

GOSPEL MEDITATION: EASTER SUNDAY

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best.

— Father John Muir

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**April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**

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Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events,
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Palm Sunday we heard: "Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives": that hymn, namely Psalm 118 used at the end of a Passover meal (i.e. the Last Supper), is our Responsorial Psalm for today, Easter Sunday. How powerful that those words were on Jesus' lips at the Last Supper: "I shall not die, but live...the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..." (Ps 118: 17, 22). Foreseen in the Psalms, God's eternal design moves ever forward. Draw each of us, Lord, into that great work of yours!

Easter", namely the eight days we are in that the Church treats as one great Easter day. I have several First Communion home visits, two rehearsals, Confirmation interviews, even some baptisms during this week. Next Sunday, April 12 we have First Holy Communion at Marty; and we'll use the newly blessed holy oils for Anointing of the Sick after the Dante Mass and at the Divine Mercy Hour that afternoon at Wagner. Anointing of the Sick will be at Marty after the April 19th Mass.

Blessed Easter Day and 50 day Easter season to you!
Fr. Jim

Savor the gift of the "Octave of

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
Tuesday, April 7
7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER MEETING
Thursday, April 9
6:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement
There will be daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. , followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be served before the meeting. Lunch Committee: Kristi Koupal, Chairman; Jan Holzbauer; Sherri Fuchs; Irene Krcil; Stacy Holzbauer; Kami Soukup; Pam Donelan; Carolyn Kocer.

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, April 15
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 8
5:00 p.m. - St. John's

Friday, April 10
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's

Saturday, April 11
4:30 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, April 12
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

Hallelujah!
He has risen!

JUSTICE, EXPLAINED

"Original justice" is what the Catechism calls the state of harmony that existed between God, mankind and all creation (CCC 376) before the fall. Though original justice perished when sin entered the world, our souls still bear its memory, and we are oriented toward this virtue like a flower is oriented to the light of the sun: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will have their fill." (Matthew 5:6)

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God (religion is the justice we owe to our Creator). Justice gives us a framework for existing in the Justice is made possible by the virtue of charity (CCC 1825) because justice demands what is right for all, not just for one.



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED: APRIL 5

- ◆ What Catholics Believe about the Resurrection: What Jesus a Ghost?
- ◆ Easter & the Resurrection: the Augustine Institute Show
- ◆ The Resurrection



MASS SCHEDULE

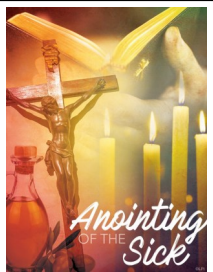
Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	April 6	Monday within the Octave of Easter	NO MASS
Tuesday	April 7	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	April 8	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter/ Closing CCD Mass	6:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Thursday	April 9	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	10:00 a.m. - GSC 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham † Jon Doom †
Friday	April 10	Friday within the Octave of Easter	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	OSBS Relatives & Friends †
Saturday	April 11	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday)	8:30 p.m. - St. John's	Bonnie Novak †
Sunday	April 12	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Dennis Cihak † First Communicants

CAMP SYDNEY 2026
Registration is NOW OPEN. The Lourdes Center is once again excited to offer a grief camp for youth (to include their parents/guardians) this summer at Broom Tree Family Camp, beginning at 6 p.m. June 5 until 11 a.m. June 7. This three-day camp includes fun activities, discussion and support for both kids and adults. Free-will donations will gladly be accepted. Registration is required and can be completed online at www.thelourdescenter.com.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!
The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



**DIVINE MERCY SERVICE/
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Sunday, April 12
3:00 p.m.
St. John's



DAYS OF RECOLLECTION AT BROOM TREE
April 14 - Directed by Father Kristopher Cowles
"Apparitions of Mary: Her Impact, Then and Now"
May 5 - Directed by Father Nick Haiar
"Lectio Divina: Hearing God's Voice in the Scriptures"

BROOM TREE
RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Beginning at 10am and ending at 3pm, these day-long retreats consist of two conferences and Mass as well as built in time for Adoration and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch is provided. The value of these retreats is \$50/ person. We invite retreatants to prayerfully make a donation in response to graces received.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

"Serve the Lord with gladness"

- Psalm 100

Saturday, April 11 5:30 p.m. - St. John's **Sunday, April 12 9:00 a.m. - Assumption** **Sunday, April 12 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's**

EM	Barb Johannsen/ Alice Koupal	Volunteer	Mary Jo
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Becky Brunsing	Donna Smejkal	Emma/ Amy/ Georgia
Altar Servers	Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Dashel Smejkal	Bennett/ Briggs
Music	Kara Hanan	Bernie Koupal	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Jeff/ Tim S.
Greeters	Fran Podzimek		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Jenni Soukup Family	Derek Koupal Family	First Communicants
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Jim Eggers	Donna Smejkal/ Derek Koupal	Emma/ Sr. Miriam



Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to be confirmed on Sunday, April 26, at St. John's.



