

Celebrating

THE EASTER SEASON AT HOME

APRIL 16 – JUNE 4, 2017



EASTER HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS AND **Prayers**

EASTER DAILY PRAYER

For your saving death, O Christ,
and your glorious Resurrection,
Let all the earth cry out with joy!

For the glad tidings of your gospel,
and your wondrous ascension into
heaven,
Let all the earth cry out with joy!

For your gift of daily discipleship,
and the sending of the Spirit each day,
Let all the earth cry out with joy! Alleluia!

TABLE PRAYER **FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER**

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

How generous is your love, O Lord,
shown by the food on our table
and our salvation in Christ.

How generous is your love, O Lord,
given in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread
and in sharing the Cup of salvation.

How generous is your love, O Lord.
May others come to know it as well
through our charity and witness to justice.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

You have made this day for blessing, O Lord;
let us be blessed and joyful,
now and at the supper of the Lamb. Amen.

FROM VIA CRUCIS TO VIA LUCIS

In December of 2001 the Holy See issued a *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*. In that document, the devotional practice known as the *Via Lucis* (the Way of Light) was noted.

In imitation of the Way of the Cross (*Via Crucis*), the stations of the Way of Light (*Via Lucis*) are based on the Resurrection appearances of Jesus. Though not as well-established or defined as the *Via Crucis*, this *Via Lucis* is a prayerful way to celebrate the joy, hope, and power of the Resurrection. Here are some "stations" to get you started. You may want to add your own favorite Gospel resurrection stories.

The finding of the empty tomb. "But when the women looked up, they saw that the very large stone at the door of the tomb, had been rolled away." (Mark 16:4)

Prayer: Risen Lord, may I have the faith to find you in hollow and surprising places.

Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus. Jesus looked at her and said, "Mary." She turned and cried out in a loud voice, "Rabboni!" ("Teacher!"). (John 20:16)

Prayer: Risen Lord, I listen for your voice calling me by name; look on me in mercy.

Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus The two disciples urged Jesus, "Stay here with us, evening draws near; the day is almost over." So Jesus went in, and stayed with them. (Luke 24:29)

Prayer: Risen Lord, stay with me through every day, as I follow you steadfastly.

Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your fingers here; see my hands—reach out your own hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe." (John 20:26)

Prayer: Risen Lord, let me face my doubts as Thomas did; increase my belief.

Jesus commissions his followers. Jesus said: "Go, make disciples of the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

Prayer: Risen Lord, help me obey your command to be a strong and faithful messenger.

Happy Easter....He is Risen !!



April 16th, 2017

A Note from our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,
I will be in India after Easter for few days and Fr. Ron will help us while I am gone. I will be participating in our Diocesan Jubilee and Priestly ordination during my visit. We spent these days of Lent praying, "We Trust in the Lord always". It has been a beautiful experience to be able to Trust in the Lord in all that is happening in our life. I wish and pray during these Easter Celebrations to bless all the families and our friends to be able to Trust in Him and cherish the joy of His Resurrection. Please welcome seven new members to our Catholic Faith during these Easter Celebrations. Please follow the bulletin for changes in the Mass times to accommodate Fr. Ron's schedule. Thank you for your Easter wishes and gifts. God Bless you all!
Fr. Arul



A Gracious Thank You to all the Parishioners who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Services so meaningful: to

all the musicians, organists, cantors and music directors whose talent and hard work filled each service; for sacristans for all the necessary changes made each day; for all Mass ministers and servers who were present for us at each Mass; for the Sophomore CCD Class and sponsors for the beautiful presentation of the Living Stations. May the risen Christ bless each of you.



The Easter Flowers gracing our altars were beautiful this year. Thank you to anyone who donated a lily, mum, bouquet, or other flower in memory of a loved one. Our prayers are with them and you as a donor in their name.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sincere Congratulations and Welcome to the new members of our Catholic Church who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 15th, 2017. Catechumens who received the Sacrament of Baptism are Ashley Heideman, Avery Heideman, Lindsay Heideman, Kali Kuckelman and Treydon Talley. Candidates who received Confirmation include Melissa Talley, and David Thrailkill and all the above. Four children received the sacrament of Baptism. They are Tatum Heideman, Meleah Talley, Myla Talley, and Tyren Talley. Special appreciation goes to Rick & Joan Henry, RCIA Directors, who helped prepare them for this special day. May God bless each of you on your continuing journey of Faith.

