

April 16, 2017

**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**



Risen & Transformed

The readings of Easter affirm God's power to shatter earthly boundaries. Most dramatic is the victory over death. Upon hearing Mary's report, both Peter and the beloved disciple also run to the tomb. All signs indicate that the body has not been stolen but has left on its own. The wrappings of death have been left behind – unlike the situation of Lazarus where he came out of the tomb still bound by burial wrappings. Jesus has conquered death and vanished from the tomb.

Alleluia!

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 22

2:00 p.m. Huse-Novosad Wedding

4:30 p.m. Gerald Kalina

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: 118

Second Reading: 1Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially James "Burt" Finney.**

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting April 30
in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend.

H A P P Y E A S T E R



Welcome

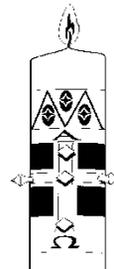
St. Mary's Parish Family welcomes all visitors to the Easter celebrations. It is a pleasure to have you join us.

Easter Egg Hunt

Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt for the Pre-school through Third Grade students after the Sunday Mass.

**EASTER PROCLAMATION
(EXSULTET)**

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.



Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever

and ever.

The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night

Night of Nights

In today's Gospel from St. Mark we read the passage describing the empty tomb event. Its purpose is to show us the implications of Jesus' resurrection in our lives. It signals the beginning of a terrific adventure. It makes us think of how the risen Jesus comes to us. Are we, like the women at the tomb, afraid to deal with the presence of the one who has brought us from death to life? What a night to start that reflective process?

WEDDING BANNS



Ashley Marie Huse & Joel David Novosad

REFLECTION

History Is Broken Open

Though we know well the Easter story, we never fully grasp its meaning. The stone has been rolled back and the tomb is empty; resurrected life cannot be contained. Like the first believers, we so often must continue to live even with our dashed hopes and our misunderstanding of God's mysterious power. Like the first believers, we come to the tomb and expect to find death, but instead we find signs of a new life we cannot even begin to comprehend. Like the first believers, we do not realize that history has been broken open and is now filled with the resurrected presence of Christ.

History no longer makes sense. The one who was maliciously singled out and shamefully hung on a tree was really the one set apart by God to judge the living and the dead. Who can comprehend such a paradox? But then, who goes to a tomb expecting to find life? History has been broken open, and now we really do not know what to expect!

This same resurrection power works in our lives today. "This is the day the LORD has made ... it is wonderful in our eyes! We too hear the Easter proclamation. By it, we too are brought into the power of the resurrection.

– Dianne Bergant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 19 – Darlene Stryk

– Pam Vrazel

April 20 – Mallory Vrazel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 19 – Elizabeth & Leo Janak

April 22 – Congratulations Kathleen & Martvin Svatek
on your 45th Wedding Anniversasy

More Easter Egg Hunt Donations: We thank the following for their donations:

Staci Bartos – donating and filling the remainder of the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

We thank all those who donated towards the hunt.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat, April 27-30

The Retreat will be leaving out of Mentz, Texas. Forms available at the main entrance of church. For more information contact Johnnie Hoffman or Martin Svatek.

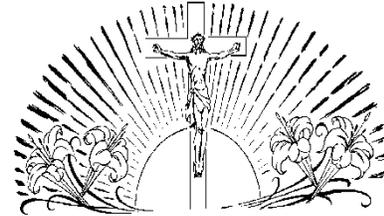
Special Collection This Weekend

Collection for the Poor and Needy

Your contributions help our area brothers and sisters in need. *Be generous.*

OVERVIEW

THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER



Seven Weeks From Easter to Pentecost

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*.

The Sundays of this season rank as the Paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days end on Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

Easter Sunday is both "the first day of the week" and the eighth day after Saturday. The solemnity celebrated "on the first day" extends throughout Easter Week as well as the following Sundays. These Sundays are called Sundays *of* Easter, not *after* Easter. Each of these successive Sundays is a celebration of the solemnity of Easter: this is the underlying unity of the Easter season. Each day of this season is said to be celebrated "as one feast day" – one "great Sunday."

The seven Sundays of Easter very clearly celebrate the paschal mystery under one or another of its aspects, as found in the biblical readings.

All the biblical readings during the Easter season, both for the Mass (Sundays and Weekdays) are taken from the New Testament. On Sunday, the first reading always comes from the Acts of Apostles, the second reading comes from either the First Letter of Peter (Year A), the First Letter of John (Year B), or the Book of Revelation (Year C); and the Gospel readings are all from John, except for the Third Sunday in Years A and B.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

We thank all those who donated toward the fund.
See insert.

