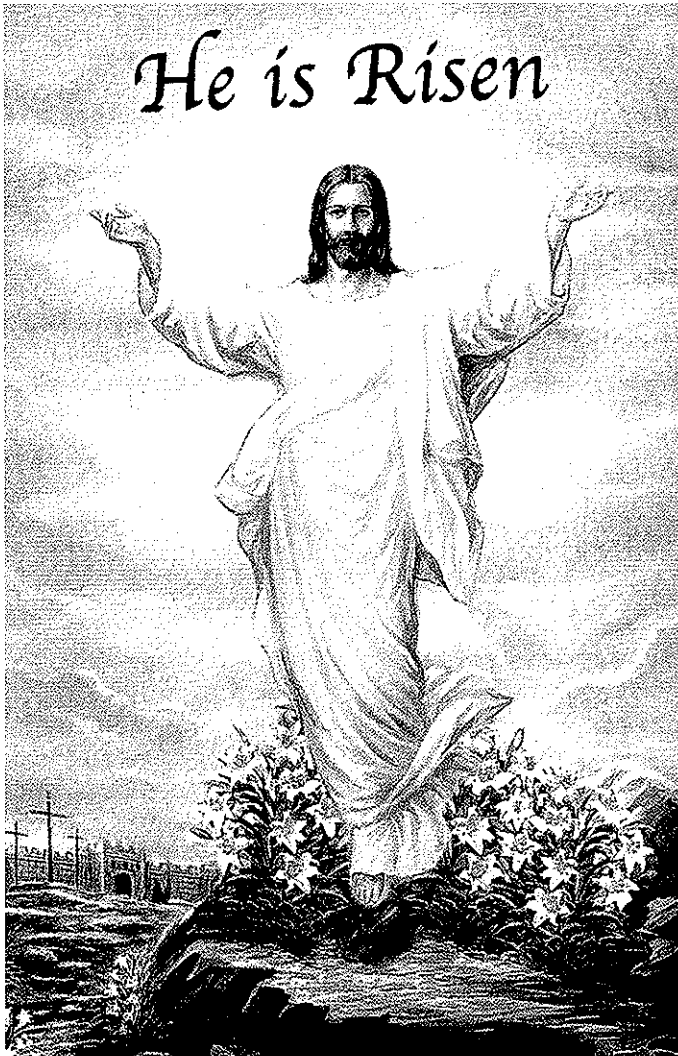


EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2017

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord



ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Rejoice,

heavenly choirs of angels.

Rejoice,

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.

May you be filled with the joy and hope of the resurrection.

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We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

At the Church of St. Wenceslaus**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE**Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 5:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Word & Communion

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

Confirmation

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 pm in the church.

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required.
 Call 952-758-3225

Rosary

Monday – Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

Adoration

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study

Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Prayer Chain

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER KEVIN**It's our turn to say ~ 21 centuries later!**

Something happened on the first Easter morning. No one was there to give an eyewitness report of the event. Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb and called it a crime. Peter studied the details, scratched his head, and couldn't make sense of it. The other disciple "saw and believed," we're told. But did he see more than Mary and Peter had? And what, exactly, did it make him "believe"?

We can ponder these three responses. We can compare them with Easter accounts in the other gospels and decide which narrative is most satisfying to us. Or we can do what most believers do, which is to conflate all four stories of what happened on the third day and come up with a multitude of replies to the empty tomb:

- ♦ Soldiers falling down like dead men.
- ♦ Women creeping forward in the dark with their anointing oils.
- ♦ Angels calmly explaining what can't be explained.
- ♦ The curtain of the Temple spontaneously ripping open to expose its secrets.
- ♦ Earthquakes shaking open the tombs of Jerusalem and all manner of persons walking free.
- ♦ Women fleeing and saying nothing in their terror.
- ♦ Women encountering the Risen Lord and providing the first testimony of Easter in their joy.
- ♦ Soldiers being paid to lie about what they saw, so the whole disturbing experience might be shut down.

What we gather from these accounts is that there are many responses to make about the empty tomb. They range from self-serving lies to full confessions of faith to total silence to Peter's head-shaking confusion. Something happened that confounded everyone it touched. We can even respond like the unnamed disciple and simply say we believe, in a fuzzy way, not sure what we believe or why.

The church that emerged from the empty tomb had to ponder this event a while before they came up with a unified response ~ which has become our reply as church ever since. Because of that Easter morning ~

We gather faithfully.

