

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH April 21, 2019 Hamburg, Iowa

Today we are filled with joy, for we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord. He died on the cross, but now he has been raised from death to new life. Today we are filled with hope, for the sacrifice he made on the cross has opened the way to eternal life. His sacrifice is our salvation. Today we are filled with praise, for Jesus Christ has won victory over the grave. He has redeemed humanity.

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Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; Luke 24:1-12

Theme: Our risen Life

Today we hear stories of the Resurrection from Acts and from the Gospel of Luke. Both are told not only so that we will believe that Jesus has been raised and is living but, even more, that he is the one sent by God who can forgive all our sins. If our sins are forgiven in Jesus, what can keep us from our Christian goal of life in full union with God?

The Easter readings bring us face to face with statements that seem contradictory or opposed to common sense. We are surrounded by alleluias and yet we often take the empty tomb for granted. This is the greatest solemnity of the Church's year, a time to wonder at the mysterious divine paradox!

A man was drifting in a canoe on a lake, reading a book. He looked away from the book momentarily, down to the lake. There a bunch of water beetles were at play. Suddenly one of the beetles began to crawl up the side of the canoe. When it got half way up, it attached the talons of its legs to the wooden side of the canoe and died. He watched for a minute then he turned back to his book. About three hours later, he looked down at the dead beetle again. What he saw amazed him. The beetle had dried up, and its back was starting to crack open. As he watched, something began to emerge from the opening: first a moist head, then wings. It was a beautiful dragonfly. He sat there in awe. Then the dragonfly began to move its wings. It hovered gracefully over the water where the other beetles were at play. But they did not recognize the dragonfly. They did not realize that it was the same beetle they had played with three hours earlier. The man took his finger and nudged the dried-out shell of the beetle. It was like an empty tomb. We can recognize the parallel between the water beetle and Jesus. Nailed to a cross he died; but he underwent an amazing transformation three day after his death when he rose again.

The body of Jesus that rose on Easter morning was totally different from the body of Jesus that was buried on Good Friday. It was not a resuscitated body, that is, a body restored to its original life – Lazarus, or the son of the widow of Nain, or the daughter of Jairus. Rather it was a body that had taken a quantum leap forward into an infinitely higher life. It was a glorified body. It was totally living and totally life giving. Paul compares the body before resurrection to a seed, and the body after resurrection to the plant that emerges from the see.

Besides the eternal life to come, there is another joyful message that Easter Sunday proclaims. And that is, we don't have to wait until we die to share in the risen life and the risen power of Jesus. We can do it right now.

Paul, in the second reading gives us our next step. We respond to our belief in Jesus by fastening our intention on things above rather than on things of earth. If we believe deeply in the Resurrection, we will understand that we have died with Jesus, that the world can no longer hold us. Therefore, we can focus our whole life on our risen Lord and his life within us.

Choose one area of your life in which you are intent on things of earth. Invent a way to turn that into its opposite: focus on Christ. Make it your heart's offering to God.

This and that—

<mark>—-</mark> Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)

Our ADA has started in earnest with some contributing their allotted portion. If all of us should put ourselves in contributing mode, we will definitely reach our target.

I humbly appeal to all, to prayerfully consider being part of this family contributions. Thanks.

Please return your contribution to Dan Goodman, as we have a good start,we need to stay current withthis project. Thank You!!



Easter Morning

As the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over death that You conquered, help us, Lord, tomorrow as well, when the dresses are put away and the candy is all eaten and on with life we go let us not forget.

The celebration of Your Resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring beyond the lily beyond new lambs grazing in open fields.

Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.

This alone, the most touching and profound of Your signs that fear is dead and belief in You brings, not just hope but life.

What better living parable could You have brought? All fear death. All. Even in the garden, You took on our fear if for only moments, it was as real as our fears can be real and You knew then that this single enemy must be destroyed.

And, You sacrificed Your life, leaving those who had been comfort, and follower; You left them behind, to conquer fear.

I shall cling to this now, and the tomorrows given me.

Peace and Thanksgiving lifted unto You.

Amen.



Holy week inter-faith Program Concluding Prayer

Gracious and Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of Today. As we reflect on your passion and resurrection, we lift before you the community of Hamburg. We pray for those who have been devastated by the recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their properties. We hold in our hearts all families displace by the flood. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community.

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or fire or flood. By your Holy Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild our communities, and fill us with the hope of your resurrection.

Today, we entrust our churches into your Divine Care. May our fellowship and witness lead us to you our true God.

Open the gates of Heaven and let your anointing fall on us, our children and love ones. In times of despair give us hope. Give us unfailing health, Divine protection and abiding grace.

May we be guided by your steps in every moment of our lives. May the air we breathe restore our health.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen!



