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Why are you
troubled? And why
do questions arise
in your hearts?

LUKE 24:38

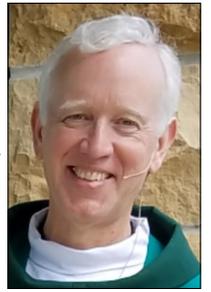
3rd Sunday of Easter

04.18.21

Welcome New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!

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Attention Getting



Do your ears perk up or your eyes take a second glance when you hear or read about what is happening in Haiti? Mine do, because of our sister parish there, St. Lucie on the Island of La Gonave. Twice last week news from Haiti got my attention: First, a story on the COVID situation; and second, the kidnapping of ten Catholic Church leaders, including priests and nuns. The latter incident shocked me; Fr. Harold informed me that last Thursday all Catholic schools, universities and hospitals were going to be closed and a Mass offered at Noon all over Haiti. Please pray that this situation will be resolved peacefully and those kidnapped returned safely to their families and homes. The story on the spread of COVID was a positive surprise: deaths in the hundreds (251) and cases in the thousands (12,855). Fr. Harold's perspective – *"In Haiti, so far, no COVID-19. Several Haitian groups do not want COVID-19 vaccinations."* He is much more concerned about all the kidnappings taking place, people starving, and lack of medicines and jobs. This might be a good time to summarize how we have been able to help our sister parish and what there needs and hopes are.

city well (old water source)



new well



We have been giving a 1% "tithe" of our regular church income at the end of each month, plus any special gifts that parishioners or parish groups make. At the end of February, we sent \$1,744 (\$349 "tithe" + \$100 from SJW Men's Club + \$1,295 in additional gifts). Fr. Harold paid the ten teachers/principal \$1,035 and the five cooks/cleaners/janitor \$259, and spent \$450 on food for the students. I had thought that the monthly goal was \$747 for salaries and \$500 for food, but costs must have risen. He was a little disappointed when I sent the gift for March of \$858 (\$377 "tithe" + \$100 SJW Men's Club + \$381), but I have tried to explain that there is no guarantee on an amount he will receive, and that when there's a surplus, bank it for a month when gifts are lower. Our average gifts have been approximately \$1,000 each month, but do fluctuate.

Last week Fr. Harold sent a note that described what we have been able to help our sister parish accomplish and what is still on their wish list. Here's what he wrote:

"We do not have church building to celebrate the Eucharist. My parishioners and I are suffering a lot. We have shame to celebrate in this place that we call church building ... I know our Lord Jesus have so many friends who can help: please, Father Tim, look with me for these friends of Jesus to build this church. My villagers would like to build Sainte Lucie's church building, but all of them are poor. I have hesitated a lot before I ask you once again to seek benefactors for the construction. Nothing is so beautiful for God. I remember during your last stay in Ti Palmiste you asked me for three priorities of Sainte Lucie Parish: well, school building, and church building was my answer to your question. Father, I just want to improve the place we celebrate Mass. Not too much money as that was for the school building." (The estimated cost is \$28,000-29,000.) The accompanying photos give you an overview of what has taken place in the last five years or so. Thank you for your interest and support; please let me know if you have any questions or ideas of how we might help our sister parish meet their needs and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely in Christ, *Father Tim Reber*



new school



current church building

Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

April 11, 2021
\$933.50

Fiscal Year to Date
\$82,829.11 Actual
\$81,312.65 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

April 11 & 12, 2020
\$4,212.00

Fiscal Year to Date
\$313,994.49 Actual
\$268,876.04 Budget

*Congratulations to Scott Haefner,
the "301" winner of \$250 for April 10!*

This Week at a Glance

- Mon. 4/19:** 1:30m Girls on the Run - SJW Gym
6:30pm Music practice - SJW
- Tues. 4/20:** 10:45am ECFE Screening - SJW Gym
- Wed. 4/21:** 5:00pm Confirmation Pictures @ SJW Church
6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal @ SSPP
6:00pm 9th grade in - person/ zoom class
- Fri. 4/23:** 6:00pm Confirmation @ SSPP
- Sat. 4/24:** 4:00pm Confession - SJW
- Sun. 4/25:** 8:00am Confessions - HF

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ARE STILL NEEDED
See the schedule below for the unfilled spots. Please
Contact Kathy at kmoldan@sjwhf.org or call the
office 507-388-3766 by Thursday if able to fill what is
needed for the following week. Thanks!

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Peter Schwamberger
Servers: Michael & Gianna Schwamberger
ECM: Cookie Oberle
Backup ECM: Ton Hallett
Ushers: Gwen Stavenau, AL Honermann
Musicians: Cindy Lawrence, Jeanne Hassing

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Sue Hanson
Servers: Emma & Katie Hanson
Backup ECM: Mary Jaspers
Ushers: Ken Roos
Musicians: Erika Seppmann, Jackie Slama

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Rick Hansen
Servers: * 2 Needed
ECM: * 1 Needed
Backup ECM: * 1 Needed
Ushers: Randy Haley, * 1 Needed
Musicians: Ann Van Deusen, Kylie Ahlschwede
Doorkeeper: Jake Landas

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Apr. 20:

SJW 12:05pm - †Kenneth O' Brien

Wednesday, Apr. 21:

Loyola 10:05am - †Deceased members of the Ray Reker Family

Thursday, Apr. 22:

HF 8:30am - †Peg Warmka

Friday, Apr. 23:

SJW 12:05pm - †Glenn Anderson

Saturday, Apr. 24: 4th Sunday of Easter

SJW 5:00pm - †Norma Deegan

Sunday, Apr. 25: 4th Sunday of Easter

HF 8:30am - †Rose & Orville Hanson

SJW 10:30am - For the Parishioners

Mon: Acts 6: 8-15 / Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn 6: 22-29

Tues: Acts 7: 51-8:1a / Ps 31: 3cd -4, 6 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab / Jn 6: 30-35

Wed: Acts 8: 1b - 8 / Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-7a / Jn 6: 35-40

Thurs: Acts 8: 26-40 / Ps 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44 - 51

Fri: Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Jn 6: 52-59

Sat: Acts 9: 31 - 42/ Ps 116: 12-17 / Jn 6: 60-69

Sun: Acts 4: 8-12 / Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/ 1Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10: 11-18

Parish & Area Events

HAVE YOU RETURNED TO MASS RECENTLY? - Were you a Liturgical Minister pre-covid? Please consider volunteering once again! We are very much in need of additional Liturgical Ministers, specifically for the 10:30AM SJW Mass. Email Kathy at kmoldan@sjwhf.org if you can help. New volunteers are also welcome!

SJW SPRING CLEANUP - Please join us on the SJW grounds at 9AM on Saturday, May 8th to help with our spring grounds cleanup. All are welcome!

301 TICKET SALES - sellers will be contacting you if you have purchased a SJW Men's Club 301 ticket in the past. If you would like to purchase a ticket and have not done so before, please contact the Parish Office and we will connect you with a seller; 388-3766 or office@sjwhf.org.

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 34,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church. To give online, visit www.catholicismn.org

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!





Confirmation

Friday, April 23, 2021

6pm @ Saints Peter and Paul Church

Candidates and Sponsors

be at church at 5pm

Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 21

at St. Joseph the Worker Church at 5pm.

You can have an individual picture and one with your sponsor if you want, and we will also be taking a group photo. Rehearsal follows at Saints Peter and Paul at 6pm.

Questions contact Kathy at
kmoldan@sjwhf.org or 507-388-3766

Faith Formation Calendar

APRIL

Wed 21 Home Study Faith Formation Classes
6pm 9th grade Confirmation In-person class
With a Zoom link option for Home Study
5pm 10th grade Confirmation Pictures at
SJW and Rehearsal at 6pm SSPP

