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**St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI
 St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI**

April 21, 2019

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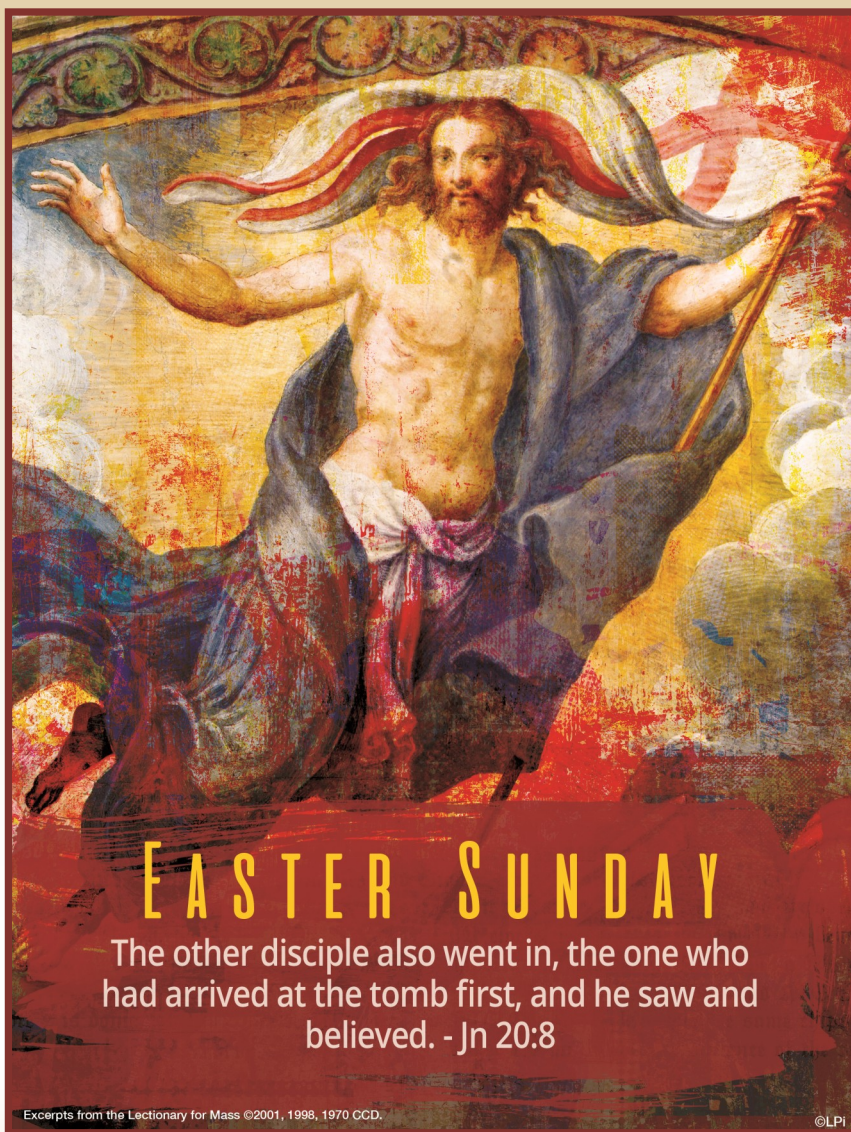
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ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Name Society Parish Council of Catholic Women
 Knights of Columbus St. Ann's Altar Society

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

Pete Helmueller's Birthday: 4/1
 Sue Caturia's Birthday: 4/1
 Ruth Luebker's Birthday: 4/2
 Marie Berger's Birthday: 4/3
 John Inabnit's Birthday: 4/12
 Mary Therese Helmueller's Birthday: 4/12
 Susan Sanders's Birthday: 4/13
 Donald Brunner's Birthday: 4/18
 Denise Pelzel's Birthday: 4/19
 *Sue Milliren's Birthday: 4/24
 *Pete Unser's Birthday: 4/25
 *Bob & Tonja Binkowski's Anniversary: 4/26
 *Brad Bauer's Birthday: 4/26
 Darrell & Sarah Hinrichs' 24th Anniversary: 4/29
 Dan & Mary Wieser's 30th Anniversary: 4/29



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HE IS COMING BACK!