Some of our Easter flower donations were given in the names of:

> Tim and Lois Whelan George and Bernice Petree Ky Wakefield Dean Harris

Please remember them in your prayers

Sunrise Surprise!

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

Fr. Raphael + St. Mary's Catholic Church members, Thank you for providing the delicious meal to the displaced Percival residents during the 2019 flood event. All in attendance enjoyed the food and fellowship. They also appreciated your acts of kindness, prayers, and support during this difficult time, especially since you have been affected by the flood as well. Thanks for not only feeding our bodies, but our hearts, minds, and souls, too! ? PERCIVAL HOMETOWN PRIDE Angle Sheldon Chair



Youth Ministry Prayer & Action

It's time to get your parish's group signed up for <u>Prayer & Action</u>. This is a weeklong mission experience for teens right here in our own diocese. Parish groups as small as three and as large as 30 (1 chaperone per every 6 teens) are invited to register for a wonderful week of service in the Atlantic or Shenandoah/Hamburg communities in June or July. Registration is \$80 per person, and more information can be found on <u>our website</u>.



Readings for the Week of April 21, 2019

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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



NCYC Forms are due MAY 5TH! If you don't receive one by April 26th, PLEASE contact Monica ASAP.



Please remember our First communicants in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Bentley Grasso Cora Hirner Evan Laumann Cora Moody

Kyla Spurlock

What Price a Sermon?

One Easter Sunday the Reverend Jones announced to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...... A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.



Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Please be informed that there are some scammers requesting financial aid from church members, especially those whose names and cell numbers appear on the Bulletin. These scammers either sent email or text message supposing to be coming from the Pastor or Finance Member or Trustee. They pay attention to any financial request and capitalize on that. Please **NEVER** send money to any person without verifying from the church office. Be safe!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We have papers for SHORT TERM GRANT APPLICATIONS through Catholic charities. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please contact Cheryl or If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Deb Powers directly via email <u>dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org</u> or call her at 515-237-5064 or her cell phone 563-275-9643 (after hours). <u>dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org</u>

"Gem of the Prairie" books, which explain the Religious Symbolism of St Patrick Church in Imogene, are available for gift giving at Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation celebrations. It is a hard bound and full color description of the many symbolic items found in this historic church. Books cost \$12.00 each and are available by contacting Wanda or Marty Maher at 712-370-4503 or 712-386-2124.

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES JOSH SIMMONS JACOB ANDERSON JUSTIN PHILLIPS DERRICK HUBARD STEVEN ANDERSON COLBY MCGINLEY

Your Contributions <u>April 14, 2019</u>

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Thank You



Happy Anniversary!
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5-16Becky Lockhart
5-15Larry Moores
5-12Bill Ettleman
5-5Kylee Foster
5-5Layne Ettleman
5-1 Beth Mayberry
4-24—Kyla Spurlock
4-21—Shane Smith
4-21—Dave Roberts

4-26—Larry & Cheryl Phillips
4-26—Brian & Amber Spurlock
4-28—Jim & Ruth Folkes



Greg Andersen Grady Secht Reese Kemp James Dowling LeRoy Herscheid Noah Howe Mary Lou Miller Dottie Dankof Isacc Durr Robert & Nancy Dalton Todd Quick Harold & Verona Mitchell Joel Loggins Kenneth Russell Bill Long Henry Johnsen Lawrence DuBois Angie Witter-Childers Pat Sheldon Joe Kirk Tim Konecny Esther McCowan Jeff Guiane Shawn Collins Drake Travis Martha Gude Gloria Green Diane Cunningham Sister Helen Bissen Alan Briggs All who are feeling the effects of the flood

2019	Apr. 21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30		Apr. 28 Divine Mercy Sunday 8:30	May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 1st Communion	May 12 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30		May 19 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30	
Greeters and Ushers	Vince & Hil	k Susan ton	Robert & Mary Burkhiser	Denny & Joella Travis	Rick & Teresa Jamison		Terry & Kim Travis	
Eucharist Ministers	Anne Hendrickson Bill Green		Joe & Robbi Travis	Annie Wakefield Dan Goodman	Vince Hilton Anne Hendrickson		Denny & Joella Travis	
Servers	Alex Dewhirst Joseph Roberts		Tate Mount Max Mount	Brady Hutt Isac Hutt	Mia Foster Kylee Foster		Amelia Moody Joseph Roberts	
Lector	Dave Dowling		Michael Gallagher			olyn her	Kathleen Lorimor	
Mass Setup	Joe		Rosie	Joe	Rosie		Joe	
Cantor	Children Choir/ Cara		Beth	Cara/Beth	Kim		Children's Choir/Cara	
Accompanist	Emily/Kate		Nancy	Kate/Emily	Donna		Emily/Kate	
Coffee and Donuts	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
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