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# Holy Angels Church

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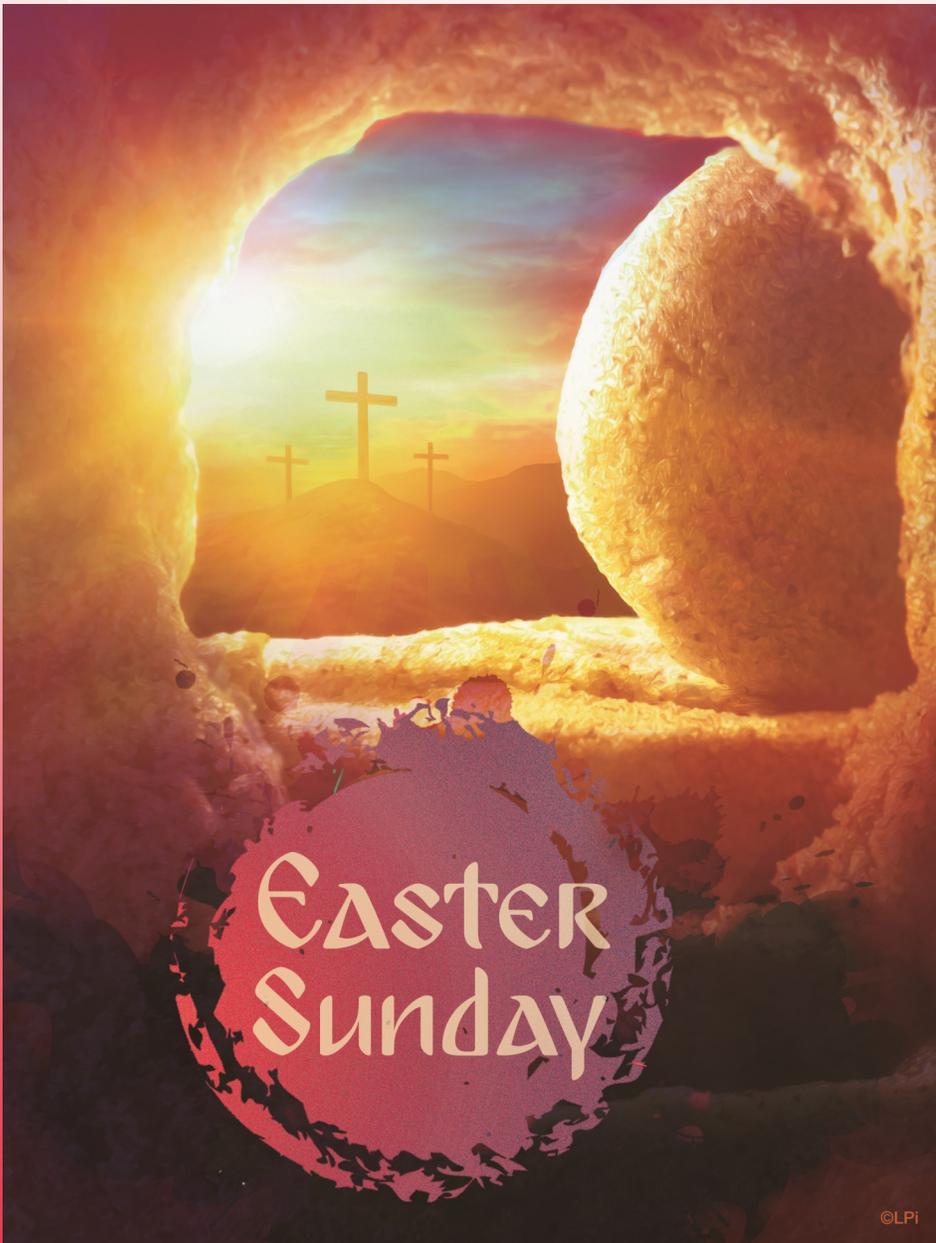
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**CHRISTUS RESURREXIT! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**  
**Christ has risen!**  
**VERE RESURREXIT! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**  
**Indeed, He is truly risen!**  
**SICUT DIXIT! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! As He said!**

