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April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



# FIRST COMMUNION

*Benno A.  
Ruby A.  
Sullivan F.  
Oliver L.  
Karley K.*

*William M.  
Hutson O.  
Grayson R.  
Liam S.  
William S.*

**May Jesus be in your hearts and lives forever.**

## REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

### Br. Ray's Reflections

Dear Benno, Grayson, Hutson, Karley, Liam, Oliver, Ruby, Sullivan and the Two Williams,

Well, today is your big day! You've been preparing for this day for a long time. Your First Communion is a very special moment that you will remember for the rest of your lives. Let me tell you a secret. Jesus has been preparing for this day since the moment you were born (and even before you were born). He loves you so very much that he just wants to be with you all the time. He wants to be with you when you're playing with your friends or doing your homework or studying for a test or going out with your family or even fighting with your brothers and sisters. He loves you that much that he doesn't want to miss a minute away from you. As He comes to be with you today in Holy Communion, may you welcome him with all the love you can. He is your best friend, your protector, your guide and your Savior. He will be with you when you are laughing and will sit with you when you've had a bad day. He will never leave you!

Please know, children, that we are so proud of you and love you very much. As you receive Jesus today in Holy Communion, may you continue to build a relationship with Jesus and get closer to Him each time you come to receive Him at the altar. So, celebrate this special day with your family and friends because Jesus has chosen to come to you and live with you forever!

With much love,

Br. Ray, your parents and all your St. Joe's family!

### Parish & Family Life

**Roller Skating Event:** Are you all ready to have a "wheely" good time? Then let's roll! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27, 4:30 – 6:30 PM** for the private Parish Family Roller Skating Bash at Skate City in Kimberly. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Fee includes skate rental, spectators are free. Bring your friends and grandchildren! Please send in your registration and payment to the Parish Office by Monday, April 22.

### Upcoming Event

**Flights and Bites:** Food trucks and beverages in the parish parking lot on **Saturday, June 1, after the 4 pm Mass**. More information to come.

### Chair Yoga

The Senior Committee is sponsoring chair yoga on **Tuesday, May 7th, at 1:00 pm**. Come join us for 45 minutes of senior friendly chair yoga with instructor Anna Mewshaw. Fruit and veggies will be provided after yoga. Please call the Parish Office: 920-734-7195 by Friday, May 3rd, at noon to reserve your chair.

### Welcome...



We welcome into the St. Joseph Community through Baptism...

**Kaison Roy Colchado**

**Nicholas Steven Scudder**

### 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.

### Honoring Graduates



St. Joseph is looking to congratulate and honor any and all graduating seniors (High School, College, Graduate School, etc.) this year. If you would be willing to share your person's achievement, that would be great. We're looking for a picture, where they're graduating from, and what their future plans are. You can send the information to Ben Wolf at: [bwolf@stjoesparish.org](mailto:bwolf@stjoesparish.org). Please send the information by **May 17th**. If you have any questions, please let Ben know. Thank you!

### Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

April 7—Carl & Tammy Plamann—\$25

April 8—Finn Kelly—\$25

April 9—Andrea Mirabelli—\$25

April 10—Jane Kampf—\$25

April 11—Ty Hensel—\$25

April 12—John & Joey Meyer —\$25

April 13—Tammy Coenen—\$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.

# APRIL 21, 2024 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Our Fall Festival takes on a temporary change!

This year's Fall Festival will look a bit different mainly because the date has been changed to October 5 & 6 due to scheduling conflicts the beginning of September. Since October weather can be so very unpredictable, we have decided to separate, at least temporarily, the Dinner from the weekend's activities. This will allow us to ensure every other of your Fall Festival favorites, including the Basket Raffle, the waist-defeating Bake Sale, the ever popular Dice Game, the Chili Sale, the Craft Sale, Plants & Produce, the Children's Games, the Burgers & Brats booth, and so much, much more...are all up and available for you to enjoy! And of course, we certainly cannot forget those photo-ops with our resident celebrity ... SNOOP!

