

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS RISEN



*Easter*  
2026

**Holy Mass\***

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY** 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

**Daily Mass\***

**MONDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAY** 8 AM

**Reconciliation\***

**WEDNESDAY** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

**SATURDAY** Immediately following 8 AM Mass

Or, schedule a Confession with one of our priests, by calling the parish office.

*\*Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in the weekly bulletin or on our website.*



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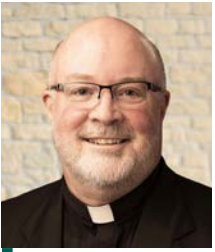
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## From Our Pastor

**ON THIS EASTER SUNDAY**, and indeed throughout the year, it is important for us to remember that when our Lord rose from the dead, a completely new order of creation came into being. When our Lord rose, death ceased to be the end of life. Our Lord was born, and yes, He died – a horrible and painful death on the Cross. But our Lord died in order to live, and this was something not just new, but something almost unbelievable for people to conceive. For this reason, when we read the accounts of Easter morning, we have some sense of the confusion of those involved on that day of Resurrection – that first Easter morning. For those who lived and worked alongside our Lord, their duty was to *believe* that He would rise from the dead. For each of us, who live thousands of years after our Lord returned to the Father, it is our duty to believe He rose from the dead. God the Father has given us the proof in the only way that He could, and in a way that respects our freedom – our freedom to love Him or not, our freedom to *believe* or not, our freedom to accept His Son and our Savior, or to eat the forbidden fruit of pride and try to come up with an answer on our own – an answer that we think will take from us the labor of life, and the fear of death. And that freedom is the freedom to *believe* – to *believe* what Jesus said, to *believe* what Jesus did, and to incorporate His teachings in our daily lives. It simply means to follow Him – Jesus, who leads us to eternal life.

Jesus said, at the Last Supper, "This is my body, this is my blood." On the next day, He did die to make the sacrifice real. And though, spilled and broken, once on the Cross they are now the Risen Body, the Risen Blood of Christ. And they are upon the altar to be worshipped and adored, and to be embraced with love by all who wish to say with Mary, "I have seen the Lord" and by all, who like the women, wish to fall and embrace Him and hear Him speak the words that dispel all the darkness and anxieties of human fear: "Do not be afraid."

There is nothing that I, or anyone in the Church, could ever say or do to force anyone to believe. Our belief is founded and grounded in our faith. But each of us can receive what has been told to us, by those who saw Him in His Risen flesh – the Body and Blood of Christ. And from that gift, that grace, that love of God poured out for us and upon us, I can be given the strength to feel in my heart what is true, what is the only answer, what is the only choice worth making – the choice to believe that Christ truly lives!

During his reign, Pope Francis wrote an exhortation entitled "Christus Vivit!" – "Christ Lives" – which provides us with much food for thought about not only the belief that Jesus Christ truly rose from the dead, but also sheds light on how Christ lives in each of the faithful. He wrote:

124. **Christ is alive!** We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:7).

125. Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: "***I am with you always, to the end of the age***" (Mt 28:20). He fills your life with his unseen presence; wherever you go, he will be waiting there for you. Because he did not only come in the past, but he comes to you today and every day, inviting you to set out towards ever new horizons.

I encourage you to read *Christus Vivit* which is available on the Vatican web site: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**SINCERE THANKS** to all who did so much during Lent, Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum to prepare for the Risen Christ. Our increased attendance at Mass, the increase of persons in Adoration, the huge number of penitents, those who prayed the Stations of the Cross; our almsgiving programs. Sincere thanks to those who not only heard the call, but responded by becoming fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass (see inside this bulletin). The journey of faith of these new members of our faith is only the beginning – we welcome them, embrace them, and support them as our brothers and sisters in the Catholic faith. Their journey would not have happened, also, had it not been for all involved in the OCIA program – especially the sponsors, volunteers, catechists and presenters, and our coordinator Wendy Ferkany. Heartfelt thanks to all involved in making the liturgies of Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter so beautiful and smooth running – especially Dr. Ross Williams and members of the various choirs and musicians; Mr. Henry Szabo and all of our MCs, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Hospitality. Thank you for all of the hard work done by our volunteers to clean, prepare and decorate our church for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Incredible thanks to our Parish Staff who kept things running so smoothly and who kept our church in wonderful shape during this time of multiple, special liturgies and many visitors to our church. And, of course, thank you to all of the Priests and Deacons of our Parish for their added hours during Lent, Holy Week and Easter tending to the added spiritual and sacramental needs of our parishioners and visitors.

***From all of us to all of you, choice blessings on this Easter Sunday!***

*Fr. Mike*  
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

# The Significance of Easter Food

Article by Fr. William Saunders, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, the new fire is blessed, the Paschal Candle is lit, and the beautiful Exultet is sung. The opening verses set the theme for the Easter celebration:

***“Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, 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 for ever!***

***Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God’s people!”***

The Lenten preparation of fasting, penance and sacrifice is over. Now the Church celebrates the glory, victory and life of Easter. This celebration involves the food shared, clothes worn and other decorations.