We reflect deeply.

We celebrate joyfully.

We testify fearlessly.

And we serve generously.

Because of that transformative hour, our lives are transformed ~ here today, 21 centuries later. We continue to gather, in season and out, whether or not it's convenient. We reflect on the stories of our faith and allow them to ask their probing questions of us and our choices. We remain people who celebrate, knowing there's a reason for joy and hope, even when the world is a dark and unhappy place. We tell what we know, even if people don't want to hear it. And we embrace the call to serve with open hearts, because this good news has to be good news if it's to be received by those who haven't heard it yet.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Kevin Clinton, Pastor

Western Catholic Community

From the Desk of Father Dave

Potatoes for Easter

I am a lover of food and I have many favorites. For our Easter dinner, my brother is bringing a big old ham. I have raw vegetables and dip. My sister will take care of the rest. This includes one of my favorites, her cheesy potatoes. I'm Irish and I've had a lifetime love affair with potatoes. I've not met a way I didn't like them. I raised them as a kid, showing them at fairs. I used to sell them with my parents at the farmer's market for some extra money.

We would buy seed potatoes with eyes on them and cut them so that each chunk had an eye or two. Next, we would dig shallow holes about a foot apart and place the potato seeds facing up. If you didn't face them up, my mom said they would grow to China. After gently covering them with earth, watering and weeding were done so the plant can grow and produce more potatoes.

This cycle of planting and growing is a good way to understand the resurrection. Jesus was sealed in his tomb on Good Friday. Like a plant emerging from the soil, in three days he emerged from the grave. A few thought all hope was lost when Jesus was crucified and buried. As we know, hope was not lost. Like flowers bursting forth, Jesus was raised from the dead. Just like when Jesus ascended into Heaven, when the plant is harvested, one seed has born much fruit. From Jesus' resurrection, the Christian community continuously grows and we are each called to plant a seed of faith in others.

Today we celebrate the resurrected Christ. Resurrection means new life. Farmers and gardeners experience this as they plant many seeds that they hope to rise from their dormant state. This growth sustains families, whether it be a paycheck or food. The planting season is important. The Western Catholic Community will be recognizing this time with a blessing of seeds next Sunday. Samples of seed may be brought to any of the WCC masses to be blessed.

Fr. Dave Barrett
Regional Associate Pastor
New Prague Area Catholic Community

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

April 22 & 23, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	Sandy Kubes	Marlene Dohmen	Jean Boehmke
Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin Giesen	Judy Pauly, Kevin Odenthal & Marlene Dohmen	Jonila Weiers, Lori Wooten & Amy Lemke
Servers	Leo Pexa & Brad Kubes	Leo Pexa & Lydia Schmitz	Katelynn & Craig Brezina, Avery & Jordyn Marsh
Gift Bearer Family		Larry Weckman Family	Tim Lemke Family

Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....	8:15 pm	St. John's
Sunday.....	8:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday.....	10:00 am	St. John's

Weekday Masses

Wednesday.....	5:00 pm	St. John's
Thursday.....	5:00 pm	St. Scholastica

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Wednesday.....	5:30 pm	St. John's
Thursday.....	5:30 pm	St. Scholastica

Baptism & Confirmation

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Anointing of the Sick

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Marriage

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Adoration

Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Thank You!

For those volunteers who helped with the 2nd grade retreat, your great leadership was appreciated: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Dave, MaryCarol Wolf, Marilyn Schaper, Angie Nicolai, Mary Jo Hruby, Mary Weldon, Linda Smisek, Clare Schumacher.

Ladies of the Parish

Our Council of Catholic Women are having a meeting on April 17th, beginning with a Pot Luck at 6:30 pm. Please join us in the church basement Dining Hall. Also the Southwest Deanery is having an Open Meeting at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale on April 20th beginning at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please call Marion at 758-8633 by April 18th.



Bereavement Support Group

Grieving the death of someone significant is a long process. Our Bereavement Support group is here to help people work through the stages of their grieving. Our next meeting is on Thurs., April 20th at 7 pm in the parish office building (the former rectory). All are welcome. For more information call Deacon Bob at (952) 758-0463.