Dear Friends of Holy Angels,

Holy Saturday is the Vigil of All Vigils, Easter is the Feast of Feasts, and we celebrate as the ancient greeting tells us this “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”: “[Jesus] Christ [of Nazareth] has risen!” In this greeting, “Indeed, He is truly risen!” we recognize that Our Lord Jesus, by His Resurrection, has **proven** that He is, indeed, the Messiah, THE CHRIST who has come into the world and triumphed over it, over flesh, over the Devil; He is the Paschal Lamb Who was slain, Who has risen triumphant over all sin and all death. That is so important for us to meditate and reflect on this particular Paschal Season. And that term says so much for us: Pasch = Passover, for He has passed over from death to everlasting life. “As He said”: The Word Who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us, is true to His word: His promises are fulfilled in God’s good time.

We recall two weeks ago in the Gospel that passage that makes no sense to nonbelievers, that a true friend would even consider staying away when one is ill and on point of death: “Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that he was ill, He remained for two days in the place where He was.” Jesus stayed away! But it was to raise Lazarus to newness of life. And so we believe Easter through its blessings, brings each of us who believe and hope, even in our weak conditions, a newness of life **now**, no matter our circumstances, and the promise of eternal life to come with Our Redeemer and Savior.

I have invited several persons to reflect, in columns and articles, on what Easter means to them. Over these weeks, the bulletins will share their meditations. Our staff, as well, kindly shares their thoughts on this great mystery.

This greatest of feasts has the longest sacred season of all, to impress upon us **the need for Easter hope always to be nurtured in us**. How do we stay constant to doing this? By prayer. I invite you to deepen your faith in God’s Word in Scripture on the Sundays of Easter as we contemplate anew these mysteries by the Easter Prayer of the **Via Lucis**. It focuses on 14 important Scripture passages highlighting

the 50 days of this holiest of seasons of the Resurrected Christ. What a wonderful way to keep holy the Lord’s Day for these 8 Sundays! These Stations of the Resurrection (or Way of Light), the **Via Lucis** are the Easter equivalent of the Stations of the Cross, the **Via Crucis**:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/liturgy/easter-season/via-lucis-way-of-the-light>

Let us in peace proceed in greater prayer throughout these 50 days in thanksgiving for the Sacred Mysteries of this spotless Lamb of God: He Who is victorious, He Who reigns forever and ever, He Whose rule is without end!

**Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!**

Joy to you in Our Risen Lord in wishing you the most abundant Easter blessings!

*Fr. Richard McDonald*



### **A profound mystery with an Alleluia chorus**

Who doesn’t love a good mystery? A book, a movie, a play, a real life story. We want to understand who done it, who’ll solve it, what really happened.

On Easter Sunday, we Catholic Christians can rightfully and proudly proclaim with Alleluia joy: “Have we got a mystery for you!” It’s a mystery that is central to our faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms it as “the crowning truth of our faith.” Having just commemorated the heart-rending agony of Good Friday, we transition to celebrate the joy-filled Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

“On the third day, He rose again,” we pray in our Profession of Faith. Like the first apostles and the women who discovered Jesus’ empty tomb, we may not totally understand this profound mystery. But in faith, we believe. And in so doing, we profess our whole-hearted belief in Jesus – the man, God, our Savior, His life and teachings.

The Paschal Mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection is not ours to solve. It is God’s gift of love to us. Again from the *Catechism*, “... by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us a way to a new life. ... ‘so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life’ (Romans 6:4).”

As Easter people, we receive the invitation to “put on Christ,” to renew our spirit, and to be born to new life. In the face of hardship, in the midst of the pandemic, and in the routine of daily living, the Paschal Mystery offers a resounding message of hope. It affirms that God’s grace is ours to accept, a gift freely given.

As Easter people, we raise our Alleluia chorus and pray:

- \* Be with us, Risen Christ, in this time of uncertainty.
- \* Protect our loved ones, Risen Christ, from harm and disease.
- \* Strengthen us, Risen Christ, by the power of God’s grace.
- \* Renew our spirit, Risen Christ, as we place our trust in You.
- \* Thank you, Risen Christ, for the gift of your everlasting love.

**Therese Horvat, Holy Angels parishioner**

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**



**Monday, April 13**

† Twila Heinen

**Tuesday, April 14**

† Mr. & Mrs. John Doege, Sr. & John, Jr.

