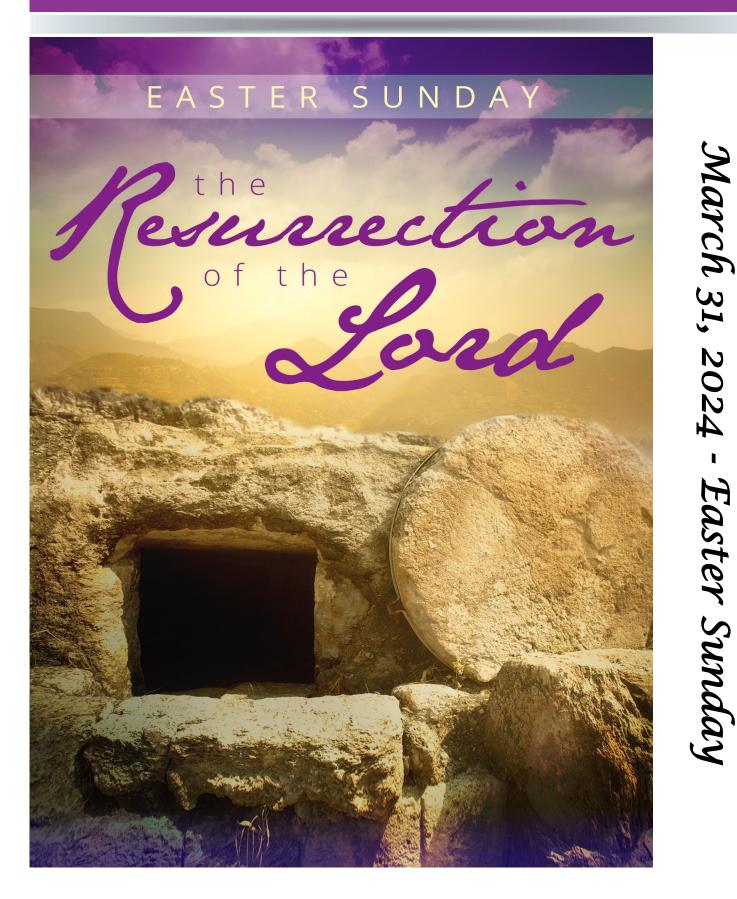


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## Br. Ray's Reflections

# He is Risen, Alleluia!!

We come to celebrate this great feast of Easter. All of our Lenten sacrifices and fasts have come to an end (Snoop is sooo grateful!) and we come to this season with hope and tremendous joy. We now look forward to the ways Christ will enter our lives and surprise us with moments of resurrection! This season opens our eyes to the fact that new life is blooming all around us. As I was walking with Snoop the other day, I noticed a daffodil that had already bloomed covered with snow. There, the delicate plant with its bright yellow flower stood strong telling the world that new life will come despite any obstacles. The little flower is a reminder to all of us to stay strong because Christ is bringing new life to the most desperate situations. There is no darkness that the light of Christ cannot penetrate. So, let us celebrate during this season reminding ourselves that Christ is no longer in the tomb and death and suffering and evil and hatred do not have the last word. I challenge all of us to leave Church today and count all the moments of resurrection. It may be the smile and laughter of our children and grandchildren or the joy of our family gatherings for an Easter meal or just being grateful for the blessings of our lives. Each time we recognize new life, we are better people and bring hope to our world.

Have a Blessed Easter!

## THANK YOU!

I want to thank all who have worked so hard to make our Lenten, Triduum and Easter celebrations so meaningful. From those who prepared the most delicious soups and desserts for our Thursdays after Stations to all those who cleaned up after we were well fed, we say a great THANK YOU. To all who have decorated our church, participated in our liturgies, moved us with wonderful music and singing, and taken care of all the details that many don't even notice, we shout out with so much gratitude: THANK YOU. We are a wonderful and generous parish and I am so grateful to be with you. THANK YOU!!

## **Easter Office Hour Changes**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

## **Reflection Books for Easter**



Each year we provide the "little white books" with a daily reflection during the Easter season. These books are available in back of church. Thank you to a generous parishioner for picking up the cost of these books.

## Habitat for Humanity - Lenten Almsgiving



Thank you for your generosity in helping to finance Habitat for Humanity Homes. Through March 21, we have collected \$13,088.50.

God reward your kindness!

### Social Concerns Ministry - Environmental Party

To honor Earth Day 2024, a Social Concerns Ministry spring environmental party will be held *on Monday, April 8, from 6:30—8:00 pm in The Great Hall.* A representative from Tri-County Recycling will give a presentation followed by an informal celebration. I hope you can join us!!

