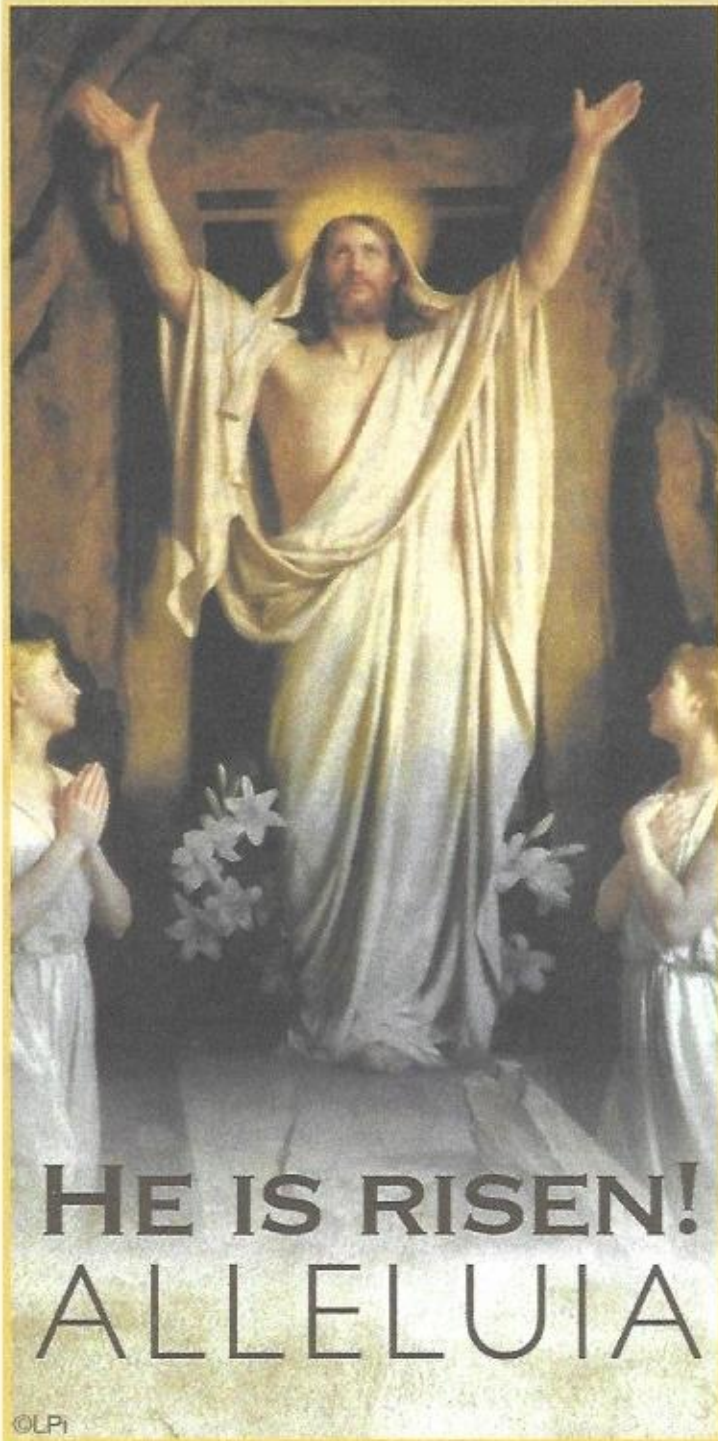


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES RACINE, WISCONSIN · APRIL 12, 2020



HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN
Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. - SJ
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 4 p.m. - SJN
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 5:15 p.m. - SJ
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - SJ
9:45 a.m. - SJN
10:30 a.m. - SJ

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment or Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m. - SJN

TRUSTEES

Jim Tresemer - SJN John Gates - SJ
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

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Registration and calendar: st-joes.org or 262-633-9005

Registration questions: 262-633-9005


Faith Formation class absences: 262-633-9005

LEGACY GIFT

Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Please call their office, 639-1071, or visit racinecemeteries.org

 Join us on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine to access archived bulletins and more.


