

APRIL  
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2020



Easter  
Sunday

He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

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# St. Boniface Catholic Church



## CHRIST HAS RISEN

*Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.*

—Byzantine Pentekostarion

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 11**  
 7:30 PM—All Parishioners

**Sunday, April 12**  
 9:00 AM—Alan, Ken and Marcia Vandenberg †  
 by Vandenberg Family  
 All Parishioners

**Monday, April 13**  
 8:30 AM—All Healthcare workers

**Wednesday, April 15**  
 8:30 AM—Doug Genens † by Short Family

**Friday, April 17**  
 8:30 AM—Coronavirus patients

**Saturday, April 18**  
 5:30 PM—Melanie Valencia † by Leobardo and  
 Ana Valencia Martinez

**Sunday, April 19**  
 9:00 AM—Joseph Przybyla † by Przybyla Family  
 Pete Malito † by Bob and Sue Janecek



*Until the glorious day we can all meet again in our church we humbly ask for your help. If you are able to send in your contributions and offering envelopes—please mail them to:*

**St. Boniface Church  
 P.O. Box 217  
 Monee, IL 60449**

Our heartfelt thanks for your continued generous support to our parish during these difficult times. May God bless all of you and keep you safe!



**THE CROSS:** We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.  
 —Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*



**April 19**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Deacon Mark Otten  
 John Blazeovich  
 Debra Ledford  
 Christine Semanovich

**9:00 AM**  
 Deacon Joe Bishop  
 Barbara Mitchell  
 Paul Przybyla  
 Kathy Short

**At this time we do not know if masses will resume.**

**This schedule tentative.**



**April 19**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Rene Jurack

**9:00 AM**  
 Phyllis Huske

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**April 19**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Alison Porpora  
 Ashlin Porpora

**9:00 AM**  
 Adam Swanson  
 Kasey Swanson

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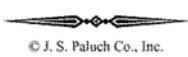
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**Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 12, 2020**

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.  
— Colossians 3:4

## From the Pastor



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Easter message seems to be the same each year. Jesus conquered death by His Resurrection. But this year we are given a challenge to celebrate Easter like probably none of us have ever done. Confined to our homes and deprived of the opportunity to worship together as one community we have to find our own (sometimes very new) ways to celebrate. It doesn't change the joy of Jesus' triumph over death but we don't have a manual instructing us how we should

express that joy without coming to church.

It is a time when we may be tempted to be actually sad. But let's not give in to this temptation because it's simply the devil who doesn't want us to have this joy or even believe in Resurrection. And if we do believe in it, he doesn't want us to think about it - because he knows that keeping in mind the full Christian message will help us resist temptation and build magnificent, beautiful lives of virtue. A small piece of American history illustrates this beautifully.

Some Moravian immigrants from Europe settled near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania centuries ago. They built a beautiful church and continued their Old World customs. One of these was to welcome the rising sun on Easter morning, from the top of the church steeple, with blaring trumpets and glorious hymns. At first these European settlers were at war with the local Native Americans. One Holy Saturday, a band of Native American warriors silently paddled down the Lehigh River to launch a surprise attack on the settlement. They beached their canoes and tip-toed up the bank, concealed by the early morning darkness. They were creeping closer to their prey, when suddenly a burst of music and song shattered the pre-dawn stillness. The Moravians were singing Easter hymns to the accompaniment of their trombones. Terror-stricken, the invaders froze in their tracks; they had never heard brass musical instruments before. Breathless with fear, they crouched behind trees and bushes. Finally their leader whispered, "It is the voice of the Great Spirit, and it is a warning." As silently as they had come, they slipped back to the water's edge, launched their canoes, and retreated.

All of Christ's miracles and wisdom and love would be not enough to save us. But if we put the marvelous news of Christ's resurrection on the top of all we have in our lives - joys and sorrows - we receive the power to roll back the threatening forces of darkness and sin. And only by keeping faith in the Resurrection will that power be able to transform our lives too. Let's keep it in mind as we slowly, hopefully in couple of weeks, get back to our normal.

From me, and the St. Boniface Parish staff, I would like to express best wishes of a peaceful and safe Easter. May the Lord of life protect you from all harm.

+ *Father Roger*



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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### SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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***Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

*2020 Word & Song Book, Hymn #489*



**All those battling the Coronavirus, the safety of all healthcare workers, Karen Males, Dolly Richmond, Sebastian Blocker, Laura Maggio, Charna Gurriell, Douglas Newbanks, Bishop Conlon, Sandra Phalen, Melanie Phalen, Loretta Cosman, Jay Johnson, Helen Barrett, and those that go unnamed.**

Names will remain on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. *To have someone added to this list please call the parish office.*



### THE EASTER OCTAVE

**Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: “the marriage of heaven and earth,” as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' “divine vacation” (Latin *vacare*, “to be empty”), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your “paschal candle”), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): “Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet.”

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**Ashlin Porpora**  
**High Honor Roll**  
**Marion Catholic**

*Do you have a child you would like to congratulate on their school academic achievements? Let us know!*

**Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners:**

**February:** \$150.00 Steven McGee, \$100.00 Don Domke, \$50.00 John Bush, \$50.00 Mary Pugliese, \$25.00 Megan Lynch, \$25.00 Barbara Reilly

**March:** \$150.00 Andrew Hagemaster, \$100.00 Larry Pilotto, \$50.00 Lou Hagamaster, \$50.00 Jim Seiter, \$25.00 Hank Turek, \$25.00 Bob Astroth

**Communications from St. Boniface Catholic Church**

**HOW TO REACH PARISH STAFF:**

To reach parish staff please call 708-534-9682 or email: [office@stboniface.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stboniface.comcastbiz.net).

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:**

Father Roger is available for emergencies. He can be reached at 708-989-0565.

**STAYING CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH:**

Weekly bulletins with the following:

- Fr. Roger's weekly letter
- Inspirational quotes and prayers
- Light messages/information and humor

Access our bulletins:

- Website: [stbonifacemonee.org](http://stbonifacemonee.org)
- Click the "Liturgy" tab
- and then "Bulletin"

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- Go to: [ebulletin.jspaluch.com](http://ebulletin.jspaluch.com)
- Type in your 60449 in the white zip code box on the right side
- Click "Find Church Bulletins"

**THE MYSTERY OF EMPTINESS**

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.



**Stewardship Thought:**

Christ is risen! Our heavenly Father gives us the greatest gift of all: an opportunity for salvation through Jesus, His Son.