## **Personal Witness Talk**

Greg Pekarske-Siers will be returning for a presentation on "What Is It Like Living with Mental Illness". Join us on *Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm in Room 209.* Discover how you can be supportive to others.

## Young Adult Supper

### Sunday, April 28 at 5 pm in Holly Hall

We encourage anyone in their 20's or 30's to join us for pizza, salad and dessert. We'd like to listen to your suggestions about how our parish can support you and how you can support each other. Children are welcome to attend.

Please call the Parish Office: 920-734-7195 before Friday, April 26, at noon to let us know how many will attend so that we will have enough food for everyone. We will be finished in time to celebrate the 6:30 pm Mass for those attending.

### **Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners**

March 17—Lydia Young—\$25 March 18—James Weis—\$25 March 19—Lisa Volkman—\$100 March 20—Jane & Ed Hammond—\$25 March 21—Sr. Pam Biehl—\$25 March 22—Kathryn Schneider—\$25 March 23—Kelly O'Shea—\$25

## Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill: *Dave Hendricks* 

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

# MARCH 31, 2024 / EASTER SUNDAY

## Happy Easter from Faith Formation!!

The kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grades spent their last class before break leaving a message for the parishioners of St. Joe's and our community as we move into the Easter Season! Please enjoy their wonderful artwork and have a blessed and safe Easter!



### **Book Club**

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, April 9, in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel. Engel's book is an urgent and lyrical novel about a Colombian family fractured by deportation, offering an intimate perspective on an experience that so many have endured—and are enduring right now.

For May 14 our book selection is *Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. Looking further ahead, the book selected for June 11 is *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to attend anytime.



This six-week series is open to anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one. One session builds upon the other. Participants are asked to attend all of the sessions.

**Dates:** Thursday Evenings - April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 **Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm **Location:** St. Joseph Parish, 404 W Lawrence Street, Appleton - Room 209

There is no cost for this program but registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Parish Office at: 920-734-7195.

Our facilitator will be Chaplain Jordan Kuczwara, MDiv, BCC. Jordan specialized in hospice/bereavement ministry for over 30 years after completing a residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Jordan is board certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and the Association of Professional Chaplains.

## Financial News

(3/16/24 - 3/17/24)

Tithing Needed	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing	\$13,020.75
Auto Withdrawal	\$665.00
Children's Collection	\$19.00
IRA's/Donations	\$3,120.00

#### Parish Support Through Collections

(7/01/23-2/29/24)

Budgeted \$591,933.36 <u>Actual</u> \$661,939.85

#### February Outreach Programs

Milk Money	\$1,614.60
St. Joseph Food Program	\$245.00
Pillars	\$150.00

Green contribution envelopes for our Outreach Programs are on the radiator in back of Church.

Thank you for your financial support!

#### Readings for the Week of March 31

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24) Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 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 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31 ©LPi

# MARCH 31, 2024

# SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



Blessed Solanus Casey Pray for Us

Tuesday, April 2 12:05 pm Dec. LuWilla Pillar 12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions Wednesday, April 3 12:05 pm Dec. Bob Eggert Friday, April 5 12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish Saturday, April 6 4:00 pm Dec. Nancy Peters & William & Harriet Conrad Sunday, April 7

8:00 amDec. Greta Wenzel10:00 amDec. Jeff Krueger6:30 pm

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 1—Parish Office is Closed Tuesday, April 2 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, LL10-12 Wednesday, April 3 4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes 6:30 pm Thursday, April 4 6:00 pm Grief Session, Room 209 6:30 pm Grant Committee Meeting, Rm. 210 Friday, April 5 10:30 am **First Friday Adoration** Saturday, April 6 9:00 am **Private Reconciliation** 9:00 am First Communion Retreat, Rooms 209-212

Sunday, April 7 11:05 am Women's Day Wrap-up Mtg., Rm. 205

## **April Birthdays**



We have 218 parishioners celebrating a Birthday in April! Have a Happy and Blessed day!

We wish to acknowledge all those who are 80 and over: Richard L, Robert N, Mary Kay R, Curtis W, Robert B, Sharon K, Penny P, Nancie W, Dan R, Janice H, Steve C, and Paul D.

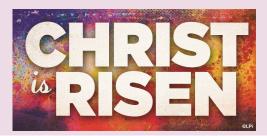
## Church Chuckle

Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck? *Because he kept quacking the eggs!* 

## EASTER SUNDAY

May the risen Christ bring you and your loved ones plentiful joy. Happy Easter!

# St. Joseph Parísh Staff



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<u>Mass Times:</u> Saturday—4:00 pm, Sunday—8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set. Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance. **Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office anytime.



## Please Support This Week's Sponsor

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