

St. Richard Parish

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“WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE,
BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.”

LUKE 24:5-6

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

OUR MISSION

*Know Him more clearly,
Love Him more dearly, and
Follow Him more nearly, day by day.*

Parish Contact Information

The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
You can contact the parish staff at
314-432-6224 or info@strichardstl.org.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Gene Robertson Ext. 1015 grobertson@strichardstl.org
Deacon	John Bischof 569-3855 jbischof@strichardstl.org
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Music Director	Jim Randazzo jrandazzo@strichardstl.org
St. Richard Choir	Jim Randazzo
Emmaus Choir	Ruth Ferris 991-6854

If someone is in danger of death and needs the sacrament,
please call: 314-432-6224 Ext. 1016

Mass Schedule

Weekdays	8:15 a.m.
Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m. 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	3:45-4:30 p.m. Or by appointment
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BAPTISM

Registered parishioners please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism and necessary preparations. For your first child, a Baptism Preparation Class must be completed. Baptisms are typically held after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office **at least six months** in advance for proper procedures.

INTERESTED IN BEING A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, program prepares all who wish to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit by the Pastor or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion.

Lector Schedule

Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil

8 p.m. Paul Wienke
Carolyn Siemer
Doris Smith
Sherri Deighton

Sunday, April 17 Easter

9 a.m. Michelle Taylor
11 a.m. Carol Underriner

Saturday, April 23 5 p.m. Doris Smith

Sunday, April 24
9 a.m. Dave Peters
11 a.m. Paul Wienke

Saturday, April 30
5 p.m. Jo Ann Morton

Sunday, May 1
9 a.m. Griffin Taylor
11 a.m. Pam McCaskill

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."
~ Mt. 25:35

Come and feed His people! Members of the St. Vincent de Paul (SVPD) Casserole Program will be serving meals Saturday, April 30.

If you would like to help, or have questions, contact:

Jane (993-6134) or
Mary Lou (432-2741)



Project Rachel Day of Hope & Healing **Saturday, April 23 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Come and let **the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ bring you forgiveness and peace** during this Day of Hope & Healing. This day of reflection, which takes place in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area, is open to any woman wounded by abortion.

"Souls, do not be afraid of God, but trust in Him, for He is good, and His mercy is everlasting."
~ St. Faustina Kowalski

The cost is \$25 (refreshments, materials and lunch). Scholarships are available. The exact location is shared at registration.

Project Rachel is a program of the Abortion Healing Ministry of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. To learn more, contact 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org or visit: www.archstl.org/hope-healing

IF YOU VOLUNTEER AT ST. RICHARD, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER ON THE ARCHDIOCESE'S NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE SITE.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called **Prevent and Protect STL**. Please register at: www.preventandprotectstl.org (passcode: **stlprotect**)

Contact Mary (msteingrubby@strichardstl.org) with any questions. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17—Easter Sunday

9 a.m. - Mass
11 a.m. - Mass

Monday, April 18

8:15 a.m. - Mass
9 a.m. - Faith Share - *No meeting this week*
7 p.m. - Rosary/Church

Tuesday, April 19

8:15 a.m. - Mass/ followed by
Our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions
11 a.m. - Leisure Club/Sacred Heart Room
7 p.m. - Lectio Divina/Sacred Heart Room

Wednesday, April 20

8:15 a.m. - Mass
2 p.m. - Discussion Group/Marian Room
7 p.m. - Emmaus/Church

Thursday, April 21

8:15 a.m. - Mass
7 p.m. - St. Richard Choir/Church
7 p.m. - Men's Club/Sacred Heart Room

Friday, April 22

8:15 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, April 23

5 p.m. - Mass

BULLETIN DEADLINES

All items must be submitted no later than 2 p.m. on Tuesday (*unless otherwise noted*) for publication the following weekend.

April 24 bulletin
May 1 bulletin

Deadline 4/19
Deadline 4/26

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



On the first day of the week
Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb,
while it was still dark, and saw the stone
already taken away from the tomb. Jn 20:1

ST. RICHARD ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgy Committee	Doris Smith	872-7823
Finance Committee	Rich Lewis	567-6860
Athletic Association	Bill Davidson	732-3814
Helping Hands	Kathy Peters	569-0678
Art & Environment	Kathy Engelbrecht	808-0307
Ladies' Club	Carolyn Sousa	489-2358
Leisure Club	Sharon Cusick	482-3317
Men's Club	Eric Vehige	640-0786
Prayer Chain	Mimi Minner	650-7893
SVDP Helpline	289-6101	#2292

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Easter Sunday:

Jesus makes everything new

Did you see the movie “The Passion of the Christ?” In that movie there is a very touching scene where Jesus falls as He carries His cross to Calvary. His mother is nearby and as He falls she flashes back to when Jesus was a toddler and fell. In her memory she rushes to pick Him up and comfort Him. Then the scene flashes forward to the Blessed Mother rushing into comfort Jesus as He lays under the weight of His cross. When she reaches Jesus, He lifts up His hand and gently holds her cheek and says, “See Mother, I make everything new.” Jesus has risen and He has made everything new, including us! This is our opportunity to bear witness to that. There are so many people in this world that have no idea what Jesus did for us. Jesus humbled Himself for us, and we are called by His life and His sacrifice to share this good news. During the rest of the octave of Easter it would be a wonderful time to reflect on these questions: “How can we maintain the newness that only Jesus provides?” “How can we bear witness about Jesus to those we meet with our words and actions?” “How can we thank Jesus for His precious gift?”

~ archstl.org/dynamic

Stewardship Reflection - Easter Sunday

“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” ~ ACTS 10:38

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Weekly Offering

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Due to the holiday printing schedule, we were not able to include the offertory listing for April 3 in last week's bulletin. This bulletin went to print before the April 10 offertory was available. All the April offerings should be posted by the end of the month. We appreciate your understanding.

Offertory for 04/03/2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,968.00
Capital Improvements	25.00
Repairs & Maintenance	385.00
SVDP	215.00
Other Collections	245.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,838.00
Online Giving (average est.)	\$ 4,200.00



ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus as the first Evangelizer of the Good News.

Send forth the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of St. Louis and grant us the gift of true discernment so we may do your will in all things.

Help us be totally free to follow wherever you lead us, totally generous to be good stewards of your many gifts, and totally passionate to suffer all in order to be more closely united to you.

Commissioned by your Son and empowered by the Spirit to "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations," strengthen us by the power of your grace as we bring the Good News of Salvation into the lives of all those we touch, so that individual hearts and all of society may be converted to you and all things might be made new.

Inspired by the apostolic zeal of previous generations, as we begin the process of planning for the future, may our only desire be to do all things for the greater glory and honor of your name and for the good of your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or end-of-life plans with our loved ones. However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions. Advance planning on your part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.

*Plan with heart.
Invest for good.*

THE PARISHES OF THE MID COUNTY DEANERY HOST...

THE CONVERSATION:

*A Catholic Perspective
on End-of-Life Issues*

PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY | MAY 14, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided)
Annunciation Parish • Mother of Perpetual Help Room
12 West Glendale Road • Webster Groves, MO 63119

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- *Principles of Catholic Bioethics,*
Priest Theologian
- Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
- Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- *Advance Directives & Estate Planning,*
Mike Dempsey, Baylard, Billington & Dempsey
- *Charitable Legacy Planning,*
Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation
- *Funeral & Cemetery Planning,*
Fr. Michael Esswein, VF, Pastor, Annunciation Parish
- Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying
- Anatomical Donation & Cremation

"Very well organized, well presented information that every person should hear"
-Judy Neary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner

To register, please visit
<https://rcfstl.org/event-info/conversation-spring2022> or
call 314.918.2892.



Archbishop Rozanski's Suggestions for Aid to Ukraine

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski has recommended the following organizations for financial assistance to the Ukrainian people:

- ❑ **The Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia:** Checks may be sent directly to the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The check should be marked "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine." The address is 810 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Electronic donations may be sent through https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=4TBAFG6BBVG84
- ❑ **Catholic Relief Services/Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine:** Send checks to 228 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-3443 or through their website at <https://www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/ukraine-conflict-facts-and-how-help>
- ❑ **The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU):** <https://bank.gov.ua/en/news/all/natsionalniy-bank-vidkriv-spetsrahunok-dlya-zboru-koshtiv-na-potrebi-armiyi>

Come and Serve!

With the beginning of Easter Season, we are bringing back two more ministries:
Ushers & Greeters

We would like to have two Greeters at each Mass greeting our parish family members, as well as welcoming and assisting our visitors. To learn more about this hospitality ministry, contact:

Meg Kupferer
kupferme@gmail.com
314-994-7673

We would like to have two to three Ushers at each Mass to take up the collection, distribute the bulletins and assist others during Mass. To learn more about this service ministry, contact:

Doug Meadows
ramfisherman@sbcglobal.net
314-993-2916

OR
Larry Sokol
stl-imprints@msn.com
314-429-7500



MEDICAL CLINIC
1-888-870-9610
rpc@archstl.org

Call or email for an appointment ☎



DENTAL CLINIC
314-225-4034
rpcdental@archstl.org

Providing no-cost mobile medical and dental care at various locations for income-qualifying adults without insurance. Please share the word with people in need!

Clinics are open to people of all faiths.

VOLUNTEER - DONATE - JOIN OUR TEAM

www.archstl.org/rpc

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday, April 17

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday, April 18

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 19

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 20

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 21

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 22

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 23

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

St Monica 150th Anniversary Golf Outing

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council 6500

Date: May 16, 2022- Sugar Creek Golf Course, House Springs, Mo

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$150.00 per Player/ \$600.00 per team

Tee Gifts: Shirt, Pullover, Dozen Callaway Golf Balls, \$25 Tide Dry
Cleaner gift certificate, and more... \$210.00 value.

Entry forms will be in the church vestibule and parish office.

Tournament Committee Contacts:

Richard Applebaum 314-201-4240

Joe Rotarius 913-980-5558



St. Richard Men's Club 17th Annual Music Trivia

Saturday, April 30, 2022 in O'Brien Hall
Doors open at 6:45 p.m. / Play Begins at 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$200 per table (max 10 players per table)
Cost includes beer, soda, pretzels & popcorn

To reserve a table please send a check payable to St.
Richards Men's Club for \$200 (we will accept tables
with less than 10 , the cost will be \$20 per person) along
with your name, phone & email address to:

Colleen Davidson
10945 Pem Rd
St. Louis, MO 63146

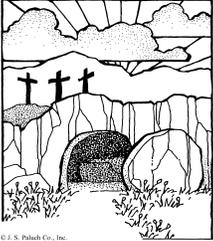
Sells Out FAST!
Get your
money in now!

Upon receipt of payment, an email will be sent confirming the reservation

Know Him More Clearly

Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer

Easter Week



Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from John's Gospel and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

The first reading for Easter Week is from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear Peter's preaching the Good News and experience the first deeds of the Apostles, which parallel the acts of Jesus, including the conflicts He experienced and His power to heal.

The gospels this week are all resurrection appearances. These wonderful stories contain some common elements. They appear designed to make it clear that this was not a group of disciples who dreamed up the resurrection, because they were hoping for it so much. In fact, they found it difficult to believe. The Jesus they saw and experienced was not a "ghost." Instead, He had a body.

Monday, is the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, as well as the "cover-up story" and pay off of the guards. Tuesday, we read of Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene, through the eyes of John's Gospel. Jesus missions her to announce the Good News to His brothers. On Wednesday we are treated to Luke's marvelous story of Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were sad, because they had hoped the story would have turned out differently. Jesus tells them why He had to first suffer and die in order to enter into His glory. As they stopped to eat, "He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Thursday Jesus appears in the room where the disciples are gathered. "Peace be with you" He says and then eats with them and shows them His wounds. On Friday, we have the powerful appearance in John's Gospel at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter decided to return to fishing. Jesus appears and re-missions him. On Saturday, the week concludes with the summary of appearances in what appears to be an addition to the end of Mark's Gospel.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." John's Gospel gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Daily Prayer This Week

We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it is difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a deeply-felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize Him in the breaking of bread, and that He missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life You have given me in the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewal these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of His Spirit.

*Taken from 'Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer' on the
Creighton University's Online Ministries website:
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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Love Him More Dearly



Welcome into the Catholic Church!

Congratulations, blessings, and prayers to our new Catholic Christians:

David Nganga, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Ashley Morgan, who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

May God bless your journey!



So many folks to thank—

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Disciple Maker Index Survey, either online or on paper. I will share numbers once the results are tabulated by the company. Your participation is crucial for us going forward.

THANK you to all who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up, and attended our Lenten fish dinners. They were awesome!

THANK YOU to all who decorated for Lent, Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter. Beautiful!

THANK YOU to both of our choirs, musicians, and cantors, for making a wonderful sound unto the Lord!

THANK YOU for our ministers of welcome, stewardship, word, sacrament and service! You helped make our spiritual journey that more special.

I am humbled by your service to St. Richard parish. God bless you all!

Fr. Gene

Mask Update

While the St. Louis County mask mandate has been lifted and wearing a mask is optional, we would like to remind everyone that our parish family has vulnerable members and as Christians we are called to care for our neighbors. We request that if you are not vaccinated or are sick, you wear a mask (over your nose and mouth) while inside any St. Richard building. Masks are available in each building for anyone who forgets one.

Thanks for continuing to help keep everyone healthy and safe!



O Prince of Peace, humbly we ask your protection for all the men and women in service of our country.

CAPT David Butz
Fort Bliss, TX
Grandson-in-law of
Fran Waelterman

SGT Thomas M. Euson
Camp LeJeune, NC
Great Nephew of
Neil & Paulette Byrne

1LT Anna Ferris RN
Fort Bliss, TX
Granddaughter of
Fran Waelterman

CAPT John Andrew Floro
Scott AFB, IL
Nephew of Marcella &
Deacon Del Leonardo

L CPL John M. Geringer
Camp Pendleton
Grandson of Ceil Geringer

LT COL Christopher Higgins
Goodfellow AFB
Nephew of Robert & Paula
Brose

CW3 Erick Knarzer
Afghanistan
Nephew of Jean O'Keefe

SGT Matthew Mansfield
Joint Base, Andrews, MD
Son of John & Jane Mansfield

SGT Joe Meadows
Fort Bragg, NC

SGT Sam Meadows
Fort Bragg, NC
Sons of Doug & Karen
Meadows

2LT Brittany Menzenwerth
Reserve Center,
Grand Prairie, TX
Daughter of Laura
Menzenwerth

MJR Michael Mulligan, Jr.
Ft. Irwin, CA
Nephew of Kathy Soucy

CAPT Matthew Primm,
AFB Kuwait
Grandson-in-law of
Marie Everhardt

SSgt Eric Reuther
Ft. Gordon, GA
Son of Deacon
Ron & Cathy Reuther

LT COL Mark Scherrer
Travis AFB, CA
Son of Marilyn Scherrer

TSgt Kendall Washington
Hurlburt Field, FL
Son-in-Law of
Laura Menzenwerth

1LT Emily Weismiller
Ft. Bragg, NC
Daughter of Roger &
Michele Weismiller

SSgt Tyler White
Eglin AFB, FL
Nephew of Mark &
Lynn Pfothenhauer

SRA Randi White
Eglin AFB, FL
Niece of Mark &
Lynn Pfothenhauer

Please remember in your prayers:

