

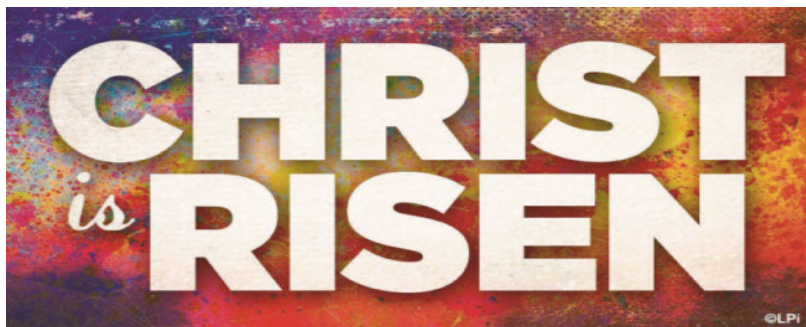


St. Ignatius

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Father John Meyer, Pastor



A Message from Father Meyer

Hello Everyone,

Happy Easter. I hope you have a wonderful Easter with your family and loved ones. This is a time and a season of new beginnings, as spring continues to arrive. We also know how everything began anew with the news of the empty tomb and the resurrection. What before seemed hopeless, dark, sad, confused, meaningless was now full of joy, peace, strength, new life, and meaning. Jesus Christ is alive. Death is not the final answer. Evil doesn't have the final word. This life has meaning and we are moving towards something much more important. All of those things that happen in our life take on new meaning, new importance, new joy, and new life.

Today is an opportunity to look at what things in our own hearts and lives need to "die" so that new life can arise. Let's put aside our grudges, our sadness, our darkness and let our hearts be flooded with the love and light of Christ.

Today is also perhaps a good chance to take a step back and look at our Lent and what we chose to do in a special way during that time. Some of those sacrifices and penances were rightly meant to be temporary for the season. Others perhaps were practices we started to help us be more who God was calling us to be and who we wanted to be, not just for Lent but beyond. In that second set, Easter is a time for us to realize how those practices have made us hopefully a more fulfilled person and bettered our relationships and to do our best to stick with them. God will only set our hearts all the more on fire with the infusion of His grace at Easter.

I hope you have a blessed and Happy Easter, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. God fill your hearts and your homes with His light, peace, and strength. God bless you.

Father Meyer

Weekly Meditation

He had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And that changes everything.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9, emphasis added). But why? Wasn't it enough that he became a man? Wasn't it enough that he died for us? Actually, no. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he has power over sin and death. Everything he said about himself is true. He is more than the victim of an unjust condemnation. He is more than an inspiring teacher or a philosopher or the founder of a new movement. He is more, even, than a healer and wonder-worker. He is the Son of God, the One whom death could not hold in its grasp (Romans 1:4).

By rising, Jesus did more than just vindicate himself. He also opened the way into new life for each one of us. He overcame the sin that was keeping us separated from our Father in heaven! Because of that, we who believe in him and are baptized can now "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Now we can hope in our own resurrection. We can experience power over sin and freedom from the fear of death that so often binds us up. We can count ourselves "dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:11). We now know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that love is stronger than death.

It's easy to understand why Jesus' resurrection was always front and center when the apostles proclaimed the good news. You can see it in Peter's sermon from today's first reading. And you'll see it throughout the Book of Acts this Easter season. The apostles' preaching hinged on the resurrection of Jesus. Because the resurrection changes everything!

"Jesus, risen Lord, I rejoice in you!"

The Word Among Us - April 2023 Edition

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 15th @ 8:00pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Ethan & Alex Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Goodale & Marie Taylor

Greeter: Yvonne Schreifels

Lector: Jessica Chapman

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Al Jude, Ron Mares, & Mike Zuehlke

Sunday, April 16th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Ryan Steinhoff & Dayanara Martinez Mejia

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Eicher & Red Petersen

Greeter: Peter & Jennifer Braun

Lector: Gail Zachman

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: Randy Latour, Jerry Elsenpeter, Dan Oliver & Doug Zachman

Sunday, April 16th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Alter Servers: Presley & Maddison Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Guck & Julie Sedey

Greeter: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Lector: Patrick Meuwissen

Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen

Ushers: John and Christine West, Roger Millner, & David Spike

Calendar of EVENTS

Tuesday April 11: Cemetery Committee Meeting
6:30– Gathering Space

Thursday, April 13: CCW Meeting
6:30– Gathering Space

Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

Wednesday, April 19: Guest Speaker
Alyssa Bormes 7 pm

Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass

Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday

Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass

Thursday, May 11: Confirmation
(St. Paul Cathedral) 7 pm

Sunday, May 14: Graduation Mass 8:30 am

Community News

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CCW Corner

Four new members are needed for the St. Ignatius Council of Catholic Women. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our officer team of 4 to maintain the leadership and survival of our local CCW. You will share in the leadership of CCW to learn, grow in your faith and support each other part of an officer team. The term is 2 years, and there are 4 meetings a year. The next meeting is April 13 where the next officer team will be introduced. Official turnover will be in July. Please call Sue Hughes with questions (320-963- 6019).

Mission Statement: The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with the Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Mark your calendars for our meetings! April 13th, July 6th, October 5th and January 4th. All meetings will be at 6:30 pm in the gathering space.

St. Ignatius Cemetery Committee Meeting

The Cemetery Committee Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm** in the gathering space. It is open to all parishioners and we hope to see new faces who are willing to join our committee and be a part of the great cemetery caretaking team. We will be reviewing Cemetery Lawn Care Bids. If you have the right equipment and insurance, please submit a bid no later than Friday, April 7th, 2023. We will be choosing the winning bid at this meeting and that person/company will be notified immediately. Lawn Care Bid forms can be picked up at the parish office. Thank you.