Many special Easter foods are due to the very strict Lenten fast during which time the faithful abstained from these foods or ingredients. Generally, the faithful abstained from all forms of meat (except fish in some areas of the Church) and animal products, including eggs, milk, butter, and fat. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: “We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs.”

Decorated eggs dyed in bright colors are a sign of rejoicing. The Eastern European peoples even decorate the eggs with very intricate designs and religious artwork. The Easter egg symbolizes the Resurrection: just as a little chick pecks its way out from the egg shell to emerge to new life, so Christ emerged from the tomb to new and everlasting life. The unbroken egg symbolizes the rock tomb of our Lord; and when broken, symbolizes that He has risen from the dead. The ancient Romans had a saying, *“Omne vivum ex ovo”* (“All life comes from an egg”); easily, one can see how such a saying would inspire the early Christians to use the egg as an appropriate symbol for the new and everlasting life won for us through our Lord’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

According to a Ukrainian folktale, on Good Friday when our Lord was crucified, a poor peddler went to the market in Jerusalem to sell his basket of eggs. He witnessed Jesus carrying His heavy Cross through the streets, being taunted by the Romans and mocked by the crowd. The Romans pressed the peddler into service of Simon of Cyrene and he left his basket by the roadside to help Jesus carry the Cross. When he returned to retrieve his eggs, he noticed they were transformed, painted with bright colors and beautiful designs. Only after Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord, did he realize that these eggs were a sign of rebirth for all of mankind. To this day, the Ukrainian people decorate *pysanky* as part of their Easter celebration.

Lamb also has significance in the Easter celebration. A special Easter pastry is a cake shaped like a lamb. In the Middle Ages, lamb was the customary meat eaten on Easter, and was the main meat for the Holy Father’s Easter dinner. Remember that the Jews sacrificed a lamb for Passover during the time of Moses; because of the Passover sacrifice, the Jewish people were freed from slavery in Egypt and taken to the Promised Land. Christ is the new Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for our sins and whose blood made the perfect and everlasting covenant; Christ has freed us from the slavery of sin and opened the gates to the true Promised Land of Heaven. Together, the mystery of the Last Supper, the sacrifice of Good Friday, and the Resurrection of Easter form the new Passover, the new Pasch.

Easter baskets, long before the time of filling them with jelly beans, chocolates and marshmallow peeps, were filled with the special breads and eggs prepared for the Easter celebration. These baskets were brought to the church on Easter Saturday morning where they were blessed by the Priest. Many parishes continue this custom of blessing the Easter baskets.

New clothing also has special meaning. In the early Church, during the Easter Vigil, those who were baptized wore a white garment, which was worn throughout the entire week of Easter. As our present ritual indicates, this white garment is a sign that the person has been reborn in Baptism, freed from sin, filled with grace, and given a new Christian dignity and identity. Although the other faithful, who had already been baptized, did not wear white garments, they customarily wore new clothes to show that they had risen to a new life through the prayer, fasting, and penances of Lent. The white garments and the new clothes were an outward sign of renewal of faith in the Lord.

What about the Easter bunny? The actual word “Easter” is derived from the word Eoster (also spelled Eastre), the name of the Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and Spring, and the annual sacrifices associated with her. (Keep in mind that while the Romance languages used the root word for Passover to denote “Easter,” as mentioned previously, the German and English languages “baptized” the word Eoster.) Spring is a season of fertility, life, and abundance. In Teutonic mythology, Eoster’s pet bird laid eggs in baskets and hid them. On a whim, Eoster transformed her pet bird into a rabbit, who continued to lay eggs. Rabbits themselves were a pagan symbol of fertility, hence the phrase, “Multiply like rabbits,” and were often kept in homes as pets. From this pagan custom, the folktale of “the Easter bunny” arose in Germany in the fifteenth century. However, the Easter bunny has no religious significance or liturgical symbolism.

Easter lilies are a recent addition to the Easter celebration. The white Easter lily was introduced in Bermuda from Japan in the mid-1800s. In 1882, W. K. Harris, a florist, introduced this flower to the United States. Since it is one of the earliest lilies to bloom in the Spring, it soon became known as the "Easter lily." In Christian iconography, white lilies have always been the symbol of beauty, purity, and holiness. Even in the Gospel of St. Matthew, our Lord referred to the lilies: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (6:28-29). Quite appropriately, these beautiful, large, white lilies became very popular in the Easter decorations of Churches, symbolizing the new life of our Risen Lord.

As an aside, a religious legend did arise concerning the lily: On Holy Thursday evening, when our Lord was in the Garden of Gethsemane, all of the flowers except the proud, stately, most beautiful lily bowed their heads in sorrow because of the ordeal our Lord was suffering. In the end, having witnessed our Lord's humility and sacrifice, the lily hung its head in shame, and has humbly done so to this day.

These various customs enhance our joyous celebration of Easter. Families ought to incorporate these customs into their own celebration, and use them as a way of teaching the children the faith.



