



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-7

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

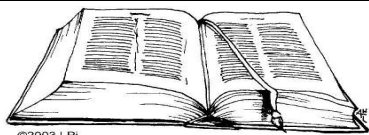
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day. Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John "did not know" what to do. In family life, there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



From Father Duane's Desk

Alleluia! Our joy is complete; Christ, the first born, is risen from the dead!

The whole of Christianity around the world rejoices in the Resurrection. Today, we celebrate this great mystery, the ultimate evil, death, has been conquered by Jesus Christ. We acknowledge today that we will never die. We will be changed but not die. **Happy Easter!**

Even as we celebrate new life, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us. Some who have made a great impact upon us and our nation.

This Wednesday, we as a nation remember the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., 50 years ago April 4, 1968. Like so many tragic events in our nation, I'm sure for those who remember the day, we remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the news. We truly lost a great figure and leader on that day.

This coming Wednesday, April 4, 2018 in order to mark and remember Dr. King, there will be a Memorial Prayer Service, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Black Catholic Ministry at St. Mary's of Redford at 7 p.m. I will be attending, and I invite you to participate as well to raise the name of Rev. King to God in thanksgiving for what he gave to our nation — his fullest measure.

At a time when racial tension seems to be growing in the nation, it is good for us to remember what Brother Martin told us, "that hatred anywhere is hatred everywhere." Lest we fall into our past sins, let us remind ourselves of his goodness and his message; to dream that justice is for all.

In fact, it is a great way to celebrate Easter Week, reminding ourselves in prayer of the New Life that can spring even from tragedy and death. We have come a long way; with a long way to go. But we can do it; we shall overcome!

Happy Easter!
Father Duane



CRS Rice Bowl A Prayer to End our Lenten Journey

God of the Journey,
You offered us the example of the Good Samaritan,
who stops to heed the cries of a person in need.
As we end our Lenten journey,
may we continue to walk with our brothers and sisters
around the world who are hungry,
with those who must flee their homes because of war
or lack of opportunity,
and with all who need our comfort and compassion.
We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices,
may be an offering of solidarity and a promise
of ongoing encounter with our one human family.
As good stewards of your many gifts,
may we always remember to love our neighbors as ourselves.
And wherever we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
or welcome the stranger,
may we remember that we are encountering the Risen Christ.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

March 31 and April 1, 9 pm and 10:00 am, respectively - Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

Monday, April 2 - Rectory Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 3, 6 pm - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Sunday, April 8, 1 pm - Beamer/Childs Baby Baptism

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.*

*Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.*

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree"

Ooh la la! Mon Ami! Our fundraising event is coming up fast! The Program Book is out to press, and plans are being finalized. There is still time for you to participate in the following ways and gain recognition for your generosity. Your support is important!

Benefactor ~ "Eiffel Tower" ~ \$1,000 or more

Sustainer ~ "Notre Dame" ~ \$500 or more

Major Donor ~ "Palace of Versailles" ~ \$250 or more

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Advocate ~ "Moulin Rouge" ~ up to \$100

Table Sponsorships ~ \$750 for 8 guests

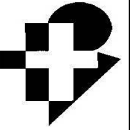
Tickets are still available and need to be purchased before the night of the event. Ticket sellers will be in the back vestibule after weekend Masses for your convenience.

Une demande d'aide **(A Call for Assistance)**

Volunteers are needed to work in several capacities the evening of our 2018 Jazz Nite. If you can spare some time during the evening, please contact the rectory or one of the ticket sellers after the weekend

Masses. Your participation will add to the fun for you and make a memorable night for all. **Merci!**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Easter - Easter is a time of great joy, when we are reminded that the Lord walks beside us on our journey of faith.

We witness Christ's living presence in many ways, such as through our support of our local communion of faith through the Catholic Services Appeal. Our annual CSA supports the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which brings new members into full communion during the Easter Vigil. The CSA enables us to reveal Christ's presence not only to our sisters and brothers with whom we share the Eucharist, but also to those who do not know Christ.

Gifts to the CSA show that Christ is present and active in our world. Indeed, He is risen today. Alleluia! For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

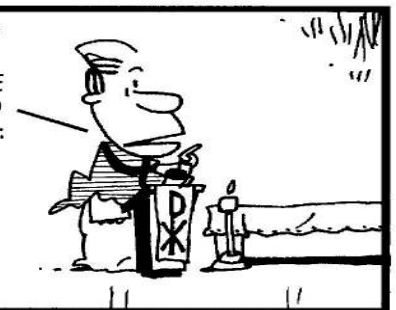
Martin Luther King, Jr.
An Interfaith Remembrance
St. Mary's of Redford, 14601 Mansfield
Detroit 48227
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
The Dream ~ The Legacy
Where Do We Go from Here

This Memorial Prayer Service begins with a
Ringling of the Bells -
a bell will be rung to commemorate each year of
Dr. King's life.

An Organ Recital by John McGovern
St. Martin de Porres Church
April 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
31555 Hoover Road, Warren, 48093
Works by Alain, J.S. Bach, Buxtehude,
Pachelbel, and Vierne
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THE EMPTY TOMB,
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THING I WANT TO
SAY TO THE DEVIL:



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
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Janet Law
Marie Vortkamp

LECTORS

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

SERVERS

Ian Campbell
Kiley Dulapa

Sunday, April 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 31st - Vigil: Easter Sunday

9:00 p.m. - Clarence and Mary Merlo, Richard and Shirley Goll, Ponina Stellino, Rose Colombo, Raymond and Sylvia Novelly

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Lincoln Chrysler (2nd Anniv), Judy Stark, John Camazzola, Rose and George Godoshian, Rita and Frederick Allman, Robert Lynn

Monday, April 2nd -

Tuesday, April 3rd -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, April 4th -

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Thursday, April 5th -

Friday, April 6th -

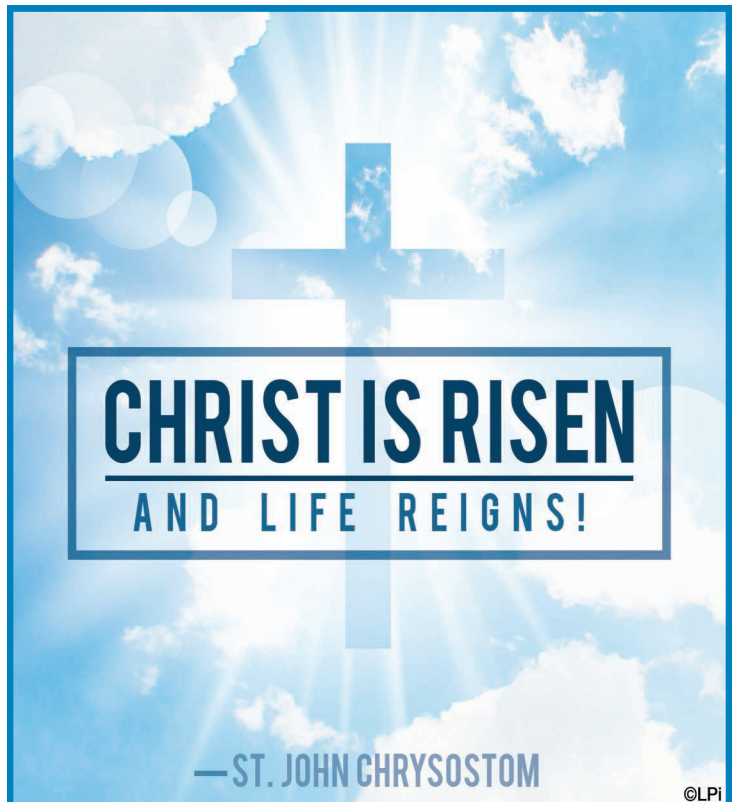
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, April 7th - Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan, Rolf Fruehauf (2nd Anniv)

Sunday, April 8th - Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Babiasz Family, Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, Grace Chinnici, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



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