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Peace be with you!!!

It goes without saying that we celebrated Easter differently this year. It was wonderful to see so many

people come to celebrate the great feast of Easter, yet Easter came and as in years past we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord in a way that was meaningful for us. He has been raised. Indeed, He has. He is not in the tomb. In this Easter season, these fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the church invites us to reflect deeper upon our relationship with Christ.

The Gospel for the second Sunday after Easter was from John 20:19-31. It is the Gospel when Jesus appears to the disciples who have locked themselves in the upper room. Despite the locked door, Jesus appears to them and says, "Peace be with you". This piece of Scripture is one of my favorites and I reflect upon it often. You may recall the homily that I preached three weeks ago in which I said if I could give this Gospel a title it would be: What Jesus could have said and didn't.

If we reflect upon all that had happened from Holy Thursday to Easter, the reaction of the disciples when they find themselves in difficult and challenging situations, their first reaction is to run from the situation and distance themselves from Jesus. Yet, in the Gospel, Jesus knowing all that had happened says to his disciples, "Peace be with you". And a calming presence comes over the disciples.

This was a difficult and long journey for all of us. It has changed our lives and has become the "new normal". When we find ourselves becoming frustrated and unable to see any hope in the present situation may we take comfort in the words of Jesus, Peace be with you and know that He is with you until the end of time. I would invite you to read John 20:19-31 and meditate upon it as we journey through this Easter season.

I recently read an article about how the pandemic has affected how we look at life and all that life has to offer us. The author of the article explores two gifts that have been stifled by the pandemic, namely our ability to see our experiences through the lens of wonderment and awe. This Easter season provides for us the opportunity to see with the eyes of faith the many ways which God reveals himself to us. God has blessed us, let us not take that for granted.

Like the disciples, we too will receive the gifts of the Spirit. The challenge for us as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, will be do we avail ourselves to these gifts or do we allow them to remain dormant. The choice is ours.

Bon mot: Faith is to believe, on the word of God, what we do not see, and its reward is to see and enjoy what we believe.

—Augustine of Hippo

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—7:45pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-7:45pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 15, 2024

No Events

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

9:45am Seniors

6;00pm Needlecrafters

6:30pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #4

Friday, April 19, 2024

Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, April 20, 2024

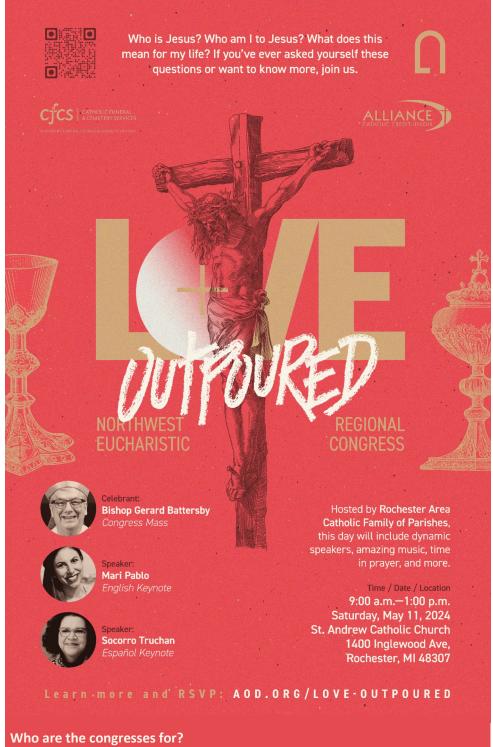
4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00am Mass

10:00am Grief Support Group 11:30am Mass w/1st Communion

12:15pm Baptism



 This event is for all people who want to learn more about Jesus or the Eucharist. Whether you have known Jesus your whole life or haven't met him yet, you are welcome to come. We recommend you RSVP for the event to help in planning.

Why attend a regional congress?

 Who is Jesus? Who am I to Jesus? What does this mean for my life? If you've ever asked yourself these questions or want to know more, join us.

What is the larger context for these congresses?

 As the Archdiocese of Detroit joins the celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival, join us this day for an inspiring speaker (English or Spanish), dynamic music, prayer, and more.

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EUCHRE NIGHT: Cinco de Mayo!

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

WHO: Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre! **WHAT:** We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games will be played using rotating partners.

HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$15.00 be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Sunday, April 21st. (No refunds for cancellations received after April 21st)

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at LSmith@sjfparish.org or

586-977-8080, ext. 101

CAN YOU Spend an hour with Me?

Dear Parishioners & Friends of Ss. Cyril & Methodius,

In 2022, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops initiated the National Eucharistic Revival, which is a three-year initiative to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Eucharistic Adoration by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius has Adoration each week from Thursday at 1:00PM until Fridays at 12:00PM (until 7:00PM on First Fridays). Please consider this opportunity to come and spend time with our Lord. He really wants to see us because He loves us. In the silence of Adoration, He speaks to us. Our Blessed Mother Mary wants us to be closer to her Son. This is the best way to really get to know Him.

