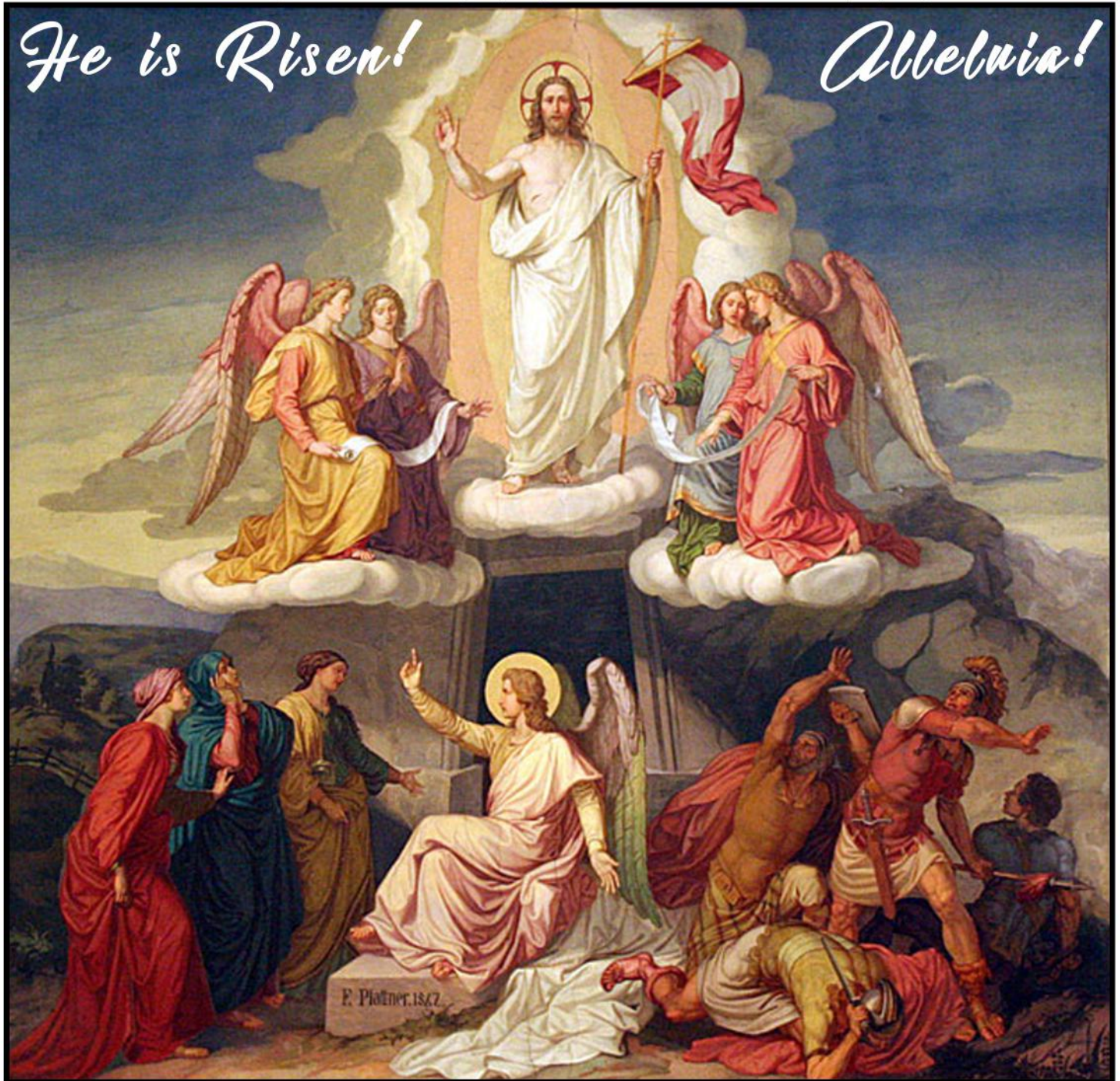


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He is Risen!

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD- APRIL 9, 2023

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Whether this is your first-time visiting with us or if you are a life-long parishioner, we rejoice to celebrate **Easter** together with you! On this great solemnity, we rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Death is no longer the end for us, but life has now won the victory over the grave. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was not the end of His story, which means that death will not be the end of our story.

Celebrating **Easter** is of such great importance because Jesus Christ has promised that we would share in His victory over sin and death through everlasting life with Him in Heaven. As such, **Easter** is not just an event to be remembered, but a reality to continue living everyday of our lives. That is why our Easter celebration continues for the rest of the week within the **Octave of Easter**, or the eight days following **Easter Sunday**, in which the joy of Christ's Resurrection echoes anew each day.

The full **Easter season**, or **Eastertide**, continues for fifty days, representing how our Lord remained on earth for fifty days before His ascension into Heaven. Throughout these fifty days, our Lord appears to His disciples and gives to them the commission to evangelize every corner of the earth. We will hear the Church's response to this commission throughout **Eastertide** with readings from the Acts of the Apostles. This commission continues even to this day and, for this reason, these fifty days of Easter joy should be lived out as a way of continuing to spread the joy of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations are in order to Vanessa, who was baptized at the Easter Vigil, and Abby and Alexandria, who were received into the Church through their profession of faith. We are overjoyed to welcome you now to the banquet of the Eucharist. We extend thanks as well to their sponsors and Jill, our catechist, who worked so diligently to prepare them for this day.