A Note from the Fifth Grade Class: "Thank you for donating to the fifth grade pancake breakfast. We made \$1,650.00 to purchase personal care products for the food pantry. In God we Trust. From the 5th Grade".



The PTO Spring Flower Sale is in full bloom!! Stop by the school office during school hours to order. All proceeds go to improve and maintain the children's nature playground and repair the waterfall. Thank you for your continued support! Each container is filled with a variety of colorful annual flowers that are sure to brighten your porch. Give a cheerful Mother's Day gift that will help to support a great cause. Payment please at time of order. Pick up will be Wed. May 3rd in the Church parking lot 3-5:30.

- 10 inch round premium hanging basket \$25.00
- 12 in round fiber premium hanging basket \$34
- Small round premium planter \$25.00.



Catholic Heart Work Camp Pork Chop dinner will be Sunday, April 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM. at the K of C Hall. A 12 oz pork chop meal is \$14.00. Hot dog meal is \$3.00. Proceeds go to help our youth with transportation to CHWC. Advance tickets may be purchased at Nemaha Co. Courthouse from Kim Bontrager or from Brenda Rottinghaus 336-1266.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: For those interested in becoming a catechist or bringing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to your parish, a course for adults will begin this summer at SPPS. Dates are June 8-11 and July 6-9, 2017. If you are already certified in Level 1, a Level 2 course will be offered on those dates as well. Please contact Angie Hammes at 785-294-0442 or angiemhammes@gmail.com

Summer Schedule - The Lectors/Commentators/Servers summer schedule is being formulated. If any college students will be home for the summer, we invite you to continue your ministry by texting 336-1380 or emailing sppweserve@yahoo.com.

Next Rosary at the Cemetery will be on April 26th at 6 PM.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 4/03/17 to 4/09/17:
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.00

Church	Plate	\$	1,687.25
	Envelope	\$	4,879.00
	ACH/EFT	\$	6,488.00
School		\$	2,040.00
	ACH/EFT	\$	1,016.67
Flower Offering		\$	32.00
Easter Offering		\$	10.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	16,152.92

There is an appeal to Catholic Home Missions in your pack of envelopes for next Sunday, April 23. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay minister training and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States.

Windows Report: Our weekly report now shows a total of \$380,141.97 collected towards our \$600,000.00 goal. Thank you and blessings to everyone who has generously donated and to those who still plan to donate. There are more envelopes on the Narthex table in Church. Please pray for the success of our project.



Attention! Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary: You are invited to the Archdiocesan 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday June 4th, 2017, at 2:00 PM at the Church of the Nativity/Leawood. To receive your invitation, please call the Parish Office 336-2128 as soon as possible.

2017-2018 Preschool classes

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

SPPS is taking pre-registrations for the following
M-W-F 4-5 year old AM & PM sessions
T-Th 3-4 year old AM & PM sessions.

For more information or to register, please call the school office at 336-2727.

Scholarships are available.

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For Communion to the Sick and Home Bound. please call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sun Apr 30 - CHWC Pork Chop Dinner KofC Hall 10-2
Mon Jun 12-Fri Jun 16 - Vacation Bible School

SPPS SCHOOL NEWS:

Mon Apr17 - No School Easter Holiday
Tue Apr 18 - No School - Staff Meeting
Tue Apr 18 - Track meet at Frankfort 1:00
Mon Apr 24 - Track meet at NC 3:00
Tue Apr 25 - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM Dining Hall
Thu Apr 27 - Track meet at Onaga 2:00

CCD NEWS:

Wed Apr 19- Regular Class, Grade School to Dining Hall, HS to your classrooms. Monitors Brian & Kristin Gudenkauf and Adam & Julie Kuckelman.

AREA EVENTS:

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch is on April 23rd from 9:00 to 5:00. Go to www.archkck.org/ranch or call 785-746-5693 or psrministry@archkck.org.

Annunciation Parish, Frankfort, Smoked Pork Chop Dinner & Country Store, Sun, April 23, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Cigna Center. Adults \$10.00, children 10 and under \$5.00. Take out available, call 292-4462.

Abundant Love Women's Retreat, April 28-30 at Camp Kateri Tekekwitha. For info go to www.camptekakwitha-womensretreat.com.

Our Lady of Fatima Spiritual Retreat at St. Bede's Parish, Kelly in Church Basement, Sunday May 7th at 2:00 PM. The Fatima Story, "13th Day", based on the memoirs of one of the Visionaries will be shown. No registration fees or RSVP.

