

Alleluia!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date.

Marriage preparation sessions are required.

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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4th Sunday of Easter

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Apr 29 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER Leo Boruta
Sun, Apr 30 9:00 am 11:00 am	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER Jerry Surman Parish Family
Mon, May 1	EASTER WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, May 2 8:30 am	ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP Robert Beckwith
Wed, May 3 10:30 am	SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES Michael V. Doyle
Thurs, May 4	EASTER WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Fri, May 5	EASTER WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, May 6 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER Art & Esther Choma
Sun, May 7 9:00 am 11:00 am	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER Rosemary Banka Parish Family

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2023	
Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-8; Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	St. Athanasius, Bishop Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Ss Philip & James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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BY GEORGE....

I want to share with you the following from St. Justin, martyr who died in 165 a.d.:

"No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or in the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give their assent by saying, "Amen". The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration."

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun Apr 30: 12:00pm **Eat, Pray, Run**, Parking Lot/Family Center
Tues May 2: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:30am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR
 5:30-6pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6-6:30pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:45pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
Thurs May 4: 6:30pm **Knights of Columbus Meeting**, MPR
 6:30pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center

STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF APRIL 22 & 23

Week 43/52	
Adult Envelopes (96 used)	\$5,961.00
Automatic Envelopes (58 used)	4,085.00
Youth	39.25
Loose Stewardship	501.50
Total Stewardship this week	\$10,586.75
YTD	\$557,158.27
Budget YTD	\$570,576.92
Last YTD	\$579,118.44
5% Tithe this week	\$529.34
YTD Tithe	\$27,857.91

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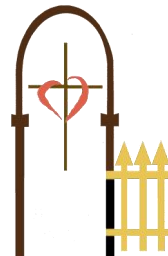
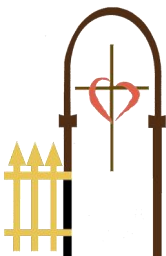
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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Esther Heemstra. Cards may be sent to 3406 Waterford Ct NE, 49525. Let Esther know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



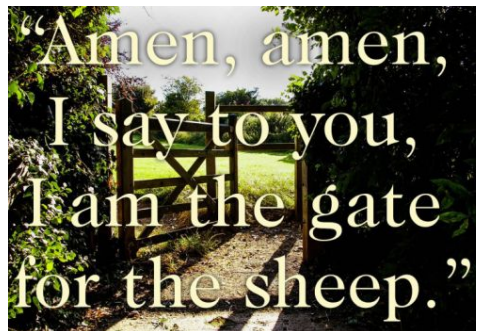
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ALLELUIA DAY

On Thursday, our students invited a very important person to join them for Alleluia Day! This year, Alleluia Day was celebrated at the Upper Campus. Students attended Mass, ate lunch, and watched the ASA talent show with their VIP. The day ended with an Alleluia concert full of praise and worship Easter songs. The day was a great day to celebrate the Easter season as an ASA community! Check out Facebook for pictures.

JOIN US FOR MASS!

ASA students in grades K-8 attend Mass each week, and you are invited to join us! The Lower Campus students (K-2) attend Mass at 10:30am every Wednesday at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Upper Campus students (3-8) attend Mass at 8:30am every Thursday at St. Jude Church. Mass is celebrated by a different priest from our four founding parishes each week. We believe that all things are possible through Christ!



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