# The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

## ...AN EASTER REFLECTION

**Priest:** Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with Him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

**Priest:** Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**People:** I do.

*Lord, all I want to do is to live in the freedom that You offer me. I want to reject the unloving choices I have made, and the sinful failures in my life. I reject all injustice and violence, all that disrespects the dignity of human life, and all that is contrary to God's laws and Your teachings.*

**Priest:** Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**People:** I do.

*Lord, I admit that some evil has a hold on me: it all seems so attractive and has false rewards, and in some ways it has become a habitual way for me to be myself. Lord, I renew my commitment this day to turn from all that is evil and from letting any disordered attachment, any empty promises master me, and try to separate me from You. By this promise, I commit myself to greater courage in acting justly and refusing to let worldly entrapments cloud my conscience or dull my heart.*

**Priest:** Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**People:** I do.

*Lord, as I renew the promises that accompany my becoming one with You in the baptism of dying to sin and rising to life, I know that Satan tries to tempt me to sin with his lies and falsehoods. I now promise to You, and to my sisters and brothers who depend upon my fidelity, that I renew my commitment to reject Satan, and all his ways of subverting Your will, Your teachings, Your reign and the coming of Your kingdom.*

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**People:** I do.

*Lord, You made me and give me life every day. I believe in You, I turn to You, and I place my life, and the graces I need each day, in Your loving hands.*

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**People:** I do.

*Jesus, my Lord and Savior, my life is in Your hands. I believe in You, I turn to You, I commit myself to growing closer to You, placing myself with You, in love for others.*

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**People:** I do.

*Holy Spirit, Jesus promised not to leave us orphans. I so desire to be enkindled with the fire of Your love, that I might be renewed in courage. I believe in and renew my commitment to Your work among us. I want to contribute to the unity that You desire for us. I promise to be as merciful, for I have known Your mercy. And I pledge to live my life each day on this earth, full of faith in the resurrection that Jesus has gained for me.*

**Priest:** And may Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Personal Prayer of Reflection:** *Lord, our God, this year's journey to the waters of Baptism has renewed me. I have come to know more intimately the complexity of my weakness and the depths of Your love for me. By Your grace, I have come to experience the mystery of the gift of life You offer. Please help me to always follow Your will, to remain free and faithful so that I might grow as a servant of Jesus' own mission. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord, my Savior, and my Redeemer. Amen.*



# Called Out of Darkness

*Excerpted from Thomas Merton's book LIFE AND HOLINESS.*

Every baptized Christian is obliged by his baptismal promises to renounce sin and to give himself completely, without compromise, to Christ, in order that he may fulfill his vocation, save his soul, enter into the mystery of God, and there find himself perfectly "in the light of Christ."

As St. Paul reminds us (1 Cor. 6:19), we are "not our own." We belong entirely to Christ. His Spirit has taken possession of us at Baptism. We are the Temples of the Holy Spirit. Our thoughts, our actions, our desires, are by rights more His than our own. But we have to struggle to ensure that God always receives from us what we owe Him by right. If we do not labor to overcome our natural weakness, our disordered and selfish passions, what belongs to God in us will be withdrawn from the sanctifying power of His love and will be corrupted by selfishness, blinded by irrational desire, hardened by pride, and will eventually plunge into the abyss of moral nonentity which is called sin.

Sin is the refusal of spiritual life, the rejection of the inner order and peace that come from our union with the divine will. In a word, sin is the refusal of God's will and of His love. It is not only a refusal to "do" this or that thing willed by God, or a determination to do what He forbids. It is more radically a refusal to be what we are, a rejection of our mysterious, contingent, spiritual reality hidden in the very mystery of God. Sin is our refusal to be what we were created to be — sons of God, images of God. Ultimately sin, while seeming to be an assertion of freedom, is a flight from the freedom and the responsibility of divine sonship.

Every Christian is therefore called to sanctity and union with Christ, by keeping the commandments of God. Some, however, with special vocations have contracted a more solemn obligation by religious vows, and have bound themselves to take the basic Christian vocation to holiness especially seriously. They have promised to make use of certain definite and more efficacious means to "be perfect" — the evangelical counsels. They obligate themselves to be poor, chaste, and obedient, thereby renouncing their own wills, denying themselves, and liberating themselves from mundane attachments in order to give themselves even more perfectly to Christ. For them, sanctity is not simply something that is sought as an ultimate end: sanctity is their "profession" — they have no other job in life than to be saints, and everything is subordinated to this end, which is primary and immediate for them.

Nevertheless, the fact that religious and clerics have a professional obligation to strive for holiness must be properly understood. It does not imply that they alone are fully Christians, as if the laity were in some sense less truly Christian and less fully members of Christ than they. St. John Chrysostom who, in his youth, came close to believing that one could not be saved unless he fled to the desert, recognized in later life, as bishop of Antioch and then of Constantinople, that all the members of Christ are called to holiness by the very fact that they are His members. There is only one morality, one holiness for the Christian — that proposed to all in the Gospels. The lay state is necessarily good and holy, since the New Testament leaves us free to choose it. Nor is the lay state one in which it is sufficient to maintain a kind of static and minimal holiness, simply by "avoiding sin." Sometimes the difference between the states of life is so distorted and oversimplified in the minds of Christians that they seem to think that while priests, monks, and nuns are obliged to grow and make progress in perfection, the layman is expected only to keep in the state of grace and, by clinging as it were to the cassock of the priest, to let himself be drawn into heaven by specialists who alone are called to "perfection."