The Dinner isn't disappearing, in fact it is scheduled to take place July 27th in Holly Hall with a special purpose ... but *shhhhhhh* ..... It's a secret! We will be having Brother Ray's nonsurprise, **SUPRISE Birthday Party Dinner** that evening following the 4PM Mass. We have pledged to keep the ticket cost down to \$10 (or as usual, 2 for \$20) with Children's tickets at \$5 for anyone under 10. We're sure you'll be impressed with the incredible menu we've planned, including Br. Ray's favorite birthday cake!

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

## Calling for Volunteers!

Habitat for Humanity has four homes in the 2300 block of Russet Court (Near Pick N Save) in Grand Chute. These homes back up to a retention area, and they need to plant 500 plants per home. THAT'S 2,000 PLANTS!! Van Zeeland's will be providing the plants and plans for the layout, but they need volunteers to help plant all these plants.

St Joe's will be helping out on May 14th from 6 pm-8 pm planting plants by the Russet Ct community. If you are interested, please reach out to Sue Gallagher via email: [susangallagher66@gmail.com](mailto:susangallagher66@gmail.com) or call: 920-915-4922.

## Book Club



The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place on Tuesday, May 14, at 6 pm in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is **Her Hidden Genius** by Marie Benedict.

The author's powerful new novel shines a light on a woman who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very DNA, a woman whose world-changing contributions were hidden by the men around her but whose relentless drive advanced our understanding of humankind.

For June 11, our book selection is **One in a Million Boy** by Monica Wood. *The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school?* So, says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances.

Looking further ahead, the book selected for July 9 is **The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

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

## Financial News

(4/6/24 - 4/7/24)

Tithing Needed .....	\$16,777.00
Last Week's Tithing.....	\$14,088.60
Auto Withdrawal .....	\$25,659.00
Children's Collection.....	\$57.00
IRA's/Donations .....	\$4,000.00

**Thank you for your financial support!**

## Readings for the Week of April 21

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)

Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

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## Bishop's Annual Appeal

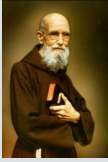


We're into week twelve of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A target is assessed to each parish based on its annual contributions. Our target for this year is **\$88,667**. So far, 351 parishioners have contributed **\$72,842.40**, which is 82% of our target.

There are forms and envelopes in the back of church if you need one. Thank you to all who contributed so far!

**APRIL 21, 2024**

**SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS**



**Blessed Solanus Casey**  
**Pray for Us**

**Tuesday, April 23**

12:05 pm Dec. Jerry Jochman  
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

**Wednesday, April 24**

12:05 pm Dec. Jerry Voster

**Friday, April 26**

12:05 pm Dec. Sharon Kunstman

**Saturday, April 27**

4:00 pm Dec. Doris Weyers

**Sunday, April 28**

8:00 am Dec. Don & Joyce Byrne  
10:00 am Dec. Lois Weinfurter  
6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, April 23**

1:30 pm Faith Sharing, Room 209  
6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting, Room 210

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:30 pm Faith Formation Family Night

**Thursday, April 25**

6:00 pm Journey of Grief Session, Room 209

**Saturday, April 27**

9:00 am Private Reconciliation  
7:00 pm Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus  
Concert in Church

**Sunday, April 28**

5:00 pm Young Adult Gathering, Holly Hall

**Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus—Special Concert**

**Our first concert is scheduled on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Appleton.**

Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus welcomes the Staples Area Men's Chorus, joining us from Staples, Minnesota to celebrate our special anniversary! For more information, visit: <https://www.staplesmen.org>. The two choruses will perform selections from their individual programs scheduled this year. They will also perform together as a combined chorus.

Because of the special nature of this concert, no tickets are required to attend. In place of an admission charge, free-will donations are accepted at the door. You will be helping support future performances of the chorus, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you for helping us continue to be part of the vibrant Fox Cities arts scene to which we have contributed for the past 90 years!

**ST JOSEPH PARISH**

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**Mass Times: Saturday—4:00 pm,  
Sunday—8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm**  
Weekend Mass may be viewed online:  
[www.saintjosephparish.org](http://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**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

920-735-9380

**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.

**Church Chuckles**

- When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? "We Noah guy."
- How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman? By his net income.



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