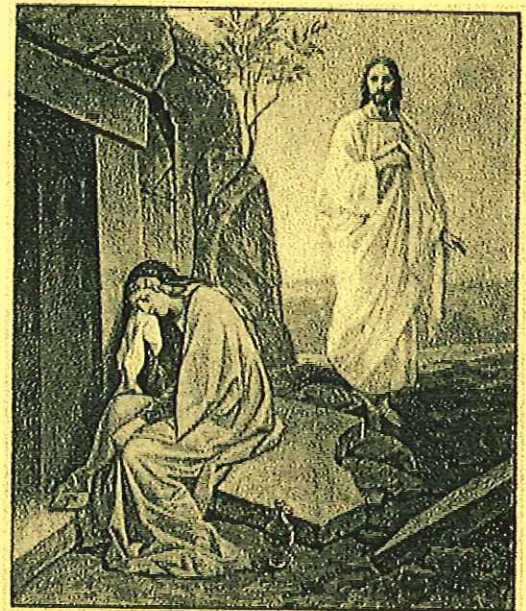
"Save the Date"-August 4th-6th for the **Midwest Family Conference in Wichita.** Host of activities and speakers. Early Bird specials. See brochure on west Bulletin Board or go to catholicfamilyconference.org or 316-618-9787.

Special Notice - Please have all items for the Bulletin into the Parish Office or to sppsecretary@gmail.com by Tuesday evening to get in the weekend Bulletin.



Masses for April 17th to April 23rd Easter Sunday

Monday	April 17 – Monday within the Octave of Easter <i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Tuesday	April 18 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 6:00 PM – Communion Service
Wednesday	April 19 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 AM – School Communion Service
Thursday	April 20 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter <i>No Morning Mass</i> 6:00 PM – Dorothy Schraad
Friday	April 21 – Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 AM – Special Intention
Saturday	April 22 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter 7:30 AM – L/D Members of Albert & Dottie Kohake Family 5:00 PM – For Our Parish
Sunday	April 23 – Divine Mercy Sunday 7:00 AM – Don Winkler 9:00 AM – Tom Kuckelman 11:00 AM – Gary Love (Anniv)



Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 6 PM, Sat 7:30 AM** – Leo Holthaus & Jonah Deters
Wed & Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

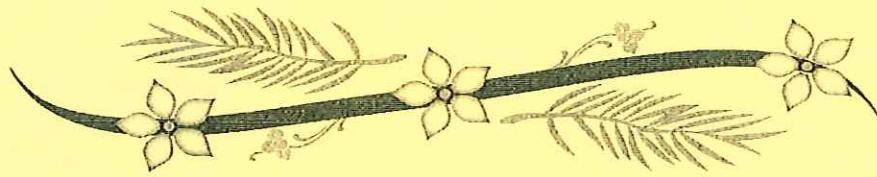
Servers – Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & April 23

5PM	7AM	9AM	11AM
Chase Holthaus	Charlie Bontrager	Hailey Wurtz	Taegan Duryea
Aden Feldkamp	Keaton Rottinghaus	Samantha Nordhus	Anna Bartkoski
Ashlyn Gudenkauf	Colby Schmelzle	Garrett Bennett	Kate Bartkoski
Gavin Gudenkauf	Braden Bramhall	Kaitlyn Bennett	Dane Haverkamp

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & April 23

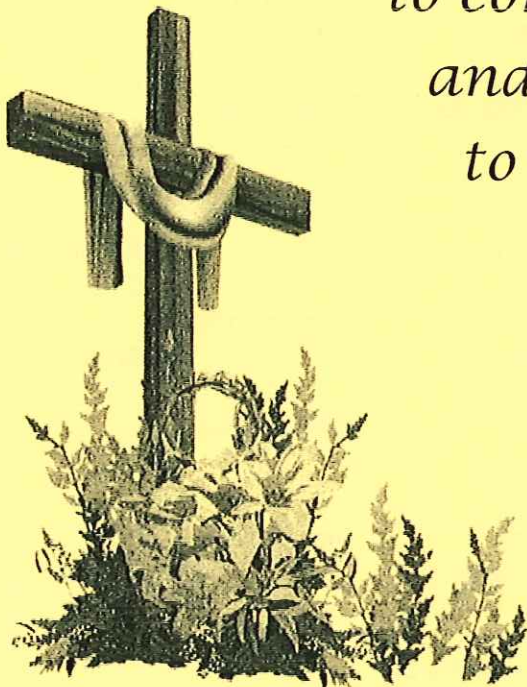
	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>5:00 PM</u>	Jean Wassenberg *Jeanie Kramer	Lori Carlson Donna Miller	Mary Sack Marilyn Ronnebaum	Cyril Steinlage	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Sydney Schmelzle *Doug Schmelzle	Dorothy Hammes Randy Heinen	Kim Bontrager Sheryl Heinen	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Kristi Haverkamp *Paula Rottinghaus	Jerry Rottinghaus Greg Elder	Lori Burdick John Kohake	Kale Rottinghaus	
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Hunter Steinlage *John Rottinghaus	Aaron Duryea Sharon Haverkamp	Amy Duryea Mary Rottinghaus	Eileen Love	Emily Altenhofen

