD**

Peter proclaims, "There is no salvation through anyone else." In the vastness of the catch at the sea of Tiberias, we also see illustrated the universal nature of the Gospel imperative. They really are to go out to all of the world and spread the good news. We are too. What can you do today to share in this mission of bringing all to Christ? Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10—WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD**

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We know that God is calling all people into relationship, creating a new heavens and new earth, bringing about a kingdom of peace and justice. Set a timer for five to ten minutes, and silently reflect on what this kingdom will be like. Ponder what God may have planned for you in this kingdom. Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.



## SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND 2021 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK  
WHEN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP.**

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (APRIL 4, 2021)

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter recaps Jesus' mission: to release us from the devil's grip through His good works and sacrifice on the Cross and to send us forth as His missionary disciples to preach the Good News of salvation. In St. John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene arrives first at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. She then prompts Peter and John to go there. Scripture tells us that upon their arrival, they discover the burial wrappings. St. John saw and believed. This is the beloved disciple who sat at Jesus' side at the Last Supper, who bravely stood at the foot of the Cross, who, at Jesus' request, took our Blessed Mother Mary as his mother, and, through his faith, was one of the first disciples to believe in the Risen Christ. St. Paul, in his letters, illustrates how Christ has been raised up, raising us along with Him. Like St. John, may the gift of Easter grace strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with our Lord so we, too, may boldly profess, Jesus is risen. Alleluia! Christ invites us to make Him personal in our lives and commissioned to spread His Good News to everyone we meet. A good place to start is at Alpha or a similar evangelization course at your parish or a neighboring parish.

## WEBER CENTER OFFERS

### HOOR OF PROSE, POETRY, AND POTPOURRI

In recognition of National Poetry Month in April, Weber Retreat and Conference Center offers a virtual program of Prose, Poetry, and Potpourri from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Settle in with your favorite beverage and listen to poetry read by the authors, a reading from a book soon to be published, and familiar and original musical compositions.

The cost is free, but registration is required for the live stream link. Register at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center at:

517-266-4000 or [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org).

### WORKSHOP EXPLORES WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Acclaimed author Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ, explores the history of women's roles in early Christianity in her workshop, Women in the Church: Past, Present, and Future. The virtual workshop, presented through Weber Retreat and Conference Center, is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021. The schedule includes a break for lunch.

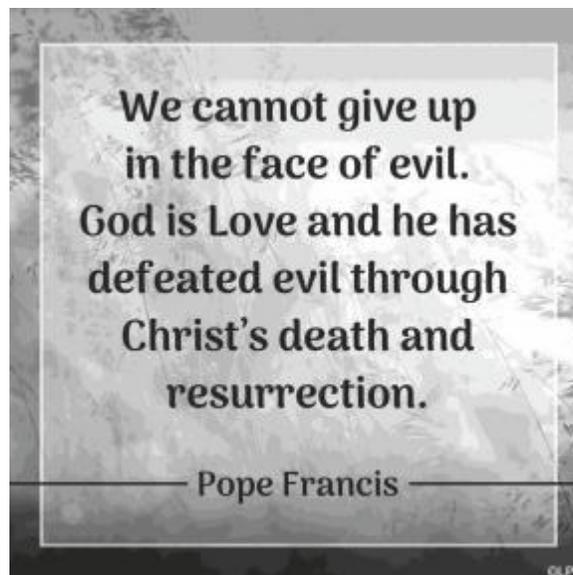
Sister Christine's award-winning 2017 book, *Crispina and Her Sisters*, looks into the authority that women exercised in the early Church and, through visual imagery found on burial artifacts, demonstrates how these early disciples were far more influential than is commonly understood.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$30. Registration is required to receive the live stream link and is available at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center:

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