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, APRIL 13 Monday Within the Octave of
Easter (S)

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 Tuesday Within the Octave
of Easter (S)

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

+ The Deceased Members of the Kaskubar Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 Wednesday Within the
Octave of Easter (S)

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

+ Ted Pier

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 Thursday Within the
Octave of Easter (S)

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

+ Terry Biarnesen

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 Friday Within the Octave of
Easter (S)

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

+ Wayne and Carol Obernberger

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Saturday Within the
Octave of Easter (S)

*Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/
Mk 16:9-15*

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-31*

+ Lloyd and Frances Meier

+ Peter George

- Living and Deceased Members
of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 Sunday of Divine Mercy (S)

+ Patti Robash

- The Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

- The Living and Deceased Members of
the Schoff and Eaton Families

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,

AGNES AND JOHN KAISLER.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S BREAD AND WINE

were donated this week and

SANCTUARY LAMP burned this week
IN MEMORY OF TOM KOHLMANN.

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember him in faith.

Dear Parishioners,

Just try to imagine the first Easter morning. It must have been a whirlwind of confusion, sadness, perplexity, and, ultimately, new joy. It is the same with us today. Our churches are closed. We cannot worship together as a Church family. Masses and prayers are done in private. What a confusion! Yet, in the midst of all these, I see a tunnel of joy, a ray of hope, and that is the power of the Easter mystery we celebrate.

According to John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala was the first one to find the tomb empty. Immediately, she cries out that someone has stolen the body of Jesus. Peter and the beloved disciple see for themselves that the tomb is empty, but only one believes. They did not understand the Scripture at that moment.

Today, we are reminded that we live by faith, and we seek understanding everyday. Easter morning gives us the north star--the guiding light by which we live our lives. The death of Jesus was not the end. He was raised in a wholly unexpected way to new life. I believe his destiny is ours; his new life will be shared by those who seek to follow him. This pandemic that we are fighting is not the end; we shall overcome and rise victoriously with Jesus. *See Page Two*→



Exsultet

The Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of Angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer! The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God! Alleluia!

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On this Easter morning, may we follow the guidelines provided by the Church and civil authorities and be open to the unexpected ways that God may work in us.

Thank you for your understanding, for your resilience, and for standing with the civil authorities and Church leadership. Thank you for your gracious and generous church support.


I pray that the Risen Lord and Savior may bless and protect you and your loved ones. Happy Easter to you and your loved ones. Please be safe as you celebrate Easter with your family.

Together in prayer,

Fr. Steve

Thank you for your kind contributions! Relying on your generosity and mindful of the times we face, we remind you that we have secure USPS mail service at St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph parishes. Thank you.

See our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com or at st-joes.org, where our bulletins and inserts are archived. Join us on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine.

 **The Bible study, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*, scheduled to begin Friday, April 17, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the St. John Nepomuk Parish Center, has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be **rescheduled** when it is safe to meet. Running eight consecutive Fridays, this DVD-led study by Jeff Cavins also features other presenters. There is no cost to join, but an optional, helpful study guide for the DVD is \$20. Direct questions to John and Kathy Sardino at 633-6231.**

Are you considering serving the Church as an ordained deacon? The Church calls men to be deacons "in service" to the People of God. If you are a man (married or single), who feels this call and wants to know more, please contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org, or talk to Deacon Doug Gundlach. Please visit archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm and click on the Inquiry for Discernment Program for a sessions schedule.



St. Joseph's Easter Candle and Altar Candles

Thank you to those whose generous donations in memory of loved ones provided our new Easter Candle. When the purchase of Easter altar flowers was not needed, beeswax altar candles were funded for a year.