**Wednesday, April 15**

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**Thursday, April 16**

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**Friday, April 17**

† Quinn Pflugradt

**Saturday, April 18**

**Sunday, April 19      Divine Mercy Sunday**

10:00 am    All Parishioners of Holy Angels

## GIFTS FOR GOD

<b>Weekly Collection Income Needed</b> .....	\$12,200.00
March 27-April 2 .....	\$22,210.00
Excess (Shortfall) .....	\$10,010.00

### Other collections

Building Fund.....	\$275.00
Adoration Chapel.....	\$510.00

**Our Sincere thanks to those who are doing their part!**

### What Easter Means to Me

Praised be Jesus Christ!

When you face a terminal diagnosis, as I am, it can wonderfully clarify your thoughts and beliefs. If you think about it, all of us are under a terminal diagnosis – life. In order to live forever we must give ourselves wholly to God. When you try to do this you suddenly understand why our greatest saints accused themselves of being the greatest of sinners. Easter shows us the true path to eternal life, and our predecessors, the apostles, show us that God is Mercy. We can strive, fail and come to God in humility and be forgiven and shown that we too can make it to our own resurrection at the final judgment.

St. Peter admonishes us to be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us. To me Easter is the reason for our HOPE. Well, the reason for our hope is Easter and the empty tomb. If the tomb remained sealed or Jesus rose spiritually from the dead; what is the point of religion? Would the 11 apostles plus St. Paul have died willingly for someone who didn't rise physically from the dead? Clearly, Jesus did and we have almost 2000 years of testimony to that fact. The Sudarium (the Headcloth) and the Shroud of Turin even provide physical evidence of the Resurrection.

So for me the empty tomb is the reason for my hope and my belief. Our Lord, Jesus, loved us enough to die and rise for us and most importantly, suffer for and forgive our sins. This time of trial the world is suffering through has taught much about how we need the sacraments. We are an Easter people. It will be painful to miss out on being present for Holy Week, the Triduum, and the Holy Masses of Easter at Holy Angels. Watching the Holy Masses and Good Friday services on TV, Facebook, YouTube, etc. is just not the same. Much better than nothing but... My daughter made a wonderful point: We should never take the sacraments for granted.

Easter is our holiest time of the year and the most meaningful when you think about it. No Resurrection no Christianity. We Catholics are blessed to be Catholic and to have a reason for our Hope. I love Easter and all it stands for. I cannot imagine a life without Easter. So my family and I will be glued to Father McDonald offering the Holy Mass on Facebook and if he does Holy Week we will have been watching him celebrate those services too.

In closing, love our God and celebrate this Holy Feast as best you can. May God bless all of you. HE IS RISEN!

Jim Cope is a retired Army Officer and cradle Catholic (who survived the upheaval of the late 60's and 70's) who together with his family of two children chose Kansas as the place to retire. I have been a parish pro-life coordinator and have taught high school CCD previously. The Copes have been members of Holy Angels for about eight years. We love the parish and find the faithful, dignified worship refreshing to our souls. Father McDonald witnessed our daughter's wedding and baptized our grandson. My wife, Eve, and I have been fortunate to make so many friends in the parish and love seeing them every week.

### Something New for Easter...

To be honest, my earliest memories of Easter aren't really of Easter at all. They're memories of *waiting for* Easter and all of the preparations that comprised that waiting time. Everything in my young world had to get "spiffed up" for Easter, especially the five of us kids (and our rooms, and the house, and our attitudes, my mother would say).

We always, always got "Easter outfits" – suits for the boys, a new dress for me. "*We're saving these for Easter*" was a mantra that could have been a show tune in our home. Eggs were dyed, stories were told, we watched "*The Robe*" on television. On Easter morning, the squeals of a five-child basket-hunting party likely woke the neighbors. Then, we all put on our new Easter outfits and went to Mass. As I think about this, so many different years are jumbled together in my mind's eye, but always, there's a picture of us in front of the car before we headed for church, holding our Easter baskets and blinking into the sun. Then the baskets went back into the house and we piled into the car.

