Easter Sunday
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!
Happy Easter

For my bulletin article for this Easter Sunday, I share with you a beautiful reflection from an anonymous ancient author. When times are tough we need the hope that only the Resurrection of Christ can give.

Happy Easter, everyone!
Fr. Tollefson, Temporary Parochial Administrator

“What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit.' And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.'

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.'

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person.'

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.'

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image.'

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.'

'I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.'

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.'

'The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages.'
This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, April 21st
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

Monday, April 22nd
Church and School Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23rd
Wednesday, April 24th
6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, April 25th
Friday, April 26th
6:30pm Men Who Pray
5:00pm Mass (Anticipatory)

Saturday, April 27th
6:30am Men Who Pray
5:00pm Mass (Anticipatory)

Sunday, April 28th
8:00am Mass (Hospitality)
10:00am Mass (Hospitality)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Service and Reception

First Communion
Sunday, May 5th at 10:00am
Here at St. John the Baptist

Confirmation
Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00pm
At the Basilica of St. Mary

Please continue to pray for our First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates as they complete their final days of preparation!

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish
We invite you to keep in your daily prayers the sick and confined of our parish who seek God’s joy in their infirmity, in particular:

- Elvera Hoops
- Betty Roy
- Mary Rosati
- Viviana Wright
- Bill Ashenbach
- Margaret Davis
- Lou Prescott
- Kon Wurm
- Pam Plain
- Ruth Colnar

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed
Hello, my name is Cody Magnus. I am married to Sara Magnus and father to Will (8) and Abby (5). I was born in LaGrange IN and grew up in Brookings SD. I am an independent contractor and run support for a software company and a land planner for InSite Land Planning (design subdivisions). I was baptized and was confirmed Lutheran and attended Ascension Lutheran Church in Brookings.

My name is James Flattum and I was born and raised in Southwest Minneapolis and currently live in Mound with my wife Karen and our two dachshunds Mimi and Sally. I am an Independent Marketing and Retail Consultant, Project Manager and Creative Executive. I was baptized in the Lutheran Church and confirmed in the United Methodist Church.

My name is Chris Hagen. My wife Rhea and I were married in 2013 at Guardian Angels Church in Chaska, MN. We have 3 boys who keep us very busy; Carter (5), Caleb (3) and CJ (1). I consider myself very blessed to be a part of this warm and loving family.

I spent most of my childhood years in Golden Valley, MN and the rest of my high school years in Glen Allyn, Illinois. My early life experiences from a Lutheran family provided me with a deep appreciation for the importance of family and community. I would add to that the love of trees, fresh air, and a good pair of skis. I’m a business owner in commercial and residential restorations.

Since taking RCIA classes, I have developed a renewed appreciation of my Faith, the transformational power of God’s Word and the fundamental value of life. I am grateful for the opportunity that I have had and look forward to continue to participate fully in this process.
**Readings for the Week of April 21st**

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1-14-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**First Saturday Devotions**

**Saturday, May 4th at 7:10am at St. John’s**

Please join us at 7:10am for the Rosary and fifteen minutes of quiet meditation.
St. John’s Gala
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 6-11PM
On Saturday, May 4th, St. John’s gym will be transformed into a Grand Stand at Churchill Downs complete with mint juleps, big hats, and derby pie.

There are many ways you can be a part of this wonderful evening. The easiest is buy a ticket! Tickets are $40. (Childcare is available; pre-registration required.) You can register online at https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/2019Gala
Or sign up after Masses or get a registration form at the Parish Office.

BECOME A SPONSOR
You may also donate to our Gala Silent/Live Auctions and/or be a Sponsor. Donations can be as simple as a gift card to a local coffee shop or as lavish as a trip to Chicago, donated airline tickets or tickets to a sporting event. Our Sponsorship program allows you to donate to our event at several different levels. Starting at $250 and going to $2500, there is a level for everyone. In addition, Sponsors are listed in the evening’s program, displayed on St. John’s website, and posted in the bulletin. And, during the event, sponsor’s names will be on a jersey pennant behind the bar. Every time someone has a drink, he or she will be sure to see your name!

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28th, 2019 at 3:00pm

Jesus said to St. Faustina: “I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy... On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open... The soul that will go to Confession [within 20 days before or after the feast] and receive Holy Communion on that day, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy.”

Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy service here at St. John the Baptist! Learn about the Image of the Merciful Jesus, St. Faustina, the hour of Divine Mercy, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and a plenary indulgence associated with Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us for a light reception in the Gathering Place following the prayer service.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (952) 474-8868.
The students and staff of St. John’s Catholic Montessori School would like to wish everyone a truly blessed Easter!

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

**WEIGHTLY THEMES:**

**June**
- 6/10-6/14 Lego Mania
- 6/17-6/21 Cooking
- 6/24-6/28 Fine Arts

**July**
- 7/1-7/3 Water Fun (short week)
- 7/8-7/12 Crafts
- 7/15-7/19 Vacation Bible School
- 7/22-7/26 Music/Drama & Performance
- 7/29-8/2 Sports

**August**
- 8/5-8/9 Science Experiments
- 8/12-8/16 Woodworking

*SJB SUMMER PROGRAM 2019*

**JUNE 10 – AUGUST 16**

*Weekly themes*
*Ages 3 through rising 6th graders*
*Full-days or mornings only*
*Ages 3-6 are Montessori*
*Multi-child discount*
*Registration coming soon!*
**PARISH OFFICE**

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Finance Council Chair: Pat Johnson
Parish Council Chair: Charlie Kanan

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**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors: April 27th & 28th**

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**Eucharistic Ministers**
- C1. Amy Spaniol
- 2. Charlie Kanan
- 3. Mark Spaniol
- 4. Theresa DeMun
- 5. Open

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- C1. Mary Frerich
- 2. Maristel Conry
- 3. Bill Schouviller
- 4. Ranee Schouviller
- 5. Open

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- C1. Wes Chase
- 2. Chris Cockburn
- 3. Open
- 4. Mike Jonikas
- 5. Sara Magnus
- 6. Mike Fannon
- 7. Ask if needed

**Altar Servers**
- C. Polingo*
- A. Rodriguez
- S. Rodriguez

**Altar Servers**
- M. Hornecker*
- C. Setten
- M. Cockburn

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**Stewardship Update**

**Collection as of: 4/15/2019**

- **Sunday Envelopes**: $11,445.08
- **Plate**: $643.36
- **EFT**: $5,603.33
- **YTD Budget**: $720,197
- **YTD Actual**: $632,136
- **Amount Over/Under Budget**: ($88,061)

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**Sacrament of Confession**
- Tuesdays: 5:00pm
- Wednesdays, Thursdays: 7:30am
- Fridays: 8:00am
- Saturdays: 8:30am
- Holy Days and Holidays—see bulletin

**Sacrament of Marriage**
- Couples must call Fr. Carlson 6 months in advance

**Sacrament of Baptism**
- Please call the Parish Office 2 months prior to child’s birth. Required classes held regularly.

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**A local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church.**

**Victim Assistance Hotline:** (651) 291-4497

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**Resurrection Cemetery**
- 5555 Covington Rd, Shorewood, MN 55331