Some of the things I love most about the Easter season are the hymns that accompany its celebrations. Each of them in its peculiarity drums home the message of the Resurrection of Christ. I normally find myself bursting into songs when under the shower in the morning. Today I found myself singing "Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay..." Another song which entered my bathroom "singspiration" was, "My Lord, He died for a Kingdom. To redeem the hearts of men. Now my people don't you weep, He has risen from His sleep. He lives again, alleluia. Sing alleluia! The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Friends what all these songs achieve is that they affirm the Christian belief that death had no victory on Christ; that He died but rose again on the third day as Scripture says. Incidentally not many people believe what we believe. From the time of his death until today, many attempts have been made to discredit the veracity of the resurrection story. Even soldiers were bribed to testify that while they slept his disciples made away with his body. Many more attempts have been made to dissuade Christians from believing the Resurrection story. In recent times, George Rink tells the story of Paul Tillich, a renowned scholar, who spent long hours trying to convince a gathering of intellectuals that the Resurrection was a make believe story concocted by Jesus' disciples and that it never actually happened. Quoting from many scholars and diverse literature, Tillich tried to prove his point. His argument was that since Jesus never rose from the dead, Christianity was a sham, a wishful thinking, a mere emotional display. Having tickled his fancy and convinced himself that he had done a yeoman's job, he left room for questions. A deafening silence ensued. Then an elderly Preacher stood up in the back of the auditorium to break the deadlock. "Dr. Tillich," he said "I've got a question." As all eyes turned toward him, he reached into his lunch bag and pulled out an apple which he began to eat. Dr. Tillich (crunch, munch, crunch), "Now I ain't never read those books you read," (crunch, crunch), "and I can't quote Scripture in the original Greek," (crunch, munch, crunch) "And I don't know nothing about those scholars you talked about, Niebuhr and Heidegger," (crunch, crunch). Then the Preacher finished his apple and began to lick his fingers. "Here's my question. All I want to know is this: This apple I just ate... was it bitter or was it sweet?" Dr. Tillich answered in a scholarly way. "I can't possibly answer your question because I haven't tasted your apple." The Preacher dropped the apple core into his lunch bag and looking up at Dr. Tillich he said, "Well, sir, neither have you tasted my Jesus."

Jesus is real. He is the Son of God, incarnate of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, rose up on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. That he is alive and will come again is attested to by the folded grave clothes that were kept where his body lay. Scripture has it that Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side (John 20:1-9).

Scholars are of the view that the folded grave clothes are absolutely significant. They tie in with Jewish table manners and describe a communication relationship between a master and his servant. A servant had the duty of setting and furnishing the dinner table as perfectly as the master wanted. He would then wait, just out of sight, on the master until the meal is done so he clears the table. Until the master had finished eating, the servant would not dare touch that table, However, as soon as the master rises from the table, wipes his fingers, his mouth, and cleans his beard, and wads up the napkin and tosses it onto the table, the servant knows it is time to clear the table. The wadded up and tossed napkin meant, 'I'm done'. On the contrary should the master get up from the table, and fold his napkin, and lay it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because the folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

Friends, that the grave clothes were not wadded up and tossed but were neatly rolled and set aside was Jesus' traditional way of telling his friends that He is alive and that He is coming back. No wonder the other disciple who had arrived at the tomb first also went in and saw and believed - HE'S COMING BACK!!!! Jesus died for us. He died to raise us from our death to sin and to redeem our hearts. There is no point grieving because he lives again. Death has no victory over Him. This is why Alleluia is our song. However, since he is coming back as our judge, all of us who have been raised with Him must seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Ours is to prepare for his coming by thinking of what is above, and not of what is on earth. For we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. So that when Christ our life appears, we too will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3: 1-4). May the Son of God who rose from the dead bless us all.

Happy Easter

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

LOW SUNDAY COLLECTION

Low Sunday collection will be Saturday, April 27th at St. Joseph's Parish and Sunday, April 28th at St. John the Baptist.

PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The Plum City/Arkansaw Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with half of the proceeds going to the family of Kaelyn Nevland. The breakfast will be held in the St. John's School Building on Sunday, April 28th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We will serving Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Local Maple Syrup and Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice. Gluten free pancakes will also be available.



MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: April 22 - Monday in the Octave of Easter

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Ps 118:24/ Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: April 23 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

- Mass: 10:00 a.m., Plum City Care Center - † Cecelia Milliren
- Readings: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Ps 118:24/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: April 24 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph - Thanksgiving
- Readings: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Ps 118:24/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: April 25 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Lyle Gilles
- Adoration: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist
- Readings: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9Ps 118:24/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: April 26 - Friday in the Octave of Easter

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Carl, Agnes, & Raymond Berger
- Readings: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Ps 118:24/ Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: April 27 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - Bernard & Darlene Milliren
- Readings: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Ps 118:24/ Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: April 28 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Florence Jakes
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:19-31

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

Monday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.
Pat Pittman, Steve King,
& Terry Peizel

Announcements

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Monica Krings
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Nadine Kannel
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles

Gift Bearers

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Pete & Irene Helmueller
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles & Ann Bechel

Lector

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Dianne Lecheler
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Ann Bechel

Music

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzter
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Organ: Arleen Ebensperger
Cantor: Steve Carlson

Rosary Leader

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Sacristan

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Gwen Glaus
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Aletha Pullen

Servers

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Grace Hinrichs & Allyson Fleishauer
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
The Pullen Family

Usher

Sunday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.
Mel Pittman & Blair Bechel
Sunday, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Dan & Mackenzie Wieser

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday, April 14th, 2019

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| Adult Envelopes (38)..... | \$ | 905.00 |
| Easter Donation (1)..... | \$ | 50.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$ | 283.00 |
| Total Income..... | \$ | 1238.00 |

THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" program returns this Friday, April 26th from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist School Building in Plum City. The topic for week ten is 8th Day – The Passion. All men are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010. Thanks!