St. John Chrysostom points out that the mere fact that the life of the monk is more austere and more difficult should not make us think that Christian holiness is principally a matter of difficulty. This would lead to the false conclusion that because salvation seems less arduous for the layman it is also in some strange way less truly salvation. On the contrary, says Chrysostom, "God has not treated us [laypeople and secular clergy] with such severity as to demand of us monastic austerities as a matter of duty. He has left to all a free choice [in the matter of his counsels]. One must be chaste in marriage, one must be temperate in meals... You are not ordered to renounce your possessions. God only commands you not to steal, and to share your property with those who lack what they need" (Commentary on 1 Corinthians, ix, 2).

In other words, the ordinary temperance, justice, and charity which every Christian must practice, are sanctifying in the same way as the virginity and poverty of the nun. It is true that the life of the consecrated religious has a greater dignity and a greater intrinsic perfection. The religious takes on a more radical and more total commitment to love God and his fellow man. But this must not be understood to mean that the life of the lay person is downgraded to the point of insignificance. On the contrary, we must come to recognize that the married state is also most sanctifying by its very nature, and it may, accidentally, imply sacrifices and a self-forgetfulness that, in particular cases, would be even more effective than the sacrifices of religious life. He who in actual fact loves more perfectly will be closer to God, whether or not he happens to be a layman.

*Thomas Merton's article continues here...*

Hence St. Chrysostom again protests against the error that monks alone need to strive for perfection, while lay people need only avoid hell. On the contrary, both lay people and monks have to lead a very positive and constructive Christian life of virtue. It is not sufficient for the tree to remain alive, it must also bear fruit. "It is not enough to leave Egypt," he says, "one must also travel to the promised Land" (Homily xvi on Ephesians). At the same time, even the perfect practice of one or other of the counsels, such as virginity, would be meaningless if the one practicing it lacked the more elementary and universal virtues of justice and charity. He says: "It is vain for you to fast and sleep on the ground, to eat ashes and to weep without ceasing. If you are no use to anybody else, you are doing nothing of any importance" (Homily vi on Titus). "Though you are a virgin you will be cast out of the bridal chamber if you do not give alms" (Homily lxxvii on Matthew). Nevertheless the monks have their important part to play in the Church. Their prayers and sanctity are of irreplaceable value to the whole Church. Their example teaches the layman to live also as a "stranger and pilgrim on this earth," detached from material things, and preserving his Christian freedom in the midst of the vain agitation of the cities, because he seeks in all things only to please Christ and to serve Him in his fellow man.

In short, according to Chrysostom, "The beatitudes pronounced by Christ cannot possibly be reserved for the use of monks alone, for that would be the ruin of the universe." (*For Chrysostom's doctrine on the monastic and lay state, see J.M. Leroux, "Monachisme et communauté chrétienne d'après S. Jean Chrysostome," in Théologie de la vie monastique [Paris, 1961], pp. 143 ff.*)

But in fact, all of us who have been baptized in Christ and have "put on Christ" as a new identity, are bound to be holy as He is holy. We are bound to live worthy lives, and our actions should bear witness to our union with Him. He should manifest His presence in us and through us. Though the reminder may make us blush, we have to recognize that these solemn words of Christ are addressed to us: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a measure, but upon the lampstand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Mt. 5:14-16)

The Fathers of the Church, particularly Clement of Alexandria, believed that the "light" in man is his divine sonship, the Word living in him. They therefore taught that the whole of the Christian life was summed up in a service of God which was not only a matter of outward worship, but of "cherishing that which is divine in ourselves by means of unremitting charity" (Stromata vii. 1). Clement adds that Christ Himself teaches us the way of perfection and that the whole Christian life is a course of spiritual education conducted by the One Master, through His Holy Spirit. In writing this, he was addressing himself to laymen.

We are supposed to be the light of the world. We are supposed to be a light to ourselves and to others. That may well be what accounts for the fact that the world is in darkness! What then is meant by the light of Christ in our lives? What is "holiness"? What is divine sonship? Are we really seriously supposed to be saints? Can a man even desire such a thing without making a complete fool of himself in the eyes of everyone else? Is it not presumptuous? Is such a thing even possible at all? To tell the truth, many lay people and even a good many religious do not believe, in practice, that sanctity is possible for them. Is this just plain common sense? Is it perhaps humility? Or is it defection, defeatism, and despair?

