

March 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."
-Pope Benedict XVI

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Today we celebrate the greatest victory known to man, our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. For Christ is alive, Alleluia, Alleluia! He has conquered Satan, sin and death, nailing the debt we owed to God through our sinfulness to the Cross, and offering His own precious blood to God our Father for the forgiveness of our sins. Truly, Christ has ransomed us from Satan's grasp, and has rescued us from eternal death in Hell, and won for us the opportunity to share eternal life in Heaven. Through His rising from the dead, Christ has brought new life to fallen humanity, and thrown open the gates of Heaven to all who believe in Him. For Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And indeed, we know, if we search the depths of our inmost thoughts, if we look into our minds and hearts, we know that we long for something that is real, happiness that is lasting, meaning and purpose for our lives that exceeds mere possession of material goods, having lots of money or power, or having every pleasure at hand. We long for a life that is not corrupted by sin, pain, sickness, violence, loneliness, and greed. Our hearts ache for a life that is pure happiness, utter fulfillment, endless joy. We long for relationship, friendship with the God who made us, our Creator and Lord, our Savior and Redeemer, our Refuge and Strength. For Christ has conquered, and has risen victorious!

And so, as Pope Benedict reminded us, the cry of the heart of man for a life which is unending, the cry for meaning and purpose that goes beyond this short and unpredictable and often difficult life, that cry for meaning, purpose and fulfillment has been answered in Jesus Christ, the risen from the dead. Because Christ is alive, we now have an unshakeable reason for hope; we can have full confidence that there is indeed a future of endless life awaiting us. For where Christ has gone, we can now follow. The gates of Heaven, which had been locked due to our sin, have been forever thrown open, never to be closed again.

Now the choice is ours. The victory has already been won- Christ has forever defeated the forces of evil and sin. But the question is, will we allow the victory of Christ's resurrection to penetrate and direct our lives? Will we choose not just to celebrate Easter Sunday today, but to allow the victory of Easter to form the foundation of our lives? In other words, to put it quite simply: will we invite Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, to be the risen Lord of our entire lives, not just today, but everyday. Because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, we now have a future full of hope; let's live that hope not just today, but everyday from now through eternity! God bless you! ~ *Father Steve*

To celebrate this **Year of Mercy** and **Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3**, confessions will be available 3-4 pm.

Little Rock Bible Study group will not meet on Easter Sunday but we will continue our study again on Sunday, April 3.

Knights of Columbus and the KC Auxiliary Meeting: Thursday, March 31. Mass at **6:30 pm** - meeting to follow at **7 pm**. The District Deputy will be attending our meeting this month.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, April 6 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm.

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass on **Sunday, April 10**. Please plan to join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. Free will donation.

The **parish office will be closed on Monday, March 28**. If you have an urgent need you can contact Cindy at 220-1582.

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Parish Office Located in Rectory 8 am - 2 pm Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** 226-3639 or 226-3351

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| Saturday | <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> | 03/26/16 |
| 8:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Pope Francis</i> Reader.....Tom Frericks & Jessalyn Hansen Cantor.....Andy Buell, Terri Frericks-Blood & All Cantors Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Michael Rowlee Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Servers.....Jason Blood, Thomas Rowlee & Lucas Stadler | | |
| Sunday | <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> | 03/27/16 |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Don Seipke Chalices....Ed Hynes Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks & Thomas Rowlee | | |
| Monday | <i>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 03/28/16 |
| Tuesday | <i>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 03/29/16 |
| 7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer | | |
| Wednesday | <i>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 03/30/16 |
| 7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Bruce Kelly</i> ☩ 8:50 a.m. Adoration | | |
| Thursday | <i>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 03/31/16 |
| 7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Bruce Kelly</i> ☩ 8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer Group | | |
| Friday | <i>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 04/01/16 |
| 7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Father Paul Larson</i> ☩ | | |
| Saturday | <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i> | 04/02/16 |
| 8:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Don Daniels</i> ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt | | |
| Sunday | <i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</i> | 04/03/16 |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Judy Zupancich Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jason Blood | | |

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Susan Michels, Leona Currier, Steve Elam, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Gene Biever, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Lincoln & Liam Traut, Rauri Byrnes, Ariana Marek, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Kerry Larson, Elizabeth Johnson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Thank you! Wow! There are so many volunteers who helped make this an amazing Lent and Easter celebration!

- Thank you to those who prepared the soup meals for our Friday evening suppers before Stations of the Cross. Thank you also to those who came to enjoy those yummy meals.
- Thank you to all who contributed to Operation Rice Bowl, either by donations at the Soup Suppers or by collecting in your homes. If you have money that you would still like to give, please put into an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and place into the regular collection.
- Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers and those who decorated the church. Your generosity helped make our church beautiful for all to enjoy.
- Thank you to our musicians, cantors, priests, deacons, readers, and servers. We are truly blessed by the sharing of your time and talents.
- Thank you to all who donated clothing for the Damiano Center. Our drive was a success and we were able to donate many loads of clothing to help those in need. Thank you to Rodney and Lance for your trips down to Duluth to deliver them.

St. Mary's has been blessed with many good and hard working parishioners that care deeply for our church. Your generosity made this Lenten and Easter season very special and it is much appreciated! - Cindy

Welcome to St. Mary's! We're happy you're here. If you are new to our community, please call or stop by the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

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| LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS | |
| General Collection..... | \$1554.50 |
| Good Friday | \$50.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | \$25.00 |
| Rice Bowl Offerings (Soup Suppers)..... | \$361.00 |

Hydrangea Plants

*Janet Grahek in loving memory of her mother Genevieve Grahek
John Grahek in loving memory of his father Ed Grahek
Deacon Fred & Mary Wright in memory of John & Peggy Wright
and Ray & Phyllis Schlichting*

Easter Lilies

*Karen Nelson in memory of Jeff Timm
Judy Zupancich in memory of Edward Zupancich
Susan & Richard Scheradella in memory of William Jepperson
Robert & Karen Nelson in memory of Ruth Nelson
Janet Grahek in memory of Mary Camaish
Marilyn Frericks in memory of Don Frericks
Jim & Lanay Frericks in memory of Al & Elizabeth Frericks Family
Luella Keseley in memory of Richard Keseley
Brian & Theresa Zupancich in memory of Bernard Zupancich
Greta Stefanich in memory of Louis M. Stefanich
Jim & Lanay Frericks in memory of Leo & Leona Woelfel Family
Luella Keseley in memory of Hank & Evelyn Kagol
Margaret Swindlehurst in memory of Robert Swindlehurst & deceased family members
Tom & Lucy Ludolph in memory of deceased family members
Gerry & Sue Bahar in memory of Allison Bahar
Lillian Miller in memory of Jim & Nate Miller
Victoria Johnson in memory of Edwin Johnson
Leona Currier in memory of T.J. Currier family
Steve & Diane Radle in memory of Jon Radle
Tom & Mary Bott in memory of all deceased family members
Duwayne & MaryAnne Stebbins in memory of deceased family members
Dave Mealey in memory of Donna Mealey
Gale Fredrickson in memory of Dick & John Fredrickson
Rita Kelly in memory of Robert, Bruce & Caitlin Kelly
Janet Grahek in memory of deceased family members
Betty Hofschulte in memory of Carl Hofschulte*