SACRAMENTS

Confessions (anytime by appointment)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansasaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

Hospitalized / Homebound

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Thursdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

Want to Stay More Connected With the Parish?

Receive Parish and Diocesan messages, daily readings, and Catholic news. Stay connected with our Parishes throughout the week with an easy-to-access **event calendar** and **weekly bulletins**. You can download the free myParish app by searching for "myParishApp" on iTunes or Google Play stores. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



UNPLANNED

Unplanned is currently playing in local theaters. It is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

April: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

Money Counting Madalyn Fleishauer & Elaine Brunner
 Monday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.
 Dennis Milliren, Madalyn Fleishauer, & Elaine Brunner

Lector Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.
 Terry Pelzel

Announcements Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.
 Sue Caturia

Extraordinary Minister Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.
 Howard Martin

Gift Bearers Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.
 Joyce Haigh & Betty Lauer

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH
 Saturday, April 13th, 2019

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| Adult Envelopes (29)..... | \$ | 1015.00 |
| Fuel Fund (1)..... | \$ | 175.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$ | 198.00 |
| Total Income..... | \$ | 1388.00 |



St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph welcomes interest in our Catholic faith. RCIA classes are designed for those interested in entering into the fullness of the Catholic faith through a spiritual journey of formation that brings their conversion and faith to maturity. If you are interested in receiving your Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation, please call for more information.

Robyn Trannel (DRE): 608-790-2177

2019 **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church** 2019

50th Parish Carnival
June 2nd, 2019
 American Legion Park
 Plum City, WI
 Need not be present to Win
 Prizes will be mailed
 Lic No. R0025839A-50191



Tickets \$50 each

Drawing 1:30p.m.
 1st Prize: \$1000
 2nd Prize: \$800
 3rd, 4th, 5th Prize: \$500
 6th & 7th Prize: \$250
 8th - 11th Prize: \$200
 12th & 13th Prize: \$150
 14th & 15th Prize: \$100

IN GOD WE TRUST


Proceeds will aid in the restoration of our Church

Tickets will be sold by the following committee members (tickets will not be sent by mail)

Ann Bechel: 715-279-1237 Jeff & Margaret Hartung: 715-495-8901
 Paul & Char Fetzer: 715-495-3315 Suzie Brunner: 715-495-2699
 Gary Lecheler: 715-279-4444 Todd & Gwen Glaus: 715-495-7378
 Pete & Jackie Unser: 715-495-6291 Peggy Gilles: 715-495-3199
 Larry & Linda Chilson: 715-647-4733 Pete & Irene Helmueller: 715-781-4466
 Joyce Berger: 715-647-3150 Nadine Kannel: 715-495-9161
 Sarah Hinrichs: 715-495-3123

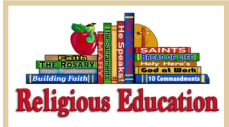
SPECIAL EVENTS

Pierce County Ecumenical Choir
 Please join us in welcoming the Pierce County Ecumenical Choir to St. John the Baptist in Plum City. They will perform an ensemble entitled "Light" on Sunday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.. Refreshments will follow in the St. John the Baptist School basement.



ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Easter Sunday brings joy, hope, and encouragement to all Christians throughout the world. The Risen Jesus appears to the Apostles in the locked room to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Imagine that you discovered Jesus' empty tomb. How would you feel? What would you do?

IN CHURCH

At the end of Mass, say, "Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!" Celebrate the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of your Resurrection.

Easter Sunday Word Search

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CROSS LENT SAVIDR
 JESUS RISEN SUNDAY



What other words remind you of Easter?

Divine Mercy Sunday
 April 28, 2019



SCHEDULE

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| 7:15-7:45 a.m. | Confessions |
| 8:00 a.m. | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Preceded by the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary |
| 9:15-10:00 a.m. | Confessions |
| 10:15 a.m. | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Preceded by the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary |
| 11:30 a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| 12:00 p.m. | Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary |
| 1:00 p.m. | Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary |
| 2:30 p.m. | Speaker: TBD |
| 3:00 p.m. | The Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| 3:30 p.m. | Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |

Refreshments in the School Basement following the closing of the Divine Mercy Devotions.