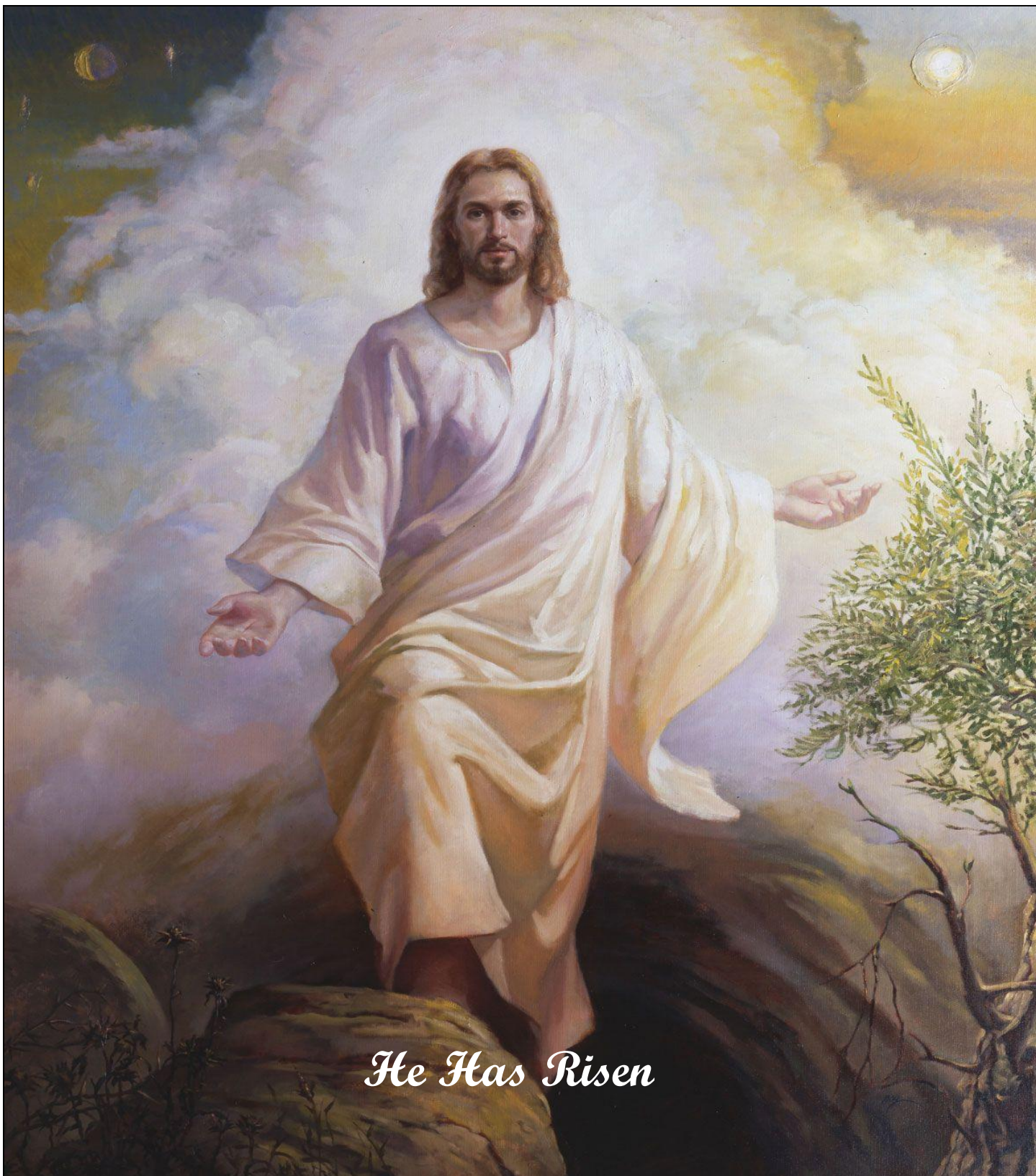




The Family of Saint Gerald
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April 9, 2023
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
Easter Sunday The Resurrection Of The Lord



He Has Risen

Jesus has truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter to all of you and your families! Today we consider the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. It is both extraordinary and powerful. It was so mind-blowing that even the disciples and the apostles Jesus told it would happen didn't believe it until they saw Him. It shattered all their concepts of life. In the whole history of humanity, death is the greatest fear. It is a punishment because of our sins as God has mentioned in the book of Genesis. Death was never part of God's plan. Now, death is conquered! Christ is risen! We can no longer live the same way now that death has been defeated in Christ.