So precious to me, these memories that taught me the heart of this holy, holy, holy day: Something new happened on Easter morning, and is re-presented again and again every year. That something is so heart-wrenchingly special, so surprising and love-full that it requires anticipation and preparation and yes, it even requires something new in me. Easter deserves the preparation time, the "clean up" that should happen in my soul (even as it happened in the house), the attitude adjustment, the new garments that signified the new me.

At Easter, Christ is risen (I've missed that "*alleluia!*") and He's also meant to be risen in me, to be my own song of "*alleluia*", and my sure and constant hope. What's so special about Easter, is that my redeemer lives and He is who He claims to be.

I have always loved the smells and bells of Easter and as an adult, I've loved most of all the expectant, exultant, holy, reverence of the Easter Vigil liturgy. From the lighting of the fire, to the *Exsultet*, through the Word proclaimed out of near-darkness, to the return of the Gloria, and the sharing of the sacraments with those who've been called to join the Church, this liturgy feels like communion, and like heaven.

This year will be different, softer and quieter; it will offer more connection with the invisible Church and the Communion of Saints. For sure, the preparation is unlike anything I've experienced before and there hasn't been time for a new Easter outfit. The little church of my living room will replace the sanctuary at Holy Angels. Yet, the meaning remains the same: *Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!* In Him is our hope, in Him is our song – the Resurrection song of life, of peace, of joy, and of sharing the Good News! Not just for a day or even for only an octave or a season, but for all of my life.

Happy Easter! *Alleluia!*

Chris Brown, MTS, has been serving as director of adult formation and education at Holy Angels for almost four years. She and her husband Glenn reared two children who now both live out of state; her granddaughter is the light of her life. She studied mass communications and Spanish in college and worked professionally for many years in training, marketing, public relations, and advertising before earning her master of theological studies degree from Ave Maria University. Chris serves as a lector and an EMHC.

## The Resurrection is EVERYTHING

Many years ago, I was speaking with a friend and he asked me what I thought of the recent claim that they had found the “bones of Jesus.” Now, this friend was Catholic and was educated in Catholic schools through Junior High. He did not seem to grasp the implication of what he was asking. It seemed, if they were the bones of Jesus, it would not change anything for this friend of mine. He would still keep going to Mass and going through the motions of being Catholic without understanding this key tenet of the Faith — the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the book, “The Death of Christian Culture,” John Senior ponders this thought, “How much have I ventured that I might lose if Christianity were false? My possessions? My career? Or have I prudently invested in the world as well, so that if heaven fails, at least I shall have had a successful time below?”

The answer to John Senior’s question about how much I have ventured should be, “**EVERYTHING.**” If Christianity was false, I have nothing left, I bet it all because I serve the Son of God, who gave everything for me, who suffered and died on a Cross for my salvation, whose bones will never be found in this world because He rose victorious over death.

Easter has always been my favorite holiday. The Easter Vigil my favorite Mass of the year. There is always an excitement of all the different people of the parish working together on so many things so that the Vigil Mass is a fitting celebration of our Risen Lord. I love the moment when we process into the dark church with a candle and I love the incredible choir, the incense and, when the lights come on, to see the gorgeous display of flowers about the sanctuary. There is always a visceral reaction to all the beauty — it takes my breath away. This Easter will be unlike any other. Not being able to come to the Easter Vigil breaks my heart. But God always brings good from suffering. One of the goods I hope comes from this time of great suffering is a deeper love for and appreciation of the Holy Eucharist. Another is, that despite the misery, confusion and pain in the world at the moment, we will know in the deepest recesses of our hearts, that He Who suffered and died on the Cross and rose from the dead for our sakes, loves us beyond what we can even imagine and that knowledge will fill us with joy and peace.

Unlike my friend, all of my hope lies in the fact that His bones will NEVER be found because He is the Resurrection and the Life. As Saint Thomas declares, “My Lord and My God!” A blessed Easter to each of you.

**Cathy Kern has been a parishioner at Holy Angels for almost nine years where she works as the Director of Religious Education for our K-8<sup>th</sup> program. She and her husband Mark, have 7 children.**

My very first memories of Easter as a young child, way back when, was church services and family dinner. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday services all topped off with Easter dinner all with the family. All things we need today.