Upcoming Pillow Cleaning Opportunity

Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service will be in the foyer of the PAC at St. Wenceslaus Sat., April 22nd, 7 am-1 pm. Early bird drop off Fri., April 21st from 3-5 pm. Custom made new pillows and comforters also for sale. Proceeds go to youth attending Catholic Heart Workcamp this summer.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser for People with Developmental Disabilities (Formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive)

New Prague KC's will be collecting after the Weekend Masses of April 29-30. Please plan to help support this cause.

Women Only Night (Won + One = FUN!)

Bring your friend, son, husband, nephew, neighbor, grandson, dad ~ any adult is welcome to this event! *Who?* YOU! Any woman who wants a night out, bring your friends. *What?* A night of inspiration, growth, and discipleship with speaker Nic Davidson. *Where?* The PAC (Parish Activities Center) gym. *When?* Sun., April 30th, 6:30-7:30 pm. Nic has a way of sharing the message of Jesus Christ with depth and humor. He will help you make sense of our beautiful and complex faith and figure out what God's plan for you might be. Please RSVP by April 27th, (952) 758-3225 or info@npcatholic.org. We hope to see YOU here!

Tour Our Nation's Capital!

See all the wonderful sights our nation's capi-

tal has to offer. An adults-only trip will be offered August 9-12, 2017. Airfare, hotel, and entry to all sights included. Contact Jamie Schoenbauer at jamie.schoenbauer@swsaints.org for more details.

SW Council of Catholic Women

Our parish Council of Catholic Women provides financial support for MANY programs in our parish and they have a Spring Garden Sale fundraiser coming up. **During the week of May 7-13 ONLY**, Cedar Brook Garden Center, located by Creeks Bend Golf Course, will donate 10% of all of your purchases to our St. Wenceslaus CCW. **You must mention St. Wenceslaus CCW or print CCW form from their website cedarbrookkcg.com.** Donation flyers also available in back of church. Help us spread the word....Mother's Day gifts, flowers, vegetable garden, trees, shrubs, gift shop items, and much MORE.

New Prague Knights of Columbus is sponsoring "Take the Altar Servers to the Twins game" *When: Sun., May 21st Time: 11 am ~ meet for hotdog lunch. Bus Leaves: 11:30 ~ Available to the first 50 that sign-up! What: 1:10 ~ Ballgame at Target Field. Who: Any Altar Server can go. Cost: FREE for server and \$15 for adults. Deadline to sign up is April 22nd. Contact: Lyle Malecha at (651) 269-3416 ~ lmalecha@cranems.com with any questions or to sign up. PLEASE NOTE** Due to the popularity of this event, a FREE bus ride is available to the first 50 riders who sign up. After that and up until April 22nd, tickets will still be given out to interested Altar Servers and can be purchased by adults, but transportation is on your own.*

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children

Our parish will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Mon., May 15th from 6-9 pm. **Protecting God's Children for Adults** is training conducted by VIRTUS certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. If you are even considering volunteering somewhere down the road, please take this training. To sign up, please go to virtus.org. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Thank you.

Farm Land Rental

Farm land for rent. 67.8 tillable acres in Section 24 of Derrynane Township in the County of Le Sueur and State of Minnesota, FSA # 367. Lease for 2017 crop year with optional 2 additional one year contracts. Send sealed bid to Fr. David Barrett, Church of St. Wenceslaus, 215 Main St. E., New Prague, MN 56071 by April 17th.

Spring Bake Sale & Boutique

Sat., April 22nd ~ 9 am-3 pm at St. Patrick Social Hall. Sponsored by St. Patrick CCW.

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This week we thank

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Join us this summer to help CHWC leave the world a little better than we found it! This year we are going to Detroit Lakes, MN, July 17-22. Contact Pamela at (952) 758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org for more information.



SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

Job Openings at St. Wenceslaus School Head Cook/Food Services Director

The school is looking for a new lead person for our school lunch program. This position takes place during the school year only ~ full time. 7 am-2 pm every school day with a few other days in between for training and staff activities. Must have some computer skills and be willing to learn the requirements of the state and federal hot lunch programs. Must be able to lift 30-40 pounds and work over a hot stove! Please apply by e-mail to the school principal. kim.doyle@swsaints.org

School-age Daycare Director

We are looking for a person to take charge of our extended care program called Club House. This position could start part time in the summer but an option is also to begin mid-August. Looking for a person who has experience with children. Ideally we would like a person with a teaching license but a child care license is also favorable. Other areas of experience will also be considered. Director must be able to work until 5:30 pm, be organized, have good people skills, able to manage a group of children, be able to lift up to 30 pounds, and can walk with children to local park, library, and other areas in town, as well as manage playground activities. This position must be filled as soon as possible. Please e-mail Principal Kim Doyle at kim.doyle@swsaints.org.

