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THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 18, 2021

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

When the two disciples returned from Emmaus,
they recounted what had
taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

NEW LIFE

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God's love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God's love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48



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Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., April 17 4:30 pm	Easter Weekday Nelson Gregory
Sun., April 18 8:30 am 10:30 am	Third Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners Barbara Welker
Mon., April 19 8:30 am	Easter Weekday Bob Luedde
Tues., April 20 8:30 am	Easter Weekday Joe Lamere
Wed., April 21 6:30 pm	Easter Weekday Francis Grabowski
Thur., Apr. 22 8:30 am	Easter Weekday Paul Gehrs
Fri., Apr. 23 8:30 am	Easter Weekday Virginia Forehand
Sat., Apr. 24 4:30 pm	Easter Weekday Kenneth & Loretta Weber
Sun., Apr. 25 8:30 am 10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Nick Gray For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price, Kenneth Kormeyer, Kennedy Stalcup, Robert and Pauline Lange, Dorothy Dustman, Ricki Shutta, Toni Stanford. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



Attention Men of the Parish

Fr. Tom's steak, scotch and cigar night will be May 2, beginning at 5:30 pm. This is a FUN night and ALL the proceeds go to Father Tom for help to people from our parish in financial need. This is money for Father Tom to dispense without approval from anyone. Please donate \$100.00 to Father Tom's fundraiser. If you cannot donate \$100.00 donate what you can but keep in mind the cost per person for this event is over \$45.00. Dinner will include steak, Castelli's salad with bread and pasta. Please bring your favorite scotch (or whatever spirit you prefer) to share. The event will be held at Rich and Sue Hayes home in Holiday Shores, 668 Monaco Drive, and we are limiting this to 20 people. To reserve your place please e-mail richardhayesllc@gmail.com or text Rich at 618-407-5400. We dropped our land line.

'Give A Little' Envelope Fundraiser

We still have a small number of envelopes that have not yet been filled. To participate go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49a8a828a3fcc61-give> Or, contact Amy Frisch, 444-7715 or Connie Gibson, 593-0038. The envelopes are also available in the parish office and after Masses. Drawing held 12 Noon, May 2.

Dear Parishioners,

So far we have celebrated two masses with the sacrament of Confirmation, and we have four more to celebrate in the coming weeks. (Children from first Mass pictured below.) This will effectively catch up all of our students with the three sacraments of initiation. However, this should not be looked at as a process to get through, but as a great gift from God for our young people. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given so that we may live our lives under the guidance and protection of God's Spirit. All of us need to remind ourselves of this when we are faced with challenges and hardships in our daily lives. The Holy Spirit will always be there for us if we but ask for the help. Let us keep our young people in our prayers as they encounter the blessings of God in this special sacrament.

Father Tom



Front: McKenna Wagner, Abe Wegener, Jenna Jones
Middle: Lucy Barnard, Ella Cherry, Kinsey Mitchell
Back: Steve Menke (Principal) Father Tom (Pastor)

Sunday Offerings

Week 41	April 10-11, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$173.00	\$8,285.49
Envelopes	\$9,547.00	\$358,492.16
On Line Giving	\$5,663.00	\$111,693.00
Young People	\$4.00	\$78.00
Total	\$15,387.00	\$478,548.65
Operating Budget	\$13,713.46	\$562,251.86
ACSA Budget	\$1,421.12	\$58,265.92
Difference	\$252.42	(\$141,969.13)

Total Envelopes received: 154 of 772
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$105.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$1,430.00

April 18, 2021

Bethalto KC

Carry Out Chicken Dinner—Today

Sunday, April 18, 11:15 am—2:00 pm

Menu includes: Chicken strips with 1 side, \$10;
2-Piece white or dark fried chicken with 2 sides, \$10;
4-Piece Mixed Fried Chicken with 3 sides, \$15.
Sides: Mac & cheese, green beans, potatoes and gravy.
Public Welcome, carryout only—Enter from Prairie
Street into school parking lot for pickup.

Mother-Daughter Tea

Saturday, May 2, 1:00-3:00 pm, 1015 Milton Road, Alton/ St. Mary's Parish Center—Mothers and daughters from 9 to 13 years of age! Join us for a special afternoon exploring God's precious gift of female development in a respectful, loving atmosphere, establishing a foundation for dialogue between mothers and daughters within the family. The program will consist of a Theology of the Body talk by Sr. Bethany Marie, FSGM; Changes during Puberty talk by Shannon Vitali, RN, FCPI; and a Discussion Forum covering virtues, spirituality, modesty, and keeping good open lines of communications featuring local adults and older peers. There will be light refreshments and take home resources for mothers to share with their daughters when they believe they are ready. Registration is limited and due by April 26. Call Shannon Vitali @618-474-7920 or email: Shannon.e.vitali@osfhealthcare.org Face masks will be required upon entering/leaving and moving from seating.

'Peace'

One of the basic fruits of the Christian life should be peace—a deep, inner peace in each one of us. What is there to be un-peaceful about? Difficulties will abound. Trials will dwell with us constantly. Little pressures and big pressures will encompass us with their eternal demands. Temptations will besiege us from within. Loneliness will knock at the door of our hearts. Satan will roar all around us, not only like a lion but like underground thunder. Mental, physical, and spiritual weariness will chant their endless lullaby. The flesh will seek escape into sleep. These things will happen, but if our soul remains in its cell of peace, dwelling at the feet of the Prince of Peace, all this will be as if it were not, for peace is the fruit of charity, and nothing can penetrate that cell unless we let it. I was praying to Teresa of Avila, and I recalled her words: **"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing affright you. All things are passing. God alone remains."** Let us try then to dwell at the feet of the Prince of Peace. Let us work in the noonday darkness, in the many dark nights that, then faith will become strong, the vision of our priorities will be clear, and peace and love will grow. **-Catherine de Hueck Doherty, Grace in Every Season**

Job Opening

Father McGivney Catholic High School: Math Teacher and Coaching positions. Send cover letter, resume, completed application, and three letters of recommendation to Joseph Lombardi, Principal at: jlombardi@mcgivneygriffins.com.

A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net

Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

Jerome (347-420 AD), an early church bible scholar, comments:

"As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them... Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34)

The door to heaven and key to paradise is through the cross. The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the Gospel to those around you?

"Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed."

Daughters of Isabella Meeting & Spring Bazaar

The **Daughters of Isabella**, O'Reilly Circle 218, will hold their meeting on **Monday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.** as a Zoom Meeting, due to restrictions. The Regent will send an email to members with the proper Meeting Link. D of I Dessert Table continues as the Edw KC Fish Fry resumes their 1st & 3rd Friday Schedule. Spring Bazaar will be next to the Dessert Table, which includes Homemade Pillowcases, Wine Bags, Neck/Gaiter Scarves, and Baby Burping Cloths, along with Jewelry and Misc. Items. Cookbooks still available, \$10. Tickets for the Drawing of a \$100 Visa Gift Card will be Sold at \$1 each & 6 for \$5. You do not need to be present to Win.



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