

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?— 1 John 5:5

Readings

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 10

5:00 PM (J) Betty Tockstein

Sunday, April 11

8:00 AM (P) Blake Dunn Family

11:00 AM (C) Liv/Dec. Members of Judy Goeckner Family

Monday, April 12

8:30 AM (C) ASC community

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 AM (J) Intensions of the Catholic Donors

Wednesday, April 14

11:00 AM (P) Shirley Smith Family

Thursday, April 15

8:00 AM (J) Fr. Joseph Trapp

Friday, April 16

8:30AM (C) ASC community

Saturday, April 17

5:00 PM (J) Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy

Sunday, April 18

8:00 AM (P) Justin & Margaret Simpson Family

11:00 AM (C) ASC Community

**MASSES CELEBRATED AT THE RUMA CONVENT
WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS
TIME**

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Shirley Smith, Tom Ellner, Pam Ozier, Roger & Carol Hess, Cindy Wilhelm, Regina, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Tom Candelario, Gene Clerc, Steve Wallach, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Ray Hess, Michael Brand, Armin Depper, Zachary Glenn, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Kathy Ghahkenschah, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Laura, Benjamin & Miles Marler

CHURCH SUPPORT-April 3rd & 4th

St. Patrick's

Easter \$4,005 Loose \$213 CSMA \$300 COVID \$65 Seminar. \$100 Good F. \$85 Home M. \$20 Monthly C. \$200 Make-up Env. \$3,412 Brick S. \$130 TOTAL COVID: \$14,810

St. Joseph's:

Envelopes: \$ 1,960 Loose: \$145 Holy Land: \$397

Weekly goal: **\$1,700.**

FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The Resurrection joy is evident in the first reading (Acts 4:32-35). The early Christian community acted like a family. They shared what they had and lived close to the Gospel maxim. The love of Christ was at the center of their relationship with one another. Everyone worked hard to be the image of Jesus to the other person. It was and still remains the ideal Christian community.

The second Reading (1 John 5:1-6) reminds us that Christ came through water (Baptism) and Blood (Crucifixion). Through the shedding of his blood on cavalry, we now have redemption and are conquerors. This is a predominant theme during this joyful season.

The Gospel (John 20:19-31) takes us to the beautiful scene of the Risen Christ's appearance to the Apostles. Thomas was absent and doubted the possibility, but Christ reappeared again and cleared his doubts. May the Risen Christ always be near us and grant us his divine mercy both now and forever. Amen. Fr Sebastian Ukoh CM

REST IN PEACE

The parish community of Rocher & Ruma would like to offer their prayers of PEACE to the family and friends of Jerry Reinhold. May he share in the joy of the Risen Lord.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Passing from Slavery to Freedom,) Christ died and rose once for all and for everyone, but the power of the resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross! Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbor, when we fail to realize that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ezekiel 37:1-14).

RESPECT LIFE CORNER—"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28), In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas stands for each of us as he personally experiences God's mercy as he peers into the face of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Thomas failed to believe the apostles' stories that they had seen their teacher. The risen Jesus, out of abundance of love and patience, made sure that Thomas knew that he had not been abandoned. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Pope Francis reminds the faithful that God never abandons us; He never forsakes His loving plan for us to live together as a whole human family. Humanity still has the ability to work together to build a common home, free of environmental degradation which is risking the lives of the world's poorest. We must have respect for the integrity of all God's people. We must take a look at hard issues in our world. By allowing ourselves to be loved by Our Lord and to encounter His mercy and forgiveness in the sacraments, we are better capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love in the world. There are no greater gifts than the gifts of life and the gift of salvation. We are truly thankful!

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Mass schedules for April are: 5pm Saturday at St. Joseph's, and 8am Sunday morning at St. Patrick's parish hall.

If you are hesitant about coming back to Mass, come and see what we are doing so we can help ease your fears. We are wearing masks, sanitizing your hands, seating you safe distances apart and cleaning after each Mass.

If it is crowds you don't like, you can attend the weekday Masses at St. Pat's and St. Joseph's same guidelines apply!
DON'T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED.
284-3314-St. Joseph's, 282-3176-St. Patrick's.

300th ANNIVERSARY—UPDATE!

Brick ordering deadline is July 1st.

SIX short months until the opening Mass for our 300th
If you have any pictures or stories that you think are unique to our parish please share them.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

To operate the camera during Mass at St. Joseph on the weekends, once or twice a month to help out Jill and to continue the uninterrupted live streaming to those who cannot attend church. Please let Jill know and she can show you how things work.

PRAYER CHAIN-If you know someone who is in need of emergency prayer, contact Fr. Sebastian at 284-2404, St. Joe's rectory at 284-3314, St. Pat's rectory at 282-3176 or Marie Henry at 618-559-6511. If you would like to be part of the chain, please call Marie to get set up.

RECONCILIATION

Please call the rectory to schedule appt.

CARE MINISTRY-Do you know a fellow parishioner that's going through a rough time? Please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 284-7702, and she will reach out with a care package.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 24th beginning at 8AM weather permitting. In case of inclement weather date will be Saturday, May 1st. Please bring tools needed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, May 16th St. Patrick's Parish will be holding a drive-thru chicken dinner. More details to follow. Please mark your calendars.

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

\$4,605 pledged from St. Joseph's and \$2,599.57 has been pledged from St. Patrick's. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**CHRIST DEPARTED FROM OUR SIGHT THAT
WE MIGHT RETURN TO OUR HEART, AND
THERE FIND HIM. FOR HE DEPARTED, AND
BEHOLD, HE IS HERE.**

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. April's collection will go to Rhonda & Neal Schaefer, to help with medical expenses. Please keep their family in your prayers. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket. Please continue to keep the Hass family in your prayers.

KUDOS

- To our newly baptized...Hailey Kay Schwartz.
- To those that make our church services happen.
- To Hi-Way Motor Co., our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Hunter Sauer 4/9, Daniel Powell 4/10,
Lucas Mudd 4/11, Doris Hatridge 4/12,
Brian Steibel 4/14, Cooper Steibel 4/17,
Roger & Cecilia DeMond 4/15
Mark & Ann Laurent 4/15

**FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERNSHIP BELLEVILLE
DIOCESE**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty.

The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid and requires 16 hours a week from September through April. Practicing Catholics are encouraged to apply, especially those with an interest in Catholic Social Teaching. Please send your resume by April 1 to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Director at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or contact [618-624-2838](tel:618-624-2838) with any questions.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLESSING OF THE FARM

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. at the Farm of Dale and Kay Haudrich at 7903 State Route 156; Waterloo, IL. Take IL-Hwy 159 to Hecker. Then travel west onto IL-Hwy 156 out of Hecker ¾ of a mile. It is the first house on your right. "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. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. *Pandemic health and safety protocols will be place. We look forward to having you join us!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prairie du Rocher, American Legion Fish Fry, Fridays, April 16th & May 21st from 4:30-8PM. Cod, cat, river by the plate, pound or sandwich. Dine in or carry-out.