Advocacy Opportunities at the State Capitol

Make your voice heard at the Capitol on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. Visit MNCatholic.org/actionalerts to find the latest alerts from the Minnesota Catholic Conference on a variety of key issues being discussed at the legislature. From there, you will have all the information you need on an issue to send your legislators an email or video or call them to discuss your support or opposition on a given issue.

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Michael Izen

Tuesday, April 11, 1 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

All are invited to the Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Michael John Izen as Titular Bishop of Newport and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Find ordination event details and ways to participate, as well as livestream options, by scanning the QR code or visiting archspm.org/newbishop. Keep updated on ordination coverage at thecatholicspirit.com.

Rice Bowl Collection

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the gathering space as soon as possible or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

Your ways are not my ways says the Lord. Do you what the Lord's ways are? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Visit www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Your generosity is helping us to reach our goal of 100% participation. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. Prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal to help make Jesus known and loved through ministries supported by the CSAF. You can still pick up an envelope at the parish office or make a secure gift online at Give CSAF - Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (csafspm.org).

Help Wanted— St. Timothy's School

St. Timothy's School in Maple Lake is looking for a part-time Head Cook/Kitchen Manager. Please contact Julie Shelby, Principal, at principal@stimml.org.

Church of St. Henry Quilt Bingo

The St. Henry's CCW and the Knights of Columbus from the Church of St. Henry in Monticello would like to invite you to Quilt Bingo on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with doors open at noon to preview handmade quilts. There will be 22 games of regular BINGO (\$15 first card and \$10 additional cards) and 3 Specialty games (\$2 each). Event will be held at Little Mountain Elementary School at 9350 Fallon Avenue in Monticello. Snacks and bag lunches will be available for purchase while supplies last. Questions? Call Bonnie Sobiech, CCW President for more information 612-598-1626.

Gospel Meditation

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sund Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Larry Oberg
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Mike Meyer
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Lynnea Stay
Katelyn Busch
Herman Wittsack
Mary Wittsack
Mary Danielson
Mark Johnson
Paul DeMars
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Jaden Hanson
Nick Mares
Dan Schultz
Louise Borstad
Wayne Dearing
Ron Hoffman
Ronda O'Brien
Russ Fortner
James Utecht
Jack Driste
† Kathy Preston
† Michael Allan
Preston

Prayer requests and Mass intentions
can be made through the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, April 9th

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Dick West

Monday, April 10th

6:00 pm Parishioners

Tuesday, April 11th

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 12th

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, April 13th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, April 14th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 am)

Saturday, April 15th

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

Sunday, April 16th

8:30 am Special Intention

10:30 am Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP

Projected weekly giving \$5,890.00
492 parish families

March 25/26

Envelopes \$8,501.00

Plate \$624.00

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Holy Land Collection \$60.00

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CCW Spaghetti Dinner \$600.00

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Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page
and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday
Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass on

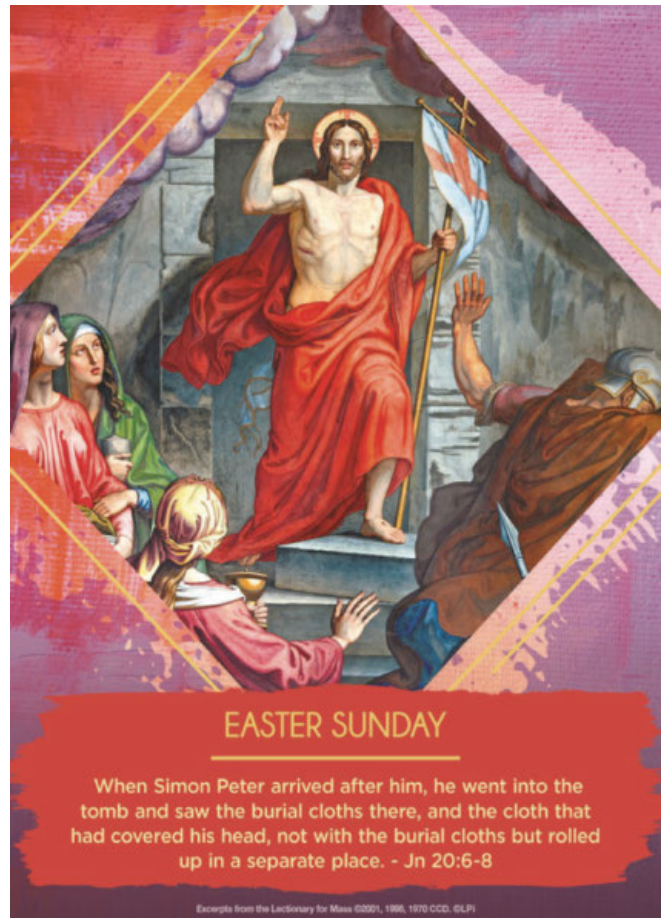
Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

**Bulletin Deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin**



The Adult Faith Formation Presents Guest Speaker Alyssa Bormes

"A Message of Hope and Healing"

Come hear how to Put Love Back in Order, as we listen to Alyssa Bormes, a dynamic, nationally-recognized speaker, who uses the gift of storytelling and humor to energize her audience. Socializing and refreshments to follow this captivating event on:



**Wednesday, April 19th @ 7:00 pm
at St. Ignatius.**

Parishioner, Ric Fournier said, "I have heard Alyssa speak four times now. Her passion for seeking a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father is enormous! She will make you feel like she is sitting right there with us in our Faith walk and learnings, and puts her story in easily digestible terms. Come and listen!!"

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