**Nick Gaspers. He and his wife, Janice have been members of the parish since 1975 and raised two sons. Nick has been head of maintenance for 18 years.**

Easter is a happy time for the family. Easter represents a celebration of a new start, sort of a rebirth, new plants and overall a positive outlook on life.

**Bill Kirchner was raised near Ste. Genevieve, MO. then moved to KC from Pitt State where he played on the Gorilla football team and left with a Masters in Industrial Education. His wife Janelle and he, both retired teachers, have been wed for 45 years and lived in OP for 40 years. They have been members of Holy Angels for 5 years and he has worked 4 and ½ years on the maintenance team. They have 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren and enjoy life in Basehor.**

## Appreciation for Courageous Persons Entering the Church at Easter

For me, as a cradle Catholic, the most impactful part of the Triduum each year has always been the Baptisms and the Confirmations at the Easter Vigil. The witness of those who have newly chosen the Faith, often at great personal cost, is so powerful because it reminds us that Catholicism is not one faith among many, but something distinct from human organizations, a Church that was founded by Christ Himself. It is something to be cherished. I know that I have often been guilty of taking for granted the Sacraments and the Apostolic Traditions that I was blessed to be raised in. I’m never more aware of this negligence on my part than when I see someone come to new realization of the fullness of truth that is offered by the Church at Easter.

For that reason, I would like to thank our new brothers and sisters for calling us by their witness to deeper recollection and conversion, and for allowing us to see with fresh eyes the beauty of the mysteries of the Catholic Church that we so often become accustomed to.

**Paul Stallbaumer. Paul and his wife, Madison, have been parishioners of Holy Angels for six years. They have three children. He is a System Engineer at Cerner Corporation and has served as the Youth Director here at Holy Angels for around two years.**

Easter 2020 will certainly be one for the books. While this Easter is not happening how I would have hoped, it has made me realize how important Holy Week and especially Easter is to me. This Easter, even more so from past Easters, is a reminder that God is always our steady hope. I hope that I remember the feeling of not being able to celebrate mass with my church family, as it truly has reminded me how blessed I have been in my life. Easter brings a light to this world, and I pray that this Easter we look to God more than ever.

**Hayley Pedroza, married to fellow Holy Angels staffer, Alexander Pedroza, has been a member of Holy Angels for 12 years. She and Alexander were married in Holy Angels in 2018. Hayley has been the choir director for 2 years, and a choir member for 11 years. Hayley graduated from the University of Saint Mary, where she with a degree in Business/Marketing and Accounting and an applied minor in vocal performance. Hayley is an Auditor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General.**

In my childhood, Easter was something I of course looked forward to. Easter egg hunting, peeps, chocolate, and, my favorite, jelly beans made me wish it was Easter all year round. Now that I am a little older and (supposedly) a little wiser, I realize how abstruse the true meaning of Easter is and always will be. This year had been more meaningful for me, and now with our current situation, that meaning has changed and increased exponentially. Easter to me means togetherness, even through this social distance it seems so important, more than ever, to believe in each other. As we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice this Holy Week, I pray we can truly seek to be more Christ-like and channel that unmitigated peace into our world.

**Alexander Pedroza, 25, has been a parishioner for 26 years. He and his wife Hayley were married here at Holy Angels in June of 2018. As a lifelong musician he is a member of the choir and just this past year began facilities maintenance here at Holy Angels.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE LISTED ON THE PRAYER CHAIN

Bill Baker, Betsy Betros, James Cope, Jim Davis, Derek Deegan, Serena Gagliardi, Jeff Geer, Tom & Holly Gilewitch, Nick & Bridget Gilewitch, Darrell Jones, Warren Kearney, Herschel Keithline, Joe Kennedy, Frank Lovitch, Mike McDonald, Steve Mulcahy, Dennis Murphy, Joyce Oswald, Michael Reibel, Scout Stephens, Bob Tappe, Steve Tanner, Herb Vogel, Carl, Debbie, Donna, Gwen, Katie, Lindsay, Rainbow, Roger, and special intentions.

**Military:** Bruce Adams, Jr., Michael Brock, Andrea Nolan, Luke Rodina, Peter Thomas, Elizabeth Walsh, Brady Reichart.