<i>Father John Aiello</i>	<i>Sister Dorothy Johnson</i>
<i>Andy Anderson</i>	<i>Lawrence Johnson</i>
<i>Richard Arndt</i>	<i>Marie Johnson</i>
<i>Michael Bagdasarian</i>	<i>Lois/Jerry Kaplan</i>
<i>Rose/Armen Bagdasarian</i>	<i>and John Kropp</i>
<i>Charlotte/Joseph Barranco</i>	<i>Ed/Helen Kasinski</i>
<i>Charles Bayer</i>	<i>Joe Kasinski</i>
<i>Bosch-Lavin Families (2)</i>	<i>Tom Kohlmann</i>
<i>Emma/Ferdinand Brodek</i>	<i>Bill Koleske</i>
<i>Harold Buchman Family</i>	<i>Frank/Laura Koleske</i>
<i>Christopher M. Case</i>	<i>Kaitlin Krug</i>
<i>Dorothy A. Case</i>	<i>Albert/Elsie Leuker</i>
<i>William R. Case</i>	<i>Ted/Catherine Leuker</i>
<i>Larry Christensen</i>	<i>Catherine Lofy</i>
<i>Jameson Couch</i>	<i>Ralph/Belva Michna</i>
<i>Earl/Mary/James Decker</i>	<i>Oberst Family</i>
<i>Bernadine/Lester Eaton</i>	<i>Henry Louis Olson</i>
<i>Hilarius/Marianna Ebinal</i>	<i>Orth Family</i>
<i>Jeffrey Flegel</i>	<i>Cecilia Ortiz</i>
<i>Willard/Agnes Frank</i>	<i>Potrykus-Wilinski Family</i>
<i>Gall-Muraski Families</i>	<i>Jacklyn/Patricia Robash</i>
<i>Leroy/Lorraine Gehrig</i>	<i>Margaret Rybar (3)</i>
<i>Peter/Margaret George</i>	<i>Eugene F. Schneider</i>
<i>William George</i>	<i>Jim Schoff</i>
<i>Theresa Goebel</i>	<i>Connie Schrader</i>
<i>Walter Goebel Sr.</i>	<i>William Schrader</i>
<i>M/M William Goebel Sr.</i>	<i>Harold/Lucille Schram (2)</i>
<i>Bob Greco</i>	<i>Norm Seeger</i>
<i>John Greco</i>	<i>George/Gerry Shimkus</i>
<i>Richard P. Gundlach</i>	<i>Elmer/Mary Sura</i>
<i>Virginia/Willard Haigh</i>	<i>John/Kris Sus</i>
<i>Elizabeth Heidorn</i>	<i>Chuck/Bernie Vosika (2)</i>
<i>Mike Iselin</i>	<i>Uminski Family</i>



**The LORD, my God
lights up my darkness.**

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **Linda Andreasen**, who will receive her Christian burial through our church and ministry on a future date. Eternal rest, O Lord.



EASTER 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How profoundly we have all experienced the desert of Lent, fasting from our everyday routines, praying for the recovery of our world, and giving in new ways to our loved ones and communities during this time of pandemic. How closely you have journeyed alongside Jesus on his way to Calvary, sacrificing your desires, preferences, schedules, energy, or even health, to respond to the call to love one another in service and charity. And, how keenly you have felt the agony of Good Friday and Holy Saturday, in which Mary and the Disciples mourned the loss of Jesus' physical presence and experienced intense longing for His return.

On the morning of the Resurrection, some women went to Jesus' tomb to mourn a dead man. As I think about the state of our world right now, and the dramatic effects it has had on all of our lives, it appears that we, too, journey with the women to the tomb to mourn. With our churches standing empty this Easter, it appears that we have been defeated. But, my friends, hear the words spoken to the women by the angel who greeted them at the tomb, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

The sign of the empty tomb is not a sign of destruction and failure. No; rather, it is the sign par excellence of our faith. St. Paul tells us that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain – it would be meaningless. (1 Cor 15:14) The empty tomb is the physical reminder of the Resurrection and the evidence that our faith is not in vain. The empty tomb confirms that Jesus is God, that he has indeed risen from the dead, and that sin and death are conquered.

While our churches are certainly not tombs, I ask you to consider how they are tremendous signs of faith in a world filled with fear. Our empty churches should remind us of the power of our faith, which is the power of the mercy and love of God. We may be physically distant from one another – and, how I long to see you at Mass – but we are not alone. Our God has come to save us. Jesus has truly risen and alive! He lives within us, for we are members of His Body, and he has not abandoned us.

After seeing the empty tomb, the angel instructed the women to go tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead. I invite you this Easter to consider how you will share that message of faith, hope and love with those in your lives who may need this message of hope. How will someone know that you have seen the empty tomb and that this joy may also be theirs? How will your interactions with others or decisions that you make reflect a heart that is full of gratitude and dedicated to service? How will your actions of self-sacrifice and self-denial be a witness to our community of your respect for life? How will you forgive others because you have experienced forgiveness and new life in the sacraments? How will your longings for heaven attract others to seek the kingdom of God before all else?

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for your faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ's victory over our sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it. I pray continually for all of you, that through this time of physical separation, your faith may be strengthened beyond measure and that your hearts may be opened to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

With Easter joy, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. Listecki

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki