

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Monday, 28th, Monday within the Octave of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday, 29th, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8 a.m.: Wilhelmina Kettmann, by Bob & Marcia Deterding

Wednesday, 30th, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8 a.m.: Alex Carr, by Welda & Carol DeRousse

Thursday, 31st, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8 a.m.: Rick Jones, by Barb Koester

Friday, 1st, Friday within the Octave of Easter
8 a.m.: Jim DuClos, by the family
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Albertha Doiron, by Tom & Joan Adams, Herb & Sallie Blue

Saturday, 2nd, Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4 p.m.: Stephanie Estfan, by Susan Cowell

Sunday, 3rd, Second Sunday of Easter
10 a.m.: For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 2nd, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Gielow, P. Ramsey,
D. DuFrenne, T. Jefferson, L. Berg

Gift Bearers: B. Candler family

Lectors: J. Mergelkamp

Servers: R. Candler, C. Wiegard

Ushers: S. Cowell, R. Draves

Sunday, April 3rd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA by SJB/PSR

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Thought for the Week

You always have time for that which you place first.

On the Lighter Side

Church signs that make one smile: God grades on the Cross, not on the curve; Exposure to the Son may prevent burning; God loves everyone but probably prefers "Fruits of the Spirit" over "religious nuts".

Please Pray For ...

David DuFrenne, Debbie Kezely, Cathy McCarthy,
Bernell Wiegard, Anne Barry, Linda Burnett,
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Did You Know?

As a Knight of Columbus, you established the "Healing Haiti's Children" program, through which the Knights of Columbus committed to providing each child who lost a limb in the 2010 earthquake with a series of prosthetic devices as they grow. Through the Emilio Moure Clinic for Hope (named for the Order's former Supreme Secretary who helped develop the program), patients receive the treatment necessary for them to care for their families and return to school or work.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles

10:34a, 37 - 43

Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1 - 4

Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1 - 9

Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this Glorious Easter when the gospel announces an empty tomb, we feel the contradictory reactions that the resurrection mystery arouses - seeing and believing on the one hand, misunderstanding and confusion on the other. This mystery defies all human understanding. The Easter stories tell us that the resurrection isn't something we fully understand, but believe and live.

We welcome to our parish family of faith, Daniel Brewer and Teri Alrashidi who made their Profession of Faith, were Confirmed, and joined us for the first time at the Eucharistic Table at the Easter Vigil. May the Risen Lord fill their hearts with Joy, Peace, and New Life.

On behalf of our parish and school staff, I extend greetings to all of you for a joy filled Easter. May the Risen Lord grant you the strength and courage to proclaim the marvelous deeds that God has done for us.

Have a blest first week of Easter! Remember, don't worry so much and know that you are loved!

~ Fr. Dennis

2016 Picnic Quilts

It's time to kick-off our 2016 Picnic Quilt Drive! The Quilt & Cash Bingo is our biggest money-maker at our picnic, and it wouldn't be successful without your generosity! We need 150 quilts (75 per night). To donate:

- 1) Donate a completed quilt (handmade; no store-bought quilts; queen-size; not laundered)
- 2) Cash donation. Cash equivalent is \$210. Donate the full \$210, or donate \$70 or \$105 and Rhonda will combine that with other donations to make a "full" quilt.

For more information on the parish quilters making your quilt, call Clea (282-3529) or Bernell (282-4076).

Organ/Piano/Carillon Fund Appeal

The collection continues for our digital carillon system for Church. Your donation will be greatly appreciated! Our goal is \$45,000; the total collected to date is \$38,769.00. Thanks again for your support and care!

150th Anniversary Shirts

Show off your pride of St. John School's 150th Anniversary by purchasing and wearing a special "150th Anniversary" t-shirt! Order forms are at the entrances; must be turned in by April 1st.

“Live” Horse Races & Fish Fry

Don't miss our Fish Fry & “Live” Horse Races on Fri., April 15th! Fish Fry: 4-7:30 p.m.; cod, tilapia, river fish plates/sandwiches; sides: potato salad, Cole slaw, baked beans, homemade chips. Dessert & drink available. Horse Races: Grab a seat in our grandstands as our jockeys BOUNCE their thoroughbred inflatable horse straight into Victory Lane! Horses in the corral: 5 p.m.; races begin: 6:30 p.m. Place your bets on your favorite horse & jockey! Cash bar available.

Would you like to be one of our jockeys? Call the rectory for more information!

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,697.00
Loose.....	\$513.58
Total (Goal: \$4,272.00).....	\$5,210.58
Catholic Relief.....	\$20.00
Good Friday.....	\$20.00
Easter.....	\$50.00
The Messenger.....	\$25.00

Alumni Basketball Games

Don't miss our SJB Alumni Basketball Games being held on April 9th at 5:30 p.m. RSVP at supportsjb.weebly.com; click on “More”; click “SJB-150th Year Celebration”.

Baskets for Our Parish Picnic

We're gearing up for our Annual Parish Picnic! The Basket Stand was a great success last year! We would like to begin collecting COMPLETED/FILLED baskets NOW (valued at \$10+). Please drop your basket at the rectory during business hours or in the breezeway at church. At this time we are NOT collecting empty baskets.

Eucharistic Minister Training

A training session for NEW Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Church. This session is for anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister! Please volunteer!

Thank You!

Life Network of Southern Illinois extends a thank you to our parish family - through the Baby Bottle Project, our parish donated \$1,398.73!

Happenings This Week

- Sun.: Happy Easter to all of you!
- Mon.: No School; Parish Office closed; No RCIA session
- Tues.: Parish Council at St. Patrick's
- Wed.: PSR classes, 7 p.m., school
- Sat.: First Communion practice, 9 a.m., Church
- Sun.: First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(How can we not share this treasure?) We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to “come out of ourselves”, to take this joy and this light to all the places of our lives! The Resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure! How can we not share this treasure, this certainty with others? It is not only for us; it is to be passed on, to be shared with others. Our testimony is precisely this!

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Thank you to the 79 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$17,221.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

Spring Gathering of Associates at the Ruma Convent

Are you seeking nourishment for your soul? The Associates of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ will have their annual Spring Gathering on Sat., April 16th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We invite you to come, find out who we are, what we do, and meet associates from other areas, and some of the sisters. For more information, call Yvonne Shepherd at 618-719-5328 or Sr. Genarose at 282-3848.

Attention Parents of 7th Grade Students!

Each year we ask the parents of our 7th grade students, both in SJB and PSR, to provide cookies for our Confirmation reception. We'd appreciate it if you would bring 2 dozen store-bought cookies to the school cafeteria on Tuesday, April 12th, from 7:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If this time frame doesn't work for you, please call the rectory to make arrangements. Thank you!

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Recycle Plastic Easter Eggs

If you would like to recycle those plastic Easter eggs, there will be a bin in the back of church where you can drop those eggs. Thank you!

Prayer Group

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend April 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

Host Family Opportunities

- 1) The Red Bud Rotary Club is excited to start a Student Exchange Program, and is seeking families to host a high school student for the upcoming school year. They are seeking 3 families to share the time the student will be in our community. Each host family would have the student with them for 3 1/2-4 months. Please contact Rotary Youth Exchange Officer, Dian Keil at dian1212@live.com for more info.
- 2) Gibault Catholic School is searching for host families for international students who have shown interest in attending Gibault. To become a host family: apply and interview with Gibault administration; after accepted, host a student for the 2016-2017 school year with the option of continuing to host that same student until they graduate from Gibault. For more info, contact Pat Herzing at pherzing@gibaultonline.com.

2016 Picnic Meeting

Picnic meeting: Wed., April 6th, 1:30 p.m., rectory.

Quest Retreat

Quest Retreat, April 9-10, St. Dominic, Breese. Quest is a 33-hour program of sharing for high school freshmen and sophomores. It is an experience of being together with other teens so the participants can find out more about God, themselves, and their relationships with family and friends. Quests are conducted by a team of lay adults, priests, sisters, and teens. Quest begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and concludes at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Applications can be found in the back of church or online at www.bellevilletec.org. St. John's will pay half of the registration fee. Questions, Lea Ann Becker: 618-830-2414.

Spring Blessing of the Farm

All are invited to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm, which will be held on Tuesday, April 12, at 1p.m. at the farm of Jim and Jeanne Tennis located at 7755 Hwy. 15 W in Mt. Carmel, IL 62863. Farm is visible on the left across from Vigo Coal Company ('Friendsville Mine'). Farm Blessing signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Please join them for food and fellowship following the Blessing!

Can We Help You?

Did you or someone you know recently have a baby, have surgery, or are just going through a difficult time? For those joyous and not so joyous events in our lives that leave us with very little time to do much of anything (especially cook!) call us and we'll deliver a ready-to-go meal as a sign of congrats or just to help out. Call Rhonda at the rectory, give her the name and telephone number of the person you are requesting the meal for, then the Parish Outreach Committee will contact them about delivering their meal. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Shirley Vogt at 282-6193.

Upcoming Events

Evansville Knights of Columbus Fish Buffet, April 1st, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish, chicken strips, and 7 sides. Adults: \$11; kids 5-12: \$5. Buffet is dine-in only; carry-outs available by plate, sandwich, or pound.

And Away We Go (The Honeymooners), presented by St. Vincent de Paul Dinner Theater, Apr. 2nd, Cathedral's McCormick Center, Belleville. Tickets: \$40/person; \$300 reserved table of 8. Info: 618-394-0126, ext. 12 (Pat) or ext. 13 (Joe).

Noon Luncheon & Card/Game Party, Apr. 5th, St. Luke's, Belleville. Play cards, board games, bingo; enjoy lunch (ham, German potato salad, applesauce, cake, drinks). Tally: \$7 (includes lunch or carry-out).

Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo, Apr. 10th, St. James, Millstadt. Doors open: 10:30 a.m.; bingo: 1 p.m. Chicken dinner can be ordered prior to bingo; raffles, Basket Boutique, bake sale.