Special Day of Grace ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 23

The Church of St. Michael, Prior Lake, will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday from 2-4:30 pm. All are invited to join us on this special feast day. Come early (1:00) to see "The Face of Mercy," a stirring film that weaves together history and theology with moving examples of Divine Mercy, alive and present in our modern world. For more information go to <https://www.stmichael-pl.org/divine-mercy-sunday>.

Faster than the Pastor, A Journey to the Cross Event 5

Breeze by the Bishop is quickly approaching ~ April 29th at St. John Neumann in beautiful Eagan. Event distance is based on the scripture Proverbs 3:5 ~ making the event distance a one loop, 3.5 walkable miles. Event registration is \$34.95 through April 23rd or a family max rate of \$175 ~ ALL CLERGY ARE FREE! Go online today to register ~ www.fasterthanthepastorevents.com or email event director Pam@Vigeoinc.com, (612) 940-3149.



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

May Crowning Youth Ministry Event

Where: St. John's Union Hill
When: Sunday, May 14th ~ 10 am
Why: Join us for May Crowning on Mother's Day
Who: All teens! (moms can come too!)
What: Mass and May Crowning
Join NPACC Youth Ministry for a special event at St. John's. Mass, May Crowning, treats, and make a rosary for Mother's Day! RSVP to Pamela Sherlock at (952) 758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org.

Get ready to s-t-r-e-t-c-h!

This year's Summer Stretch dates are:
June 29 July 6 July 13 July 20
July 27 Aug. 3 (Valley Fair)
Contact Pamela Sherlock for more information ~ (952) 758-0477 or pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org
We also need group leaders!

It's not too late to sign up for Catholic Heart Work Camp!

Catholic HEART Workcamp's theme this summer is ROOTED. In our world of increasingly uncertain change, we must stay on course and **remain rooted in faith.**

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica

Attention Farmers and Gardeners:

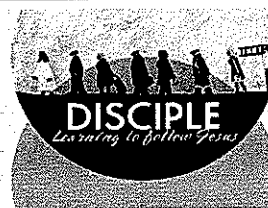
As a part of embracing our rural identity, we are having a seed blessing in the Western Catholic Community on Sun., April 23rd. At the three masses in the WCC, one can bring a sample of your seeds to be blessed. Any amount is fine. The seeds will be brought into the sanctuary after the homily. A prayer will be said and holy water will be sprinkled over the seeds. They can be picked up after Mass. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Dave at (651) 470-0970.



ALL YOU CAN EAT HAM & EGG BREAKFAST

Catholic United Financial Council St. John's will be hosting a matching grant breakfast on Sun., April 23rd. Join us in the St. John's school basement for this free will offering breakfast including ham, eggs, cinnamon rolls, and beverages. Breakfast will be served from 8 am-12 pm. Thank you to our volunteer servers Noreen and Aaron Suerer, Janet Weiers, Jeanne Wacker, Jack Widmer, Dan Solheid, Katie Pexa, and Marlene Dohmen. 100% of the proceeds create new or enhances existing youth and adult Catholic education programs in our local Catholic community!

Adult Formation



Calling all adults ~ Pack the PAC (Parish Activities Center) on Sunday, April 30 at 6:30 pm for a wonderful speaker... bring a friend! *Nic Davidson has a way of sharing the message of Jesus Christ with depth and humor. He will help you make sense of our beautiful and complex faith and possibly help you figure out what God's plan for you might be.*

Registrations encouraged but not required by calling 952.758.3225 or e-mailing: info@npcatholic.org by April 27, we hope to see **YOU** here!

VBS

Vacation Bible School will take place June 19-23. We will again be offering two camps for our families. *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church* will be offered for our Age 4 through entering grade 4 children. Our *Sports' Camp* will be offered for those entering grades 4-6. We will also need A LOT of junior and senior high youth and adults to make this camp a success... we need YOU! Consider volunteering one or all five days. Contact laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org

Summer Stretch!

Calling all kids entering grades 6-7-8! You won't want to miss out on this fantastic program featuring morning service and afternoon FUN! Thursdays this summer, contact Pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org to register or for more information - space limited so sign up today!

CHWC

Catholic Heart Work Camp - It does a body good! This is for teens entering grades 8-12. A fantastic week with kids from across the US making a difference in the lives of others while having FUN! Contact Pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org for more information.

LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF APRIL 17-23, 2017

Rosary at St. Wenceslaus
MONDAY - FRIDAY at 7:30 am
SATURDAY at 8:00 am

Monday, April 17
8:00 am Word & Communion - SW

Tuesday, April 18
8:00 am Word & Communion - SW

Wednesday, April 19
8:00 am Julia E. Tupy - SWS Mass - SW
5:00 pm Mass - SJ
5:30 pm Confessions - SJ

Thursday, April 20
8:00 am Word & Communion - SW
11:00 am Mass - Mala Strana
5:00 pm Mass - SS
5:30 pm Confessions - SS

Friday, April 21
8:00 am Mass - SW

Saturday, April 22
4:00 pm Confessions - SW
5:00 pm Janet Rezac, Albert & Odon Kubes,
..... Bernard M. & Martha Tupy,
..... Tom & Martha Schoenbauer - Mass - SW
8:15 pm Michael C. Glisczinski - Mass - SJ

Sunday, April 23
8:00 am Roger Ruhland - Mass - SS
8:30 am Eleanor Rynda, George Bastyr - Mass - SW
10:00 am Rosella Riesgraf - Mass - SJ
10:30 am Leo, Alyce & Michael Mamer,
..... Emil & Helen Jirik, Jeff Jelinek, Michelle Jelinek,
..... Pat Halloran, Tom Kelly - Mass - SW
11:45 am Baptisms - SW

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ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF APRIL 17-23, 2017

Monday, April 17: SWS - No School
BeFriendsers, 7-9 pm - Parish Office Dining Rm
SW CCW Meeting, 7-8:30 pm - Church Basement

Tuesday, April 18:
Separated/Divorce Support Grp, 6:45 pm - Office
Bible Timeline Study, 7-9 pm - Parish Office

Wednesday, April 19:
Early Mrgng Scripture Study, 6:45 am - Pius X Rm
CORE Team, 5 pm - Faith Formation Office
Youth Alive, 6 pm - Parish Office, Upper Parlor
Faith Formation 1-8, 6:15 pm - Campus wide
Social Action Group, 7-9 pm - Parish Office
Adult Bells & Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, April 20:
Teen Choir, 2-3 pm - Choir Room
NPACC Book Club, 6:30-8 pm - Parish Office
Care for Creation, 7-8:30 pm - Parish Office
Bereavement Support Grp, 7-8:30 pm, - Office

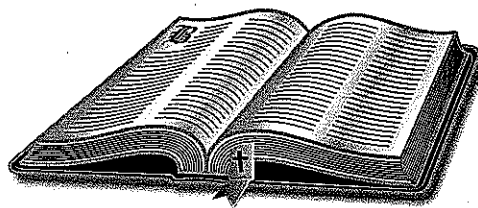
Friday, April 21:
Adoration, 9 am-midnight - PAC Chapel
Pillow Cleaning (Early bird dropoff), 3-5 pm - PAC
Marriage Encounter Meeting, 7 pm - Parish Office

Saturday, April 22:
Carlson Pillow Cleaning, 7 am-1 pm - PAC Foyer
Breakfast with Dad, 8-9:30 am - Pius X Rm, CB
Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am - Pius X Rm

Sunday, April 23:
CLW at 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses - SW Chapel
Sunday School during 8:30 am Mass
- Clubhouse
Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat, 10:30 am
- Campus wide
Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 pm - Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 17-23, 2017



Monday, April 17:
ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / MT 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 18:
ACTS 2:36-41 / JN 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 19:
ACTS 3:1-10 / LK 24:13-35

Thursday, April 20:
ACTS 3:11-26 / LK 24:35-48

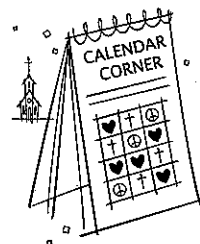
Friday, April 21:
ACTS 4:1-12 / JN 21:1-14

Saturday, April 22:
ACTS 4:13-21 / MK 16:9-15

Sunday, April 23:
ACTS 2:42-47 / 1 PT 1:3-9 / JN 20:19-31

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Easter Sunday Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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