

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.

SOMETHING HAPPENED

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection.

What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

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Dear Friends,

A blessed and happy Easter to all of you and your loved ones! In this most special time of the Christian year we proclaim the great truth of our faith— that Jesus rose from the dead and that he is still alive today! This past week we celebrated the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This "paschal mystery" informs our identity as Christians and as a Catholic Parish.

I don't suppose we will soon forget Holy Week 2020. It has been very odd celebrating Mass without all of you. It has been my continued prayer that this separation from physical participation in communal prayer and sacraments will increase our hunger for the Lord. Please continue to keep Dan, Dennis, Roger and Devin (our RCIA candidates) in your prayers. The Sacraments of Initiation that are typically celebrated at the Easter Vigil have been transferred to the Vigil of Pentecost.

We heard from Fr. Pamment this week. He is doing well and is staying put down south until it is safer to travel. Apparently he has been enjoying restaurant home delivery!

Walk to Jerusalem: WE MADE IT x2!!! Together we walked a total of 12,063 miles. That is almost the EXACT distance to Jerusalem and back home again, with just a couple left over. Thank you for your participation. Great job!

Website: Please continue to check in on our website (www.stisidorechurch.org) and our St. Isidore - Holy Family facebook page for resources, updates and announcements.

ONLINE GIVING: We have a new platform that that allows for secure online giving. A link can be found on our webpage (www.stisidorechurch.org). You are able to give a one time or recurring donation.

Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen! EASTER 2020 is here. And we've only just begun – EASTER continues for FIFTY DAYS! ALLELUIA! LET US REJOICE!!

Fr. Bob Bacik



Walk to Jerusalem Update

12,063 miles walked We made it Jerusalem and back home!

Thanks for all the participation.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<u>St. Isidore-Holy Family parish</u> is now accepting applications for two unique scholarships:

The Giffels Scholarship: Open to parish members pursing advanced education opportunities. \$1,000

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Offers one \$1,000 scholarship to parish graduating seniors pursuing 2 & 4 year college education.

Criteria for applicants will include personal and family involvement in the parish, community service, financial need, and long term potential.

Please contact either parish office for the link to the online applications.

Deadline for submission May 11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

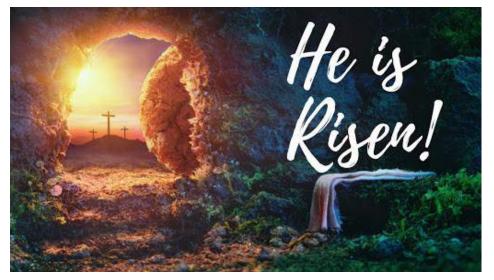
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 13— Business Meeting— (Zoom –see Fred for access)

Knight of the Month: Keith Kienitz **Family of the Month:** Tom Rourke Family and Gary Koonter Family





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FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS	
SATURDAY — April 11	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY — April 12	People of the Parish
Monday	
Tuesday	Thike Elliott by Beverly Delaney
Wednesday	🕆 Harriet Delaney by Dave & Cheryl Lewis Family
Thursday	T Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Marlene Shonk
Friday	🕆 Jacqueline Ellis by Marion Raeth
SATURDAY — April 18	T Deceased Members of the VanGeertruy Family
SUNDAY — April 19	T Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WROBEL, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN), - FRANK & NANCY DUKES, - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, - HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

PAMELA MORGAN, SYLVIA MCKAY, CRAIG & CAREN HENNING (NEPHEW & NIECE OF LEONARD MITCHELL), SHARON DARLING, (SISTER-IN-LAW ART & KAREN KELLEY), JUSTIN COLE, (NEPHEW OF COURTNEY & ANDY BATES); VAL THELEN, CONNIE WELLER, ROBERTA STANTON, SHELBY PORUBSKY, MIKE HEEG, CHARLES WADDELL FAMILY, JOHN OLINGER, BEVERLY DELANEY, JEANNE ALAGA, THERESA HEEG, RANDY BOWLES (SON OF ELLIE BOWLES), SUE NETHAWAY (SISTER OF ADRIANNE BOCEK), NICK DUNAY, JEFF WASON, BARB REWERTS, (GINGER KUSNIER'S MOTHER), GENE SCHOENDORF, EILEEN STRICKLAND (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), DALE KUENZLI (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), JANE MCCALLISTER, BLANCHE WOODBURY, VINCE MINARIK (SON-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL), ROBERT GARCIAS, MARIA JONES, BOB MCCUE, TOM HULBURT (SON OF NITA HUGHES), BOB FOREBACK & BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIENDS OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJKL, CARY LEN