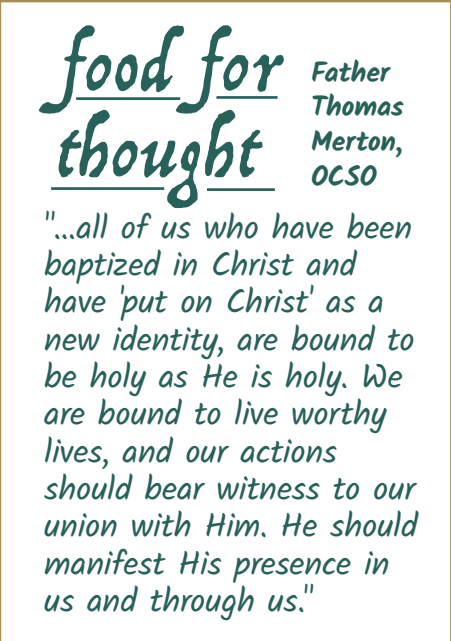
If we are called by God to holiness of life, and if holiness is beyond our natural power to achieve (which it certainly is) then it follows that God Himself must give us the light, the strength, and the courage to fulfill the task He requires of us. He will certainly give us the grace we need. If we do not become saints it is because we do not avail ourselves of His gift.



**Happy Easter**

**APRIL EASTER SUNDAY**

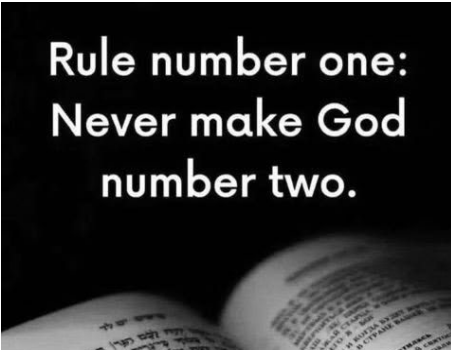
**5** 7:15 AM Church  
8:45 AM Church & Gym  
10:45 AM Church\* & Gym  
(\*Livestreamed)  
No 5:30 PM Mass or Adoration.



*food for thought*

Father Thomas Merton, OCSO

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**Rule number one:  
Never make God  
number two.**

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All Hospital Chaplains  
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## Making Easter the Cornerstone of Our Year

Article by John Cuddleback, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

1. While the focused celebration of Easter is for a set time—first an intense week (eastern Christianity has the lovely name of "Bright Week"), then stretching out to fifty days—this celebration is entirely predicated upon permanence. Indeed, this celebration is only possible if it is perpetual.
2. What is celebrated here is everything that is most worthy of celebration, and therefore this festival gives reason for all festivity. Any true joy finds its deepest root in the joy of this celebration. This is not exaggeration; it aims to be a precise formulation.
3. Not surprisingly then, this festivity is not just a matter of "something worth celebrating" in life. Easter festivity done rightly is the ultimate expression of human life itself. Again, not exaggeration but seeking precise formulation.

Such reflections might make us short of breath. How then can we possibly do our Easter celebration well? Will not all our efforts necessarily fall short?

This question takes us to the center of human life. There is nothing to fear here. Simply to be human is to be a part of the most extraordinary drama imaginable. Our part in the drama is precisely this: to do our given part the best we can. And this especially means opening our hands and hearts to receive shockingly grand gifts... gifts that do demand much of us in the receiving of them.

Our Easter observance should be understood under that rubric — this is how we receive and enact the gifts we are given. It is always about the long-haul, the long-term cultivation. And taking a specific day, and week, and weeks is an exercise in cultivating (and being cultivated in) the life we are being offered.

Is it strange that this is but one season in the year? Here Josef Pieper (the inspiration behind these reflections) reminds of us a plan beyond our constructing: "The Christian Sunday is an emanation of Easter." What we practice at Easter is what we then practice every Sunday of the year, and is what we carry into every day of every week.

Thus, we have the perfect plan for our temporal existence. Our annual Easter celebration takes us explicitly to the beating heart of our life; and this life-giving blood flows through every Sunday into every corner of our life.

Our existence is a great paradox. We are made for a life that is ultimately transcendent, which in its truest form will be different from how we tread this earth. But that transcendent life can and should permeate our workaday existence here below. Indeed, our workaday existence is precisely where that life takes root and grows like a plant.

So Easter, and those little Easters called Sunday, are anything but passing intrusions. Rather, these observances done well animate and transform this utterly unique thing called human life, with all its burdens, labors, cares, and even agonies. Our celebrations have the power to bring all these things to their proper fulfillment: already now in the daily fields of our labors; and then later, when such celebration breaks forth in its native land. Indeed, our native land.

# Prayers & Congratulations

TO OUR YOUNG MEN & WOMEN WHO RECEIVED...



10 AM Confirmation/Rite of Reception on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

*Photo courtesy of Ben Romaker.*

Emma Elizabeth Frances Adams  
Clara Leanne Cecilia Alexander  
Anthony Joseph Sebastian Alfano  
Zachary Alexander Ignatius Amaya  
Dominic Michael Michael Austin  
Caroline Rose Hannah Balster  
Devon Thomas John Behrens  
Elizabeth James Veronica Beyer  
Joseph Jerome Jose Biedenbach  
Paige Elizabeth Therese Bishop  
Connor James Anthony Blake  
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Corinne Elizabeth Therese Bluhm  
Makenna Belle Martha Bogrette  
Stella Katherine Cecilia Britain  
Hudson Joseph Joseph Broadwater  
Julian Mark Hubert Bryan