St. Paul's, Marty

Teacher: Amy Doom

Bennett Kuhlman, Son of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman
Braxton Nedved, Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved
Eli Marshall, Son of Riley & Amy Reiff
Emma Kreeger, Daughter of Chad & Cathy Kreeger
Leo Mendoza, Son of Cecilia Mendoza
Ryann Langdeaux, Daughter of George & Tana Langdeaux

St. John's, Wagner

Teacher: Jamie Soukup

Jessica Barnett, Daughter of Judy & the Late Jerry Barnett
Brianna Fuchs, Daughter of Curt & Sherri Fuchs
Hannah Holzbauer, Daughter of John & Stacy Holzbauer
Paxton Kuhlman, Son of Paul & Jessica Kuhlman
Ravyn Medricky, Daughter of Mike & Miranda Medricky
Taya Stone, Daughter of Tim & Tammy Stone

Assumption, Dante

Teacher: Mike Beeson

Radak Kotab, Son of David & Ericka Kotab
Kadon Mixon, Son of Shawn & Penny Mixon
Easton Sees, Son of Joe & Janelle Sees
Dashel Smejkal Son of Shawn & Donna Smejkal
Katherine Swier, Daughter of Scott & Theresa Swier

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



EASTER BLESSING

Dear Lord,
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
March 28	\$1318.00
Children's Collection	\$ 5.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:	
Surplus Décor Donation	\$ 25.00
Steubenville Registrations	\$ 600.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$ 20.00
Votive Candle Offering	\$ 20.00

ALTAR SOCIETY: HELP NEEDED!

Helpers will be needed to assist with serving and cleaning up after the First Communion meal on Saturday, April 18. Our parish is hosting Confirmation for the parishes in our pastorate on Sunday, April 26. Altar Society will need people to provide cookies and bars for the reception after the Confirmation Mass. Help will also be needed to serve/clean up. Contact Lynne Doom, 491-5966, if you can help!

MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 8 CCD MASS

EM: Mieke Slaba, Judy Barnett; Lectors: CCD Students; Altar Servers: CCD Students; Music: Austin Genzlinger; Greeters: CCD Students; Gift Bearers: CCD Students; Ushers: CCD Students; Sacristan: Don Koupal; Collection Counters; Ray Soukup, Becky Brunsing.

ST. JOHN'S CFSA UPDATE

Donations/Pledges Received: \$30,792(101%)
Goal Exceeded By: \$292
Level of Parish Participation: 30.4%
The \$292 remains in the parish (as will additional donations received) without being counted/considered as parish income. If you have not already donated, your donation will increase our level of participation as well as the amount to remain in the parish.



Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for to receive their First Holy



Communion in the coming weeks.
St. Paul's, Marty - Sunday, April 12
Teacher: Cathy Kreeger
Emsley Kuhlman,
Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman
Mackson Kuhlman,
Son of Jason Kuhlman & Lindsey Nedved
Sahveya Kuhlman,
Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman
Skya Tuttle,
Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved

St. John's, Wagner - Saturday, April 18
Teachers: Judy Barnett, Matt & Mieke Slaba
Slider Davies,
Son of Josh & Jennifer Davies
Kenna Hanan,
Daughter of Mick & Kara Hanan
Owen Kuhlman,
Son of Chase & Erin Kuhlman
Chloe Payer,
Daughter of Clay & Traci Payer
Maci Soukup,
Daughter of Ryan Soukup & Taylor Fischer
Lalena Turner,
Daughter of

Daughter of Russell Turner, Jr.
Jentry Wiechmann,
Son of Josh & Lindsey Wiechmann
Assumption, Dante - Sunday, April 19
Teacher: Danielle Krcil
Kolt LaVern Koupal,
Son of Derek & Kristi Koupal
Naomi Josephine Krcil,
Daughter of Andrew & Andrea Krcil
Grace Uchtyl,
Daughter of Adam & Julie Uchtyl



YOUNG CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, April 10
9:00 a.m.
Assumption CCD Center



ASSUMPTION PARISH DANTE COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, April 12
Following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Assumption CCD Center
Serving Tyndall Bakery rolls, coffee and juice. Free will donation. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

High School Seniors: The deadline for submitting applications for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship is May 1. Seniors are asked to contact Theresa Koupal or Jamie Soukup to have a copy of the scholarship application emailed to them. Completed applications must be emailed to Jamie Soukup by May 1.

WAGNER COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 14
Noon to 5:30 p.m.
Wagner Fire Hall





Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

April 6: Clarah Soukup (SJ); April 8: Halsey Hill (SJ); April 10: Pam Donelan (SJ), Rachel Woods (SJ), Hudson Sees (A), LaVern Rezac (A); April 11: Ted Slaba (SJ), Joe Blaha (A), Ashley Tolsma (A); April 12: Terry Koupal (A), Ethan Blaha (A).

Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

April 11: Paul & Julie Tolsma (A)

Also, Happy Anniversary to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week!

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: 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 Or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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DAYS OF RECOLLECTION AT ABBEY OF THE HILLS

April 14 - Directed by Father Michael Petersen
 "The Spirit of Reverence in the Rule of Saint Benedict"
 May 12 - Directed by Father Andrew Thuringer
 "An Open Heart, the Prerequisite for Prayer"
 June 9 - Directed by Deacon Mike McKeown
 "Learning to Live in the Divine Will"
 July 14 - TBD
 August 11 - Directed by Dr. Michael Moran
 "Who Is the Man of the Shroud of Turin?"
 September 8 - TBD

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WHILE IT IS STILL DARK

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as spiritual but not religious, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question "Why do you believe what you believe?" it usually comes out as "Why do you go to church?"

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb "while it was still dark." I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It's possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter's dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

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LOOKING AHEAD Monday, April 6

NO MASS
 Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Tuesday, April 7

Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's
 Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. at Assumption
 Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
 Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
 Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

Wednesday, April 8

Adoration & Confessions at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
 Daily Rosary at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's
 CCD Closing Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's
 Faith Formation at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
 CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption

Thursday, April 9

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center
 Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
 Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
 Catholic Daughter Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's
 (Light Supper to Be Served Before Meeting)

Friday, March April 10

Young Children's Bible School at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
 Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Adoration at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Benediction at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Saturday, April 11

Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's
 Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
 Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
 St. John's First Communion Rehearsal/Confessions at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 12

Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption/Anointing of the Sick Following
 Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
 Divine Mercy Service & Anointing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's

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