In today's First Reading St. Peter reminds us that the Risen Christ only revealed Himself to those who believed in Him as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10, "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." Only those who believed in Him were then blessed by meeting and eating and drinking with the Risen Lord. He reminds us that "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name": on the day of our Baptism we had an encounter with the Risen Lord that trans-



formed us into children pleasing to Our Heavenly Father, and He continues to reveal Himself to those who believe in Him. An encounter with the Risen Christ is always a salvific and transforming experience.

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that an outlook of faith keeps our eyes fixed on the things of above. When we gaze above in faith, we know the Risen Christ stands at the right hand of His Father and intercedes for us. If we don't see Him, it is because our faith is not strong enough and we need to pray for stronger faith. The Resurrection banishes vanity from our lives and changes our perspective forever.

In today's Gospel, we see that the Resurrection didn't sink in for the Apostles until they witnessed the results themselves. It leaves us in hopeful suspense because death no longer had the last word. The Apostles had all the facts.

Christ did raise the dead. Martha saw his brother Lazarus raised after three days in the tomb. The mourners of the dead little girl's daughter mocked Jesus when He said she was sleeping, and then He "woke" her up.

Even Mary of Magdala first thought today that the body had been stolen. The disciples walking to Emmaus thought they had all the facts. Let us recall, after the Transfiguration, Jesus even told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone until He was raised from the dead and kept repeating that He would be raised from the dead on the third day.

The Apostles were still in confusion. We can't blame them. All the truthful teaching facts are at hand, but they lacked faith, and so they lived as if eternal life is somewhat like a fairy tale. We have many more signs that they did: the Church has testified to the Resurrection for over two thousand years, and many of her



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children have gone to the grave believing that someday they would rise, just as Our Lord did. Like Peter and John, in today's Gospel, let's run and look at the physical signs of Jesus' resurrection—an empty tomb, a suspiciously well-folded head wrapping, and simply believe. "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead (John 20:9)."

The Risen Lord didn't appear to those who tortured Him, imprisoned Him, or executed Him; Jesus appeared to those who believed in Him. The Risen Lord is the brightest light in our lives, if only we open our eyes in faith. Christ is not only risen. He is alive, right now! Forever! We spent Lent praying at the foot of the Cross; now, like Mary Magdalene, we can pray at His empty tomb. He will reveal himself, just as He did to Mary of Magdala, in His Second Coming, in His time, but we have to go on living always believing Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father. Happy Easter to all of you, your families and friends! God bless you all! Jesus is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

Christ is Risen! As we celebrate the greatest Truth of our Faith, namely, Christ's Resurrection, we are overwhelmed by the truth, that one day, if we are faithful to God, we too will be raised to eternal life by God. This day reminds us that anything is possible for God, and we give praise to Him for his salvation, goodness, love and mercy.

In the world so troubled by wars, violence, economic hardships, and immorality-be not afraid, take courage!

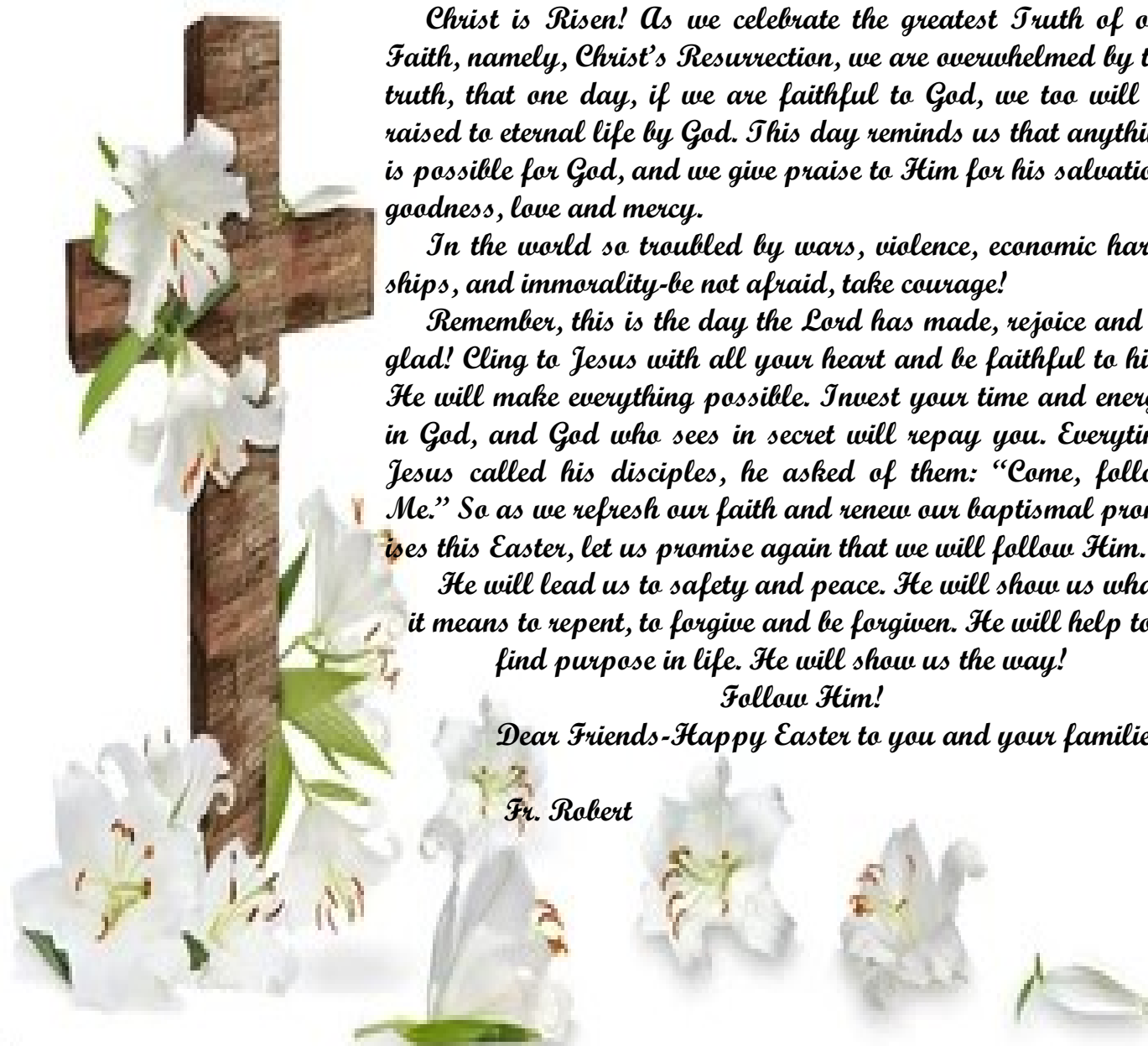
Remember, this is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad! Cling to Jesus with all your heart and be faithful to him. He will make everything possible. Invest your time and energy in God, and God who sees in secret will repay you. Everytime Jesus called his disciples, he asked of them: "Come, follow Me." So as we refresh our faith and renew our baptismal promises this Easter, let us promise again that we will follow Him.

He will lead us to safety and peace. He will show us what it means to repent, to forgive and be forgiven. He will help to find purpose in life. He will show us the way!

Follow Him!

Dear Friends-Happy Easter to you and your families.

Fr. Robert



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In order to add a person's name to our Pray for the sick listing, the person that is ill or a relative must call. Please call the office at 708 422-0234 to add the name of the person that is ill. We will keep the names of the sick for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks we will clear the list. If you want to add yourself or a loved one on again please call the office.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Apr. 9 Easter Sunday

8:00am Mildred Uidl

9:30am Brian Kasprzak, Aniela Dziadkowiec, John Gronski, Joan Kasprzak, Decd Members of Hodas Fam., Agnes Mark, Joe Fitzgerald, Lois Tarasevic, MaryAnn Dansart, Don Wasik, David Dansart, Patricia Griffin, Clem Hojnacki, Jean Gnutek, Joseph and Therese Langan, Walter and Victoria Zagata, Spec Int for Fr. Stan and Fr. Robert

11:00am Revoir Fam., Kenzal Fam., Grace & Edward Ferris, Robert & Lou Ferris, Eddie Hanania, Pawel Berezowski, Joseph Novak, Dorothy Shannon, Daniel Morales

Monday, Apr. 10

8:15am Leonard Anderson, Pawel Berezowski, Barb Meek

Tuesday, Apr. 11

8:15am Pawel Berezowski, Eleanore Brych

Wednesday, Apr. 12

8:15 am Marie Revoir, Samantha Knurek, Clem Hojnacki, Pawel Berezowski

Thursday, Apr. 13

8:15 am Pawel Berezowski

Friday, Apr. 14

8:15am Peter O'Flaherty, Pawel Berezowski, Clem Hojnacki, Larry Bard & Joe LaSalvia

Saturday Apr. 15

5:00pm Pawel Berezowski, Ron Anderson, Jean Kantowski

Sunday Apr. 16

8:00am Spec Int for Rachel Curran

9:30am Jacqueline Giebelhausen, Bonnie & Jim Hurckes,

11:00am Louis & Anna Fanelli, Debbie & Patrick Keating, Robert & Lou Ferris, Pawel Berezowski, Roger Kasper, Luis Alvarez, Sydney Welsh Sr., Members of the Vidinich Family

The Stewardship of our Family of Saint Gerald

	3/19/23	
Masses	\$ 9424.00	\$10126.00
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MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Family of St. Gerald-

People of God, brought together in the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. We gather as sisters and brothers with the Lord, welcoming and inviting others to journey with us to become more like Christ. We strive for spiritual fulfillment by building a community of love and service.

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It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

Saint Gregory's Easter Prayer



Reading I

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reading II

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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The final phase of our Memorial Garden project is nearing completion with less than 200 bricks remaining.

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SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

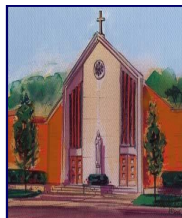
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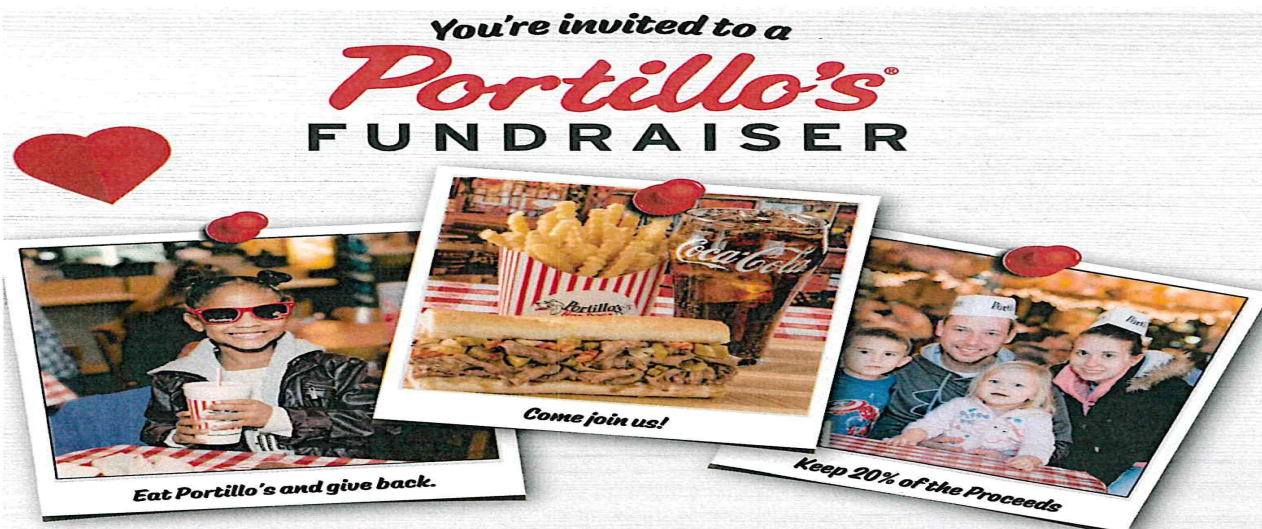
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The evening will provide an opportunity to learn about the Knights of Columbus Faith, Life, Community, and Family Programs. D. Todd Minard, FIFC, will present information about the financial services available to members of the Knights of Columbus. For 140 years, the Knights of Columbus has helped families achieve economic security and stability through its insurance solutions. Now, with faith-based investments and philanthropic solutions offered through our affiliates, we aim to inspire and empower Catholics to put their faith into action. Membership is not required to join us at our Knights of Columbus Open House.

For more information, please contact Kevin Hickey at kofcgk3582@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy Sunday

When Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina a saint, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (feast day associated with the message.) as a feast day for the entire church. The feast day falls on the second Sunday of the Easter Season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life." Chaplet prayers to Divine Mercy will be said before those masses.

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