Ryan Matthew Sebastian Buerkle  
Jasmine Elizabeth Faith Gianna Chambers  
Elise Jasmine Catherine Chavez  
Christopher Thomas George Chilicki  
Bennett Edwin Francis Crane  
Donovan John Michael Davis  
Rylan Ruppert Sebastian Dickson  
Mia Grace Teresa DiDonato  
Emma Grace Veronica Doepker  
Zoe Maya Cecilia Donahue  
Gabriel Dominic Carlo Doran  
Felicity Pauline Lucy Doran  
Cash Sullivan Moses D'Orazio  
Kaitlyn Avery Constance Drews  
Gabriel Douglas Andrew Farina  
Aidyn Joseph George Flanagan  
Grady Michael Pio Fries

Joseph Raphael Sebastian Geer  
Ava Catherine Catherine Gloriosa  
Michael Vincent Gloriosa  
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Cameron Lynn Teresa Grove  
Claira Marie Chiara Hansen  
Clara Ann Gianna Harmon  
Daphne Elizabeth Joan Harmon  
Adeline Nichole Joan Harris  
Anna Marie Barbara Hiss  
Elijah Vincent Francis Hunt  
Dorothy Marie Brigid Karman  
Nathan Thomas James Kasick  
Connor Michael Sebastian King  
Marshall Kingsley Michael Kirk

# ...the Rite of Reception or Sacrament of Confirmation

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026  
AT ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR CHURCH



1 PM Confirmation/Rite of Reception on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Photo courtesy of Ken Snow.

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 Harrison John Francis Lamielle  
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 Ethan Philip Maximilian Lauer  
 Jacob Raphael Michael Lawig  
 Angel Eduardo Michael Leon Perez  
 Claire Laila Elizabeth McCloud  
 Ethan Alexander John Meden  
 Zachary Bae Sebastian Miller  
 Lauren Denise Catherine Moeller  
 Caleb John John Morgan  
 Patton Abrams Blaise Morris  
 Greyson Cruz Christopher Munoz  
 Abigail Grace Catherine Navarro  
 Aubrey Caroline Rose Nix

Samuel Robert Nicholas Owsley  
 Camden Alise Augustine Parkhurst  
 Hayden Lee Mark Peters  
 Helena Jean Lucy Peterson  
 Isabella Sharla Faith Lucy Plater  
 Jordan Wrigley Anthony Pollock  
 McKenna Mae Maria Powers  
 Ethan Patrick Francis Rachuba  
 Lorenzo Andres Michael Ramirez  
 Connor Hernandez Reeves  
 Isla Elise Elizabeth Roberts  
 Hadley Maureen Maximilian Robertson  
 Siena Beverly Catherine Roof  
 Eli Michael Paul Rovtar  
 Joseph Nance Michael Rowlands  
 Logan Hyde Sebastian Rowlands

Genevieve Marie Veronica Shadeed  
 Daniel Paul Paul Shape  
 Jacob Anthony Michael Stankivicz  
 William Lewis Carlo Stegall  
 David Joseph Thomas Stegall  
 Presley Christopher Sebastian Strickland  
 Hal Herbert Carlo Taylor, IV  
 Calia Piper Catherine Velten  
 Evan Moon John von Lohr  
 Abigail Roe Lidwina Walton  
 Allison Rose Cecilia Wilson  
 Evan Michael Andrew Wolf  
 Dominic Robert Lawrence Wolf  
 Mia Kinsey Estelle Wolf  
 Sofia Addison Clare Yoder  
 Natalie Jane Cecilia Zink

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

***“On the day of His Resurrection, Jesus Christ left in the tomb the shroud which is the symbol of our infirmities, our weaknesses, our imperfections. Christ comes from the tomb triumphant – completely free of earthly limitation; He is animated with a life that is intense and perfect, and which vibrates in every fiber of His being. In Him everything that is mortal has been absorbed by His glorified life.”*** +BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION

### **Monday, April 6 ~ The Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.’ And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

**Meditation:** Have you ever asked what the basis of our faith is in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"(Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the "eyes of our hearts" that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with "new life in his Holy Spirit". Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who give constant increase to your Church by new offspring, grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. "Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?" Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

### **Tuesday, April 7 ~ The Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18** Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are

you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

**Meditation:** The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

### Wednesday, April 8 ~ The Octave of Easter

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35** That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Meditation:** St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth (that the Christ would die and rise again", their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth." (From The Harmony of the Gospels, 3.25.72) How often do we

fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

**Prayer:** O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord. To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

### **Thursday, April 9 ~ The Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48** The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**Meditation:** Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Jerome, an early church bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

**Prayer:** O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?

### **Friday, April 10 ~ The Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14** Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in

Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

**Meditation:** Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people' for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life? Do you receive his word with faith? Are you open to conforming your mind and heart to that of Jesus Christ, so that you can follow him with love as a true disciple?