Anna Angert	Cathryn Kinamore	Thomas Reuther
Jane Concannon	John Klein	Bernard Ruthmeyer
Pat Corkery	John McCormick	Denise Sahrman
Patricia Daher	Dorothy Meyer	Jerry Saxe
Joe DeLuca	Cheli Ohms Mosby	Gloria Smythe
Betty Eise	Jennifer Mosier	Eileen Thomson
Patricia Filko	Patrick Nickens	Mike Underminer
Marie Graves	Jean O'Keefe	Phyllis Walsh
Jerry Huelsman	Betty Penn	Linda Zappe
Toni Jodlowski	Jonathon Penne	
Patricia Kelley	Florence Rahubka	

To add or remove yourself from this listing, please contact the **Parish Office** at **432-6224**.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer Chain, please contact **Mimi Minner** at **650-7893**.

Mass Intentions

Sat., April 16	8 p.m.	Barb Ottolini+
Sun., April 17	9 a.m.	People of St. Richard
	11 a.m.	Steve Ryan
Mon., April 18	8:15 a.m.	Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel+
Tues., April 19	8:15 a.m.	Al Eise+
Wed., April 20	8:15 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Thurs., April 21	8:15 a.m.	Kay Galluzzo
Fri., April 22	8:15 a.m.	Thelma & Elmer McCormick+

+ Indicates an individual is deceased



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The Knights of Columbus are hosting Bingo
THIS SATURDAY (April 23) at
St. John Bosco at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

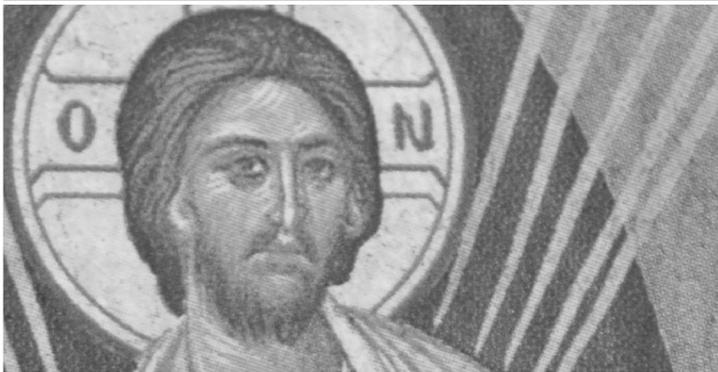
Admission is \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door.
Admission includes a packet of bingo cards,
snacks and drinks.

Proceeds to benefit
the Knights of Columbus campaign
to assist Ukraine via the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.
You can support this effort directly by going to:

KofC.org

To Reserve your spot, contact:
Troy 314.469.1132

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Our Gospel reading from John captures the initial confusion of Jesus’ followers on Easter morning. Mary thinks the body has been stolen, and the two disciples see an empty tomb, but do not understand. We can sympathize with their initial misreading, as they are interpreting what happened within how they understand the way the world works: Jesus was crushed by the authorities—end of story. Jesus’ later appearances to them will dramatically shift their perception of God, the world, and themselves.

This work of re-interpreting the world in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus continues today. In his passion and death, Jesus showed that true power, God’s power, emerges through humility and forgiveness. We join in the death and resurrection of Jesus when we surrender the attractions of power, status, and comfort, and embrace non-violence, service, and care for the suffering. The path to bringing peace and goodness to the world is not through seeking control, but through sacrificial love.

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BOTH PETER AND CORNELIUS

Peter’s speech in today’s passage from Acts summarizes the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The speech occurs within his encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his household. We can perhaps imagine being Cornelius, led by God to hear the story of Jesus. Or we can imagine being Peter, led by the Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to embrace both, in our imaginations and our lives.

We are continually called to hear the story of Jesus. We know that God’s Good News has entered us, but also know that it has not. There is much in our hearts that needs conversion and begs for God’s mercy, so we always seek God’s challenging and healing word. We are also continually called to share the story of Jesus, sometimes directly but more often in our actions. Our lives can speak of God’s love, healing and encouraging others. We are both Peter and Cornelius.

Today’s Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9 or Lk 24:1–12