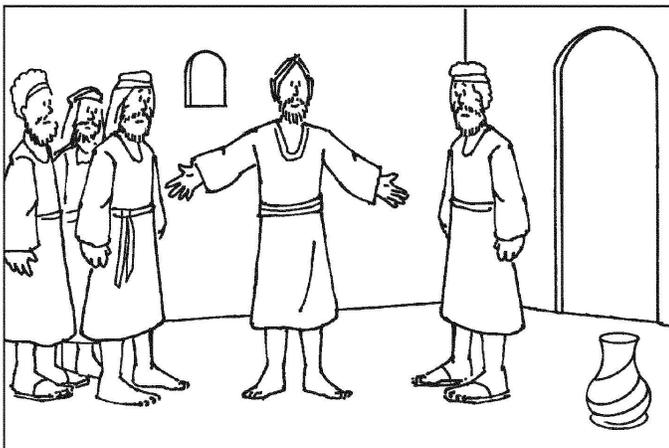
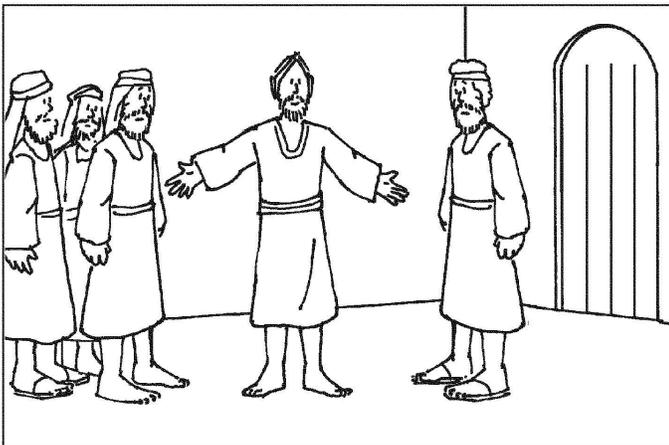
Fri 23 5pm Confirmation candidate arrive
6pm Confirmation at Ss Peter and Paul
Church

MAY

Sun 2 1st Communion HF 8:30am,
SJW 10:30am

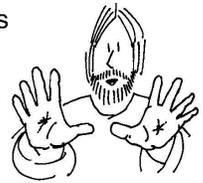
Jesus said, "Why are you troubled? ... Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself!"

Circle 5 differences in the bottom picture.



Jesus showed His disciples His hands and feet to prove that it was He.

What else did Jesus say and do to show He was not a ghost?



Use the code key to decode the message and fill in the blanks below.

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He said,

" W L B L F S Z E V

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S V I V G L V Z G ?"

G S V M S V Z G V

Z K R V X V L U

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Additional Announcements

RICE BOWL THANK YOU - Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Mass or to the Parish Office as soon as possible! You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

DIG IN AT THE LAKE CRYSTAL COMMUNITY GARDEN! Do you love the feel of cool soil in your hands? Do you love the smell of a fresh tomato? Or do you like the sound of a freshly snapped bean? The Lake Crystal Community Garden is seeking volunteers to help plant this year's crop! Like us on Facebook and contact farmer Tom to save your date at 507.382.5778 or cooper7383@gmail.com. All produce is donated to the food shelf and throughout the community! Weed Warriors and Groups to Sponsor a Weeding Day also needed!

THE PURPOSE OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MN is offering 3 new ZOOM studies beginning in April! Choose from: The Dignity of Work (led by Isaac Landsteiner – Mondays at 7:00PM, beginning April 20th), Fratelli Tutti (led by Lisa Kremer – Tuesdays at 7:00PM, beginning April 27th), or The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (led by Chad Cagle – Thursdays at 7:00PM, beginning on April 22nd). For more information or to register, contact Lisa at lkremer@ccsomn.org – 507-360-3423. More information can be found at our website: (ccsomn.org)



Loyola Catholic School

Phone: 388-0600, Website: loyolacatholicschool.org
Adam Bemmels PreK-12 Principal

Crusader Golf Classic: Monday, May 17, 2021, Mankato Golf Club. Register now at www.crusadergolfclassic.com!

Rockin' on the Hill: Saturday, July 17, 2021, Good Counsel Hill. Save the date for Mankato's premier summer bash! For additional information visit www.rockinonthehill.com and follow us on Facebook @rockinonthehill *We will be adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, watch our website for updates.

Alumni news: Thanks to the generous support of our families, parishes, alumni, and friends, Loyola awarded more than \$500,000 in tuition assistance scholarships this school year! To help us provide even more scholarships to more deserving families, please contact Brian Thomas or Matt Fink at (507) 388-0600 or at development@loyolacatholicschool.org.

Admissions/Enrollment: Preschool Spotlight: 5 Half Day Preschool Hours: 8am-11am, Monday - Friday. This half day program is designed for children who are ready to experience more in a school setting. Appropriately designed curriculum is tailored to fit and nurture the needs of 4-5 year old children. Children will be introduced to experiences in problem-solving, critical thinking, and reasoning. We provide opportunities to grow in all areas of development: physical, linguistic, social, emotional, and mental. Academics focus on handwriting, math, alphabet, and library time. Outside time, phy-ed are also part of the curriculum.

SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri: 8:30am-12:00pm
or by appointment

Contact Information

Office Phone.....388-3766
Parish Email.....office@sjwhf.org
SJW Prayer Chain.....Joan: 388-5986
HF Prayer Chain.....Margaret: 317-4785
Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com
Calvary Cemetery.....Terry Miller: 387-5784

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor
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Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper
Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

Prayers for Healing

Richard Johnson, John Allen, Jerry Schultz,
George Larson, Tom B.

Bulletin Brought to you by:



Email bulletin notices to
office@sjwhf.org by Tuesday at noon.



(SJW) Last week: lbs. **Items Needed this Week: Canned goods and condiments.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Resurrection

Loving Father,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and in that moment offered new life
to the whole world.
Creation was made anew in you.
Help us to see your work in the world

in the countless ways you transform every
dark thing
and bring it into the light of your love.
Transform our hearts,
enlighten our minds,
and help us to hope in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 18, 2021
Always Hope



Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. In Jesus, the Scripture texts about the suffering messiah are fulfilled. The people expected a different kind of messiah, a ruler who would overthrow the Romans, so many were not sure what to make of Jesus. After his death, many were no longer interested in him. Yet his disciples continued to proclaim his death and resurrection.

It is interesting that the disciples continued to emphasize Jesus' death. In today's world, people are uncomfortable with suffering and prefer that others overcome theirs quickly. An individual who has undergone a difficult experience might be told to "get over it" as quickly as possible. They might begin to understand that others do not want to share in their pain, leaving them to process the grief and

deal with their troubles in isolation. When suffering is something to get over and forget about, it has no possibility of being redeemed. No chance for hope is offered.

The Church has a tremendous gift to offer our culture. She offers the knowledge that suffering does not have the last word—that pain and death, and any darkness can be transformed. That suffering can be transformed does not diminish the pain. Imagine the terrible pain Jesus experienced on the cross. Nothing about that was okay. But we believe that pain can be transformed. That is the essence of resurrection. When we unite our sufferings to Jesus, when we invite him into them with us, we realize the possibility of resurrections in our lives.

Always there is hope.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 19

Stephen Speaks the Truth

One way to carry the Easter season forward is to look at the life of the early Christian community. In Acts, we hear how St. Stephen, the first martyr, was in conflict with the religious leaders because of his work in the name of Jesus. This story would be wonderful for children to turn into a play or for adults to journal as a first-person account, envisioning themselves as participants in the story. *Today's readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 20

Saul

By Saul's presence at the stoning of Stephen, Saul gave his consent to the first martyr's execution. Saul, however, allowed God to transform him. As an apostle, Paul used his gifts to build up the Body of Christ. Think of the ways he brought the light of Christ to others. He was initially one of the Church's persecutors. No matter what we have done, God is always ready with mercy and forgiveness. God is always ready to call us to do his work in the world. *Today's readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 21

The Bread of Life

Jesus is the Bread of Life, and in him is our hope. He shares his very self with us in the Eucharist, that we might have eternal life. When you attend Mass, receive this gift, listening for what God is calling you to do as you are given food for your journey. The Eucharist is called the source and summit of our faith. How can you make it more central in your life? *Today's readings: Acts: 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 22

Bread from Heaven

Jesus shows the people that God has been preparing them for him. As he explains that life comes through eating the bread that is his Body, his very self, he recalls the manna that brought life to the people of Israel in the desert. When Catholics read Scripture, we look at the law and the prophets and the whole of salvation history in light of what has happened in Jesus. Read Exodus 16. Think about how it enriches your understanding of Jesus' words. Then bake a loaf of bread. Think about what it might mean for Jesus to be such a fundamental food. *Today's readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9; 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 23

Saul, Why Do You Persecute Me?

St. Paul's conversion story is frequently depicted in art. Read Acts 9:1–20 aloud. Spend an hour with your family, each drawing or painting what you hear and sharing your art reflection with one another. You could also choose to act out the scene. Search online for other depictions of this moment in history, and see how your reflection is similar to those of other artists. *Today's readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 24

Trusting the One Who Gives Life

In today's Gospel, many turn away from Jesus because his teachings are difficult. Peter says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." I personally have often found comfort in Peter's words. It is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes his teachings are difficult. How can Peter's words become your words? How can they become your prayer? *Today's readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



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