There are, also, so many to thank for their assistance over this past week: Our Choir and Children's Choir, under Teresa's direction, who spent so much time rehearsing and elevating our hearts to the Lord in music; Our Decorating Committee, who made our church look so beautiful; Our servers, under the direction of Dan, our Master of Ceremonies, and our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; And, Michelle, Teresa, and Stacey, in our Parish Staff. And, of course, to all of you who joined us in prayer throughout these most sacred days!

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur, as the celebrant of our Saturday Vigil Mass. I will be away for the day at St. Mary's in Bluffton, OH, to celebrate the wedding Mass of two of our parishioners, Stephen Vanderkolk and Becca Schlumbohm. Please keep the happy couple in your prayers as they approach this wonderful Sacrament together. (*This is the first of four weddings for our parish this year!*)

Parish Easter Gift - *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*

As we continue to prepare for the upcoming national Eucharistic Revival, our parish Easter gift this year is Dr. Brant Pitre's ***Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper***. Dr. Pitre looks at the celebration of the Last Supper through the lenses of both Sacred Scripture and ancient Judaism. This allows him to explore ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover of the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, and the mysterious Bread of the Presence.

As Dr. Pitre shows, these three keys—the Passover, the Manna, and the Bread of the Presence—have the power to unlock the original meaning of the Eucharistic words of Jesus. Along the way, Dr. Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on **Easter Sunday**. During this **Easter season**, this gift is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus' presence in "*the breaking of the bread.*"

~In the Risen Christ, Fr. David

MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. *Confession*
- 9:00 p.m. *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*
Greg Mayer +

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
Tom and Ann Reifsteck Family

Monday, April 10

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:00 p.m. Mary Ann Flowers +
Wednesday, April 12

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 7:00 p.m. June Burns +

Thursday, April 13

- 8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Friday, April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Don Gruss +

Saturday, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
- 5:00 p.m. Makowski Family

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Roberts Bates +



RESURREXIT SICUT DIXIT, ALLELUIA.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 10 - Monday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:14,22-23/ Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 11 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 12 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 13 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 14 - Friday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 15 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) - Acts 2:42-47/ 1

Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!

**ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Join us Sunday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Thank you!



Be Filled With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

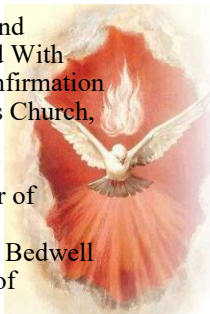
Please remember these young men and women in your prayers as they are Filled With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit during their Confirmation Mass on Saturday, April 22nd at St. Mary's Church, Decatur at 10:00 a.m.

They are:

Josephine (Josie) Andrews, daughter of Colin & Lauren Andrews

Kari Bedwell, daughter of Tracey & Sarah Bedwell
Gabriella (Ellie) Coyne, daughter of Kerry & Tracy Coyne

AnneMarie Haiflich, daughter of Andy & Jennie Haiflich
Bartolo Zuniga, son of Benito & Veronica Zuniga



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Holy Sat., Apr. 8** - Lauds (Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. / Confession - 8:30-10:00 a.m. / Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 9:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sun., Apr. 9** - Mass during the Day - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- **Easter Sun., Apr. 9** - No Religious Education Class
- **Mon., Apr. 10** - Parish Office Closed.
- **Tues., Apr., 11** - Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 11** - No Children's Choir Practice
- **Wed., Apr. 12** - Adoration / Confession - 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 12** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 15** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 16** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 18** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 18** - No Children's Choir Practice
- **Wed., Apr. 19** - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 19** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 22** - Confirmation Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, IN - 10:00 a.m.

Weekend of April 15/16 Weekend



5:00 Josie Andrews
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris



10:00 Dan Geimer, Jeff Miller



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller, Ellie Coyne

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of April 1/2**

Adult Envelopes- \$4,119.00
Loose- \$232.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,699.07
Votive Candles- \$23.00
Easter Flowers- \$25.00
Easter Offering- \$18.00
Youth Group- \$44.41
Donation from Credo Homeschool Group (carpet cleaning)- \$100.00
Total- \$6,260.48

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,144.08 ahead of our budget for the month of April.
Online Giving for March - \$7,050.00
We were \$7,097.69 ahead of our budget for the month of March.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$95.00
St. Vincent de Paul Online Giving for March - \$245.00

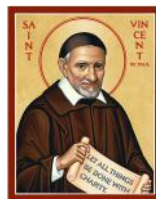
Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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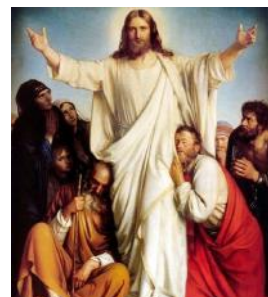
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT
March**

Utilities- \$226.37
Housing- \$960.00
Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00
Total Charitable Donations- \$2,686.37

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THE LOVE OF GOD - A SACRED MUSIC EVENT
Sunday, April 30th at St. Joseph Parish, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton
10:00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
11:15 a.m. Potluck in the Parish Social Hall
(RSVP for the potluck to frdavidvioli@gmail.com)
1:00 p.m. Concert of Sacred Music
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