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# Community Calendar

<b>MONDAY, APRIL 6</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY</b> <i>School &amp; Parish Office are closed. No Adoration.</i>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 7</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Room 1
	7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort 2026	Davidson, Room A
	7:00 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room B
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
	6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
	7:00 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy LC
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	Carter Center
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Offsite
	7:15 PM	VINE Parent Session	Wellnitz, Room 2
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 9</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	9:00 AM	Women's Lenten AM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch – Offsite	La Chatelaine, Dublin
	7:00 PM	Women's Lenten PM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 10</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Frist Friday Book Club	Carter Center
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 11</b>	6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
	9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 12</b>	7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
	During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
	During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
	9:45 AM	Continued Growth Family Sessions	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
	12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Room 1
	2:00 PM	Divine Mercy Sunday: Adoration, Confessions, Praying Chaplet	Church
	6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Chas McCurdy LC
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Parent Meeting	Carter Center	

# Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are ill at home, hospitalized, or are active duty military, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List) or call the Parish Office. List is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request.

*If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.*



## Please Pray for...

### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Pamela Theado	Ira Katz	Mary Murphy Smith
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson	Daffine Papaly
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik	Sarah Ortlieb
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch	Alida Sfalcin
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder	Alyson Barnheiser
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino	Alan LaForrest
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik	Jim Lewis
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan	Teresa Wells
Alma Harding	Richard Walls	Mary DeStefani
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum	Bryan Knapp
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch	Gib Bickel
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder	Kathleen McCurdy
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause	Amelia Black
Brenda Bezan	Robert William	Anna D'Ettorre
Ken Weitmarshen		

### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

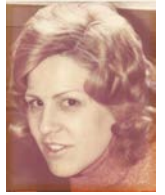
Thomas Dye	Kale Grunenwald	Addison A.
Aaron Huesman	Cody Longstreth	Connor Olson
Sam Imwalle	Jackson Maassel	Dan Severance
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler	Trevor Pfirman
Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathaniel Mattson

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

### THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. Find more resources at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

## Our Sympathy TO THE FAMILY OF JEAN MORRIS



Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 8, 11 AM at Saint Brendan Church with a luncheon in the Davidson Rooms immediately following. Committal of Jean's remains will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lockbourne. There are no calling hours at the Funeral Home; the family will receive guests one hour prior to the 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial. View Jean's obituary at <https://www.tiddfuneralservice.com/obituaries/jean-morris>

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

#### Easter Monday

- 6:30 AM Vito Checchio †
- 8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.
- 5:30 PM Doug Lamb †

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 6:30 AM Aldo Ruggiero †
- 8:00 AM David Frierwood †

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 6:30 AM Marilyn Robbins †
- 5:30 PM Carlos Gomez

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 6:30 PM Marilyn Robbins †
- 8:00 AM Intention for Elizabeth Byorth

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 6:30 PM Marilyn Robbins †
- 8:00 AM Jack Krimm †

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00 AM Helmut Steiner †
- 5:30 PM Catherine Waters †

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

#### Second Sunday of Easter

- 7:15 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish
- 8:45 AM Judith Tabash †
- 10:45 AM Claudette Weber †
- 5:30 PM Ann Pluth †

(† Intention is for deceased.)

## Eucharistic Adoration

Sign up to adore at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

<b>MONDAY</b>	6 PM–10 PM
<b>TUES./ THUR./ FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM–10 PM 1st Fridays, 8:30 AM–Sat., 1 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7 AM–5 PM Holy Hour, 6-7 PM with Confession
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 AM–1 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:30 PM–10 PM



## Financial Stewardship

**MARCH 29, 2026 OFFERTORY**

Weekly Offertory (Cash, checks, online giving)	<b>\$48,293</b>
Weekly Budgeted Offertory.....	<b>\$39,100</b>



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# Parish News & Events



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Bring your families to join us next Sunday, April 12 beginning 2 PM for Adoration, Confessions and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together (at 3 PM) this Divine Mercy Sunday.

Find Divine Mercy Chaplet resources available on the Spiritual Spotlight Bookshelf by the Adoration Chapel.

## Cookies for Kairos Next Weekend

Look for the Kairos Prison Ministry members next weekend in the Gathering area after Masses, April 11 & 12, passing out cookie bags. Drop baked cookies off the following weekend to help share the love of Christ with the incarcerated.



## Sacred Heart Icon Prayer Service, April 13

Our St. Brendan Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring a Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Prayer Service after 5:30 PM Mass on Monday, April 13 (begins at approx. 6:15 PM.) Join us at this special prayer service that includes Scripture, reflections and an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart

of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù, Rome (and blessed by Pope Francis.)