We are in need of WEEKLY Committed Adorers during the following hours:

Thursday Afternoons:

3PM-4PM (need 1), 4PM-5PM (need 1), 5PM-6PM (need 1)

Friday Mornings:

2AM-3AM (need 1), 3AM-4AM (need 2), 4AM-5AM (need 1)

If you would like to commit to spending just one hour each week in Adoration with our Lord, we need you. Thank you ahead of time.

God bless all of you,

Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214

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SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF April 14, 2024

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15;

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42;

Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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Registered Families: 1,365 **Weekly Envelopes:** 180 \$8,549.00 **Amount Offered: Loose Offering:** \$2.584.00 **Online Contributors:** 104 \$4,308.00 **Online Contributions** Easter Envl. 189 \$8,685.00 **Easter Offering Total Offerings:** \$24,126.00 **Budgeted Offertory:** \$11,786.00 Difference: \$12,340.00

OFFERTORY INFORMATION April 7, 2024

1,365 **Registered Families: Weekly Envelopes:** 231 **Amount Offered:** \$2,214.00 **Loose Offering:** \$724.00 **Online Contributors:** 107 **Online Contributions** \$4,584.00 **Total Offerings:** \$13,522.00 \$11,786.00 **Budgeted Offertory:** Difference: \$1,736.00



ATTENTION SENIORS MAY 2, 2024

"THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE program for adults 55 and older

The DIA is once again offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission and bus FREE transportation to the DIA. Also, we will receive a coupon for a free cup of regular coffee, decaf coffee, or tea to be redeemed in Café DIA.

If you are interested in joining us on May 2nd, please sign up in the parish office by April 28st. The itinerary will be as follows:

- 12:00pm— Bus pick up from St. Jane Frances parking lot (please plan on being on the bus by **11:50am**)
- 1:00pm—2:00pm Highlights tour
- 2:00pm—3:00pm Self guided tour
- 3:00pm—Bus departs for St. Jane Frances

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We will be taking 25 to 35 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080, ext. 101 or LSmith@sjfparish.org. (If after you have signed up you find out that you cannot attend, please contact the church office so someone else can take your place. This includes notifying the church even on the day of the event.)

WALKING CLUB

Want to join others for leisurely walks through a beautiful park? If so, come along and join fellow walkers every Tuesday morning at the Joseph J. Delia Jr. Park (located on the North side of 18 Mile Rd between Ryan Rd and Dequindre Rd). Starting April 23rd, please plan to meet at 9:15am with the walks beginning at 9:30am. We will be meeting in the first parking lot as you enter the park. Please bring bug spray, sunscreen, water, or anything else you will need. It is a great opportunity to meet new people while enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

St. Jane Frances Walking Club



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday Apr. 16, 2024	Wednesday Apr. 17, 2024	Thursday Apr. 18, 2024	Saturday Apr. 20, 2024	Sunday Apr. 21, 2024	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Cindy Guzi	James Torres	Selma & Paul Marzec	Brian Finn
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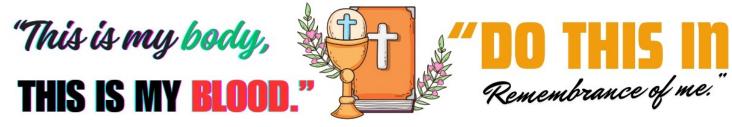


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Eucharist is the true body and blood of Christ for the nourishment of the soul.

- 5. **Jesus' Love:** Jesus loves us so much that he wants to be close to us in this special way. When we receive Communion, we are receiving Jesus himself into our hearts.
- 6. **Encourage Questions:** It's okay to have questions about this belief and you are encouraged to ask them. If family members or parents can't answer your questions, ask a leader at the church or even the priest or deacon.
- 7. **Practical Application:** How can you respond to this belief? Prepare your hearts to receive Jesus. Approach the Eucharist with reverence and love. Reverence is regarding something with respect or a profound emotion inspired by God.
- 8. **Reinforcement:** Reinforce the concept of the Real Presence through stories from the Bible and the words of the Last Supper: "This is my body," "This is my blood," "Do this in remembrance of me." You can also reinforce the concept through participation in the Mass, receiving Communion and through other Catholic rituals.



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Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the

Parish Office to request prayers.

PARISH NEWS

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All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at **sjfparish.org/news**.



MASS INTENTIONS Monday, April 15, 2024

No Mass

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7:00pm Dec. Giuseppe Maiani (Rosa Maiani)

Dec. Anna Gabel (Family)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Harold & Rose Martin (John & Diane Martin)

Dec. James Haralson (Nancy Haralson)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:00pm Liv. Judy Taylor (Bernadette Mikowski)

Friday, April 19, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00pm Our First Communicants

Dec. Will & Shirley Fasczewski (Graziano Family)

Dec. Anthony Krull (Family)

Dec. Ken Tyburski (Sepanik Family)
Dec. Betty Cianfarani (Family)
Dec. Ann Gabel (Mary Peterson)
Dec. James Haralson (Nancy Haralson)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00am For the Parishioners

Our First Communicants

Liv. Rene Juridico (Juridico Family)

Dec. Virginia Filar (Casimir& Anna Brodak)

11:30am Our First Communicants

Dec. Manny P. Malicsi (Family)

Dec. Daniel Reghi (David & Sharon Reghi)

Liv. David Reghi (Sharon Reghi)



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