ROSARY LEADERS: 5:00 PM – Eunice Winkler 9:00 AM – Jim Henry



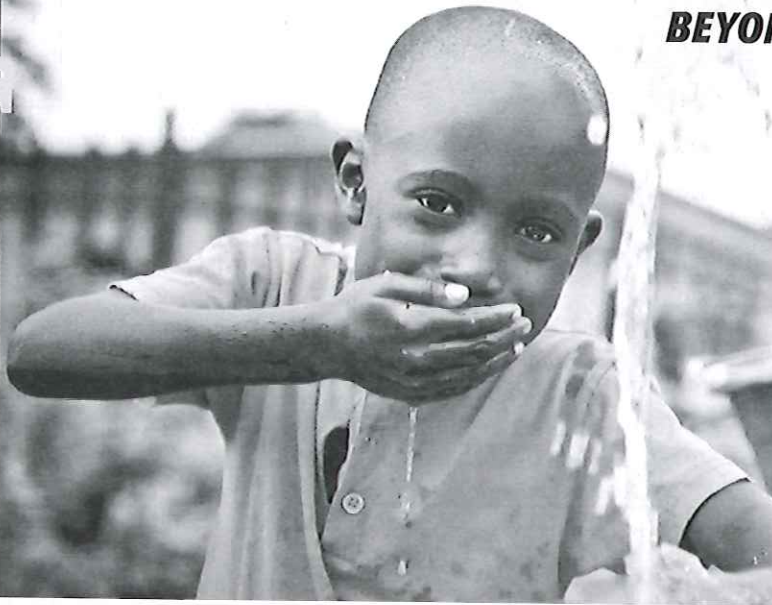
*Lord,
the Resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance
to continue to do it,
and the strength
to complete it.*

Amen.



Mercy

BEYOND THE JUBILEE YEAR



Although the official observance of the Jubilee year of mercy is past, all of Christian life hinges on the practice of mercy. This Easter season, here are some concrete ways to do so.

- **Week One: Give drink to the thirsty.**

In your own life, be intentional about water usage; look for ways to reduce waste and become aware of the gift we often take for granted. Donate to an organization that helps provide safe drinking water to the developing world, such as the Water Project, Catholic Relief Services, or Heifer International.

- **Week Two: Bury the dead.**

If your parish is hosting a funeral this week, help pray that soul into Heaven. Can you offer up an early lunch hour to volunteer as a lector, sacristan, or extraordinary minister of communion? Help prepare a meal for the bereaved?

- **Week Three: Visit the sick.**

No one wants to expose themselves to sickness. But those experiencing illness have great need for support from their communities. Who in your school, parish or neighborhood is overwhelmed by the illness, whether major or seasonal, of a family member? Can you mow their lawn? Bring them dinner? Run errands they can't do themselves? Chauffeur children to activities?

- **Week Four: Visit the imprisoned.**

Those involved in prison ministry can attest to how fulfilling it can be. If this is too far outside your comfort zone, perhaps you can become pen pals with an inmate. Sites like friendsbeyondthewall.com and writeaprisoner.com allow you to send messages electronically or via post.

- **Week Five: Counsel the doubtful.**

Most of us experience too much doubt ourselves to feel equal to this work of mercy. This week, read a book about the faith and shore up your own, so you can help another when the need arises.

- **Week Six: Pray for the living and the dead.**

It's easy to get sidetracked by the phone, the kids, the dirty dishes, or the song on the earbuds. This week, make a physical list of all the people you know who have asked for prayers. Devote five minutes a day to quiet, undistracted prayer.

- **Week Seven: Admonish sinners**

This week, before engaging in "admonishment," take a few moments to try to understand the other person's experiences, and how they got there. When things must be said, focus on actions, and frame your words with kindness, understanding, and lack of judgment.

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.
For further information, please call the Parish Office.

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