## SVDP Donation Drive, April 18 & 19

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store trailer will be in our parking lot April 18 (9 AM-4 PM) and April 19 (12-4 PM) to donate gently used clothing, toys, household items, books, bikes, sporting goods, etc., to restock the SVdP Thrift Store! (No mattresses or TVs over 10 years old, please.) Questions? Email Chris Warren: [cwarren1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwarren1@sbcglobal.net)



## Men's Retreat

Registration is open for the St. Brendan Men's Retreat: "*Memento Mori! Remember Your Death*" on May 30, 5:30 PM through May 31, 12 PM. Cost is \$140. Pay online by May 16 at <https://bit.ly/2025men-retreat>

OR, pay by check via the paper form and information sheet on the

Welcome Desk. Fill out/mail to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017 (with a check payable to "Knights of Columbus 11208"). Questions? Email [Mikegunnarson@gmail.com](mailto:Mikegunnarson@gmail.com)

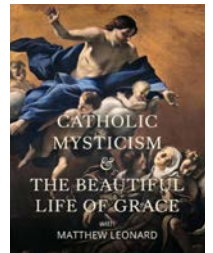
## Cub Scout Adventure Night, April 8

Attention boys of the St. Brendan community – Are you looking to learn life skills and embark on adventures with new friends? Consider joining St. Brendan Cub Scout Pack 859 at our annual Adventure Night on Wednesday, **April 8, 7-8 PM** in the School Gym. Cub Scouts is open to all boys entering kindergarten through 5th grade (fall of 2026). We make 2-3 camping trips a year, do multiple service projects and are active year round. Questions? Contact Caleb Longgear at [StBrendansCubScouts@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansCubScouts@gmail.com)



## Catholic Mysticism Study, April 13

*Catholic Mysticism & The Beautiful Life of Grace*, features renowned Bible teacher, Matthew Leonard. Study, led by Bryan Moore, is on Mondays, 7-8:30 PM, April 13-June 15 (no meeting April 27 or May 25) in the School Library for for men and women. No cost. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mysticism2026> Questions? Email [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)



## Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY)

**APRIL 13, MONDAY, 12 PM** – Lunch at Wild Ginger (434 State Rt. 161, Plain City). RSVP Jerry: 614-805-6792 [pricej62@gmail.com](mailto:pricej62@gmail.com)

**APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY, 1 PM** – Spring Social: Games in Welnitz.

## The Next Blood Drive is April 17

The next St. Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, April 17, 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Give the gift of life! Sign up at 1-800-Red-Cross or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



## Women's Scripture Study, April 23

Learn from Esther to count the cost and step up "for such a time as this." Lavinia Spirito, teaching leader of the Catholic Way Bible Studies, will enlighten women April 23-May 14, on Thursdays, 9-10:30 AM in Davidson Room A. The facilitator is Patsy Bunnell. No cost, and childcare is available. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/esther2026> Questions? Email [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)



## Young Couples Date Night, May 1

The next Knights of Columbus sponsored Date Night for Young Couples is **Friday, May 1, 6:30-8 PM** in the Davidson Rooms. Let us watch the kids (6 months–5 years) while you strengthen your relationship and enjoy dinner with other couples. Cost of \$35 includes all date nights through June (checks to: "KofC 11208"). It's not too late to join! Email Chuck at [chuck436@att.net](mailto:chuck436@att.net)

## Family Faith Formation

**CONFIRMATION FAMILIES:** Confirmation names of those newly Confirmed can be found in the center spread of this bulletin!

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** Our next Continued Growth Family Session will be on Sunday, April 12 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

**SEEK & ROOT:** Our next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, April 13 from 6-7:30 PM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS:** The final Middle School Small Group is Sunday, April 19 from 6:45-8 PM.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our First Holy Communion retreat, *Jesus Day*, is Friday, April 24. You can choose either the 10 AM or 4:30 PM session. An RSVP was sent to you by email.

## Roots - for Middle Schoolers

**ROOTS LARGE GROUP** - Meet monthly (on last Sundays) in the school gym from 6:30-8:30 PM.

**ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS** - Meet monthly (on Sundays) in the school library from 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

## Vine - for High Schoolers

Sundays, 6:30 PM. Follow [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine) on Instagram.

**APRIL 5** No Vine: Easter Vigil Party, April 4

**APRIL 12** "How to be Joyful (Always)"

**APRIL 19** "Knowing God's Plan for You"

**APRIL 26** "Senior Take-over Night"

Questions? Contact Kara: [kshand@stbrendans.net](mailto:kshand@stbrendans.net)

## Spiritual/Mental Care & Support

### Grief Support Group

Luncheon: 2nd Thursdays, 1 PM, La Chatelaine Restaurant, Dublin.  
Workshop, 4th Sundays, 7 PM, meet in the Carter Center.

### iTHIRST Spiritual Companions

We have three iThirst Spiritual Companions at our parish. Visit [opendoorwomensrecoveryorg/](http://opendoorwomensrecoveryorg/) [ithirst](http://ithirst.org/) for more details or, email [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com)

**Lumin Counseling** - A private practice of therapists with Catholic & Christian backgrounds (main office in Westerville and satellite office on our campus). Details at: <https://lumin-therapy.com/>

**Mental/Spiritual CareNotes** - Booklets to lift your spirits (free of charge) are on the bookshelf by the Chapel. Grief support *CareNotes* are on our Lost & Found cabinet.

**Volunteer with our POD Nursery**  
Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses,  
Date Night for Young Couples  
(Friday 6:30-8 PM once/month)  
and for Family Faith Formation  
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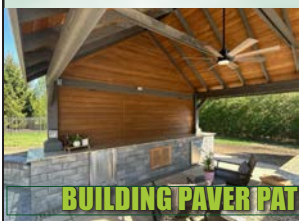
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