



Dear Parishioners,

On this greatest of all feasts in the Church when we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ, I pray that Our Risen Lord fill you with his life and love. During the last few days of the Easter Triduum we have recalled the great events of our redemption by Christ through his Passion, Death, and now, his Resurrection, which together constitute the Pascal Mystery. Jesus, the Son of God, came to save us entirely, in both body and soul, by these paschal events now made really but in mystery present to us in the sacraments. Our souls are saved and raised up to new life through the forgiveness of our sins that we have received through Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist while we await the redemption of our bodies on the last day when all the faithful will share in the Resurrection of Christ. Our Easter joy is found in this: Christ has conquered sin and death! As we have journeyed through Lent doing our Lenten sacrifices and receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation we have come today to renew our Baptismal promises, once again pledging our allegiance and love to our Savior Jesus Christ who alone can save us.

And we rejoice during this Eastertime when new members are received into the Catholic Church throughout the world to know the fullness of all the spiritual blessings of salvation that Jesus desires to pour fourth upon us. Try to remember that we celebrate Easter for 50 days, basking in the light of the Resurrection of Christ, with these first eight days comprising the Easter Octave where liturgically every day of the Octave is considered to be one Easter Sunday .

Finally, I want to thank all who have helped in making our liturgies for Holy Week special, especially Deacon Dave Christensen for his assistance to me, Candy Connery and all our musicians and choir members for the time they have put into our liturgical music and Lisa Kessler, Kathy Long, Teresa Starks, and members of our youth group for decorating the Church. Also I appreciate Cindy Vasta for helping with preparations for the Triduum services such as putting together the candles for the Easter Vigil. Also, a thanks to our parish staff, Sherry Huntwork, Sharon VanTassell, and Rich VanTassell , for all that they have done in preparation for Easter as well as all of the members of our Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus who have given of themselves generously to the parish, especially in helping with the Easter egg hunt and Last Supper Foods Sampler event this last Wednesday.

A blessed and happy Easter to all of you and have a grace-filled Easter week!

God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 1 THRU APRIL 7

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| Monday | Priest's Intention |
| Tuesday | Kay Gosch |
| Wednesday | Ann Boro |
| Thursday | Priest's Intention |
| Friday 6 p.m. | Priest's Intention |
| Saturday | Raymond Kaiser |
| Sunday | People of St. Joseph |



**RE HAPPENINGS**

The Parent Seminars resume on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00 & 7:00 in the Chapel.

There will be a meeting for parents of 2nd graders on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 in the Chapel.

Server practice for new servers will begin on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:10 in the church and continue on April 17, and April 24. If your child is a Fifth grader and wishes to serve, please fill out the Server sheet they were given and have them bring it back to RE.

First Communion Retreat is Sunday, April 14 from 10-12 in the social hall.

First Communion Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 in the church.

First Communion is Sunday, April 21 at 11:00.

RE registrations went home with the students and are due back to the RE office by May 15

EMHC's NOTICE

Father began distributing wine at Communion time again this weekend. So please note that we will be using three EMHCs again so watch your schedule.



Springfield Community Blood Drive: Please mark your calendars for our next Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, April 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Springfield Fire Hall. To schedule an appointment

online go to: www.redcrossblood.org , or call [402-253-8301](tel:402-253-8301) or walk in. Walk-ins are always welcome and needed. The last time we fell short of our goal, so hopefully we can get back to our regular numbers. Please consider asking a friend or family member to donate with you. As usual, thanks for your previous donations and we hope to see you Sunday, April 14th. *Ralph Meister Springfield Knights of Columbus/Red Cross*

NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

Please contact the church office, leave a note in the secretary's church mailbox or call Sharon VanTassell if anyone of the following apply:

- a) You did not receive your contribution envelopes;
- b) You have a change of physical address, e-mail address or a change in phone number;
- c) You move into or out of the parish. We need to include you or remove you from our records.

Thank you for your cooperation!

This Life on Earth

Easter means that this life on earth is not all there is.
 Jesus went "to prepare a place for us" in His Father's heavenly mansions for all eternity.
 Jesus died for our sins, paying our penalty, so that we could be forgiven. He was resurrected, to prove that death has no hold on those who repent and accept Him as Savior. This life on earth is a prelude to eternal joy with our Lord. Easter is a celebration of our eternal destiny.

By Joanna Fuchs