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Alleluia

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 13-19



Monday, April 13

7:00 am † Duane Jette (Wedd. Ann. Mem)
by wife, Norma
† Walter & Loretta Jette by Norma

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 am † Oline Lambert (B'Day Mem.) by husband, Leo
and family

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 am † Marwood King by Frank & Sandy Ciaccio
No School Mass today

Thursday, April 16

7:00 am † LaVerne Gladu by Mr. & Mrs. Camille Hebert

Friday, April 17

8:30 am † Gene "Bus" Storer by Mr. & Mrs. Dan
Sammons and family

Saturday, April 18

8:30 am * People of the Parish
4:00 pm † Raymond & Vivian Denoyer by Norma Jette
† Deceased Members of the St. Patrick H.S. Class
of 1955 by Classmates
† Tyler Grace by Noreen Dundes Family and
Maria Razzano
† Arnold LaMore by Martha Mouglin

Sunday, April 19-Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am † Chester Gifford by Wife and family
† Stella Rose (Steczynski) King by daughter,
Rose Marie and grandsons
9:00 am † Shirley Marquis by Janet & Michelle
Blanchette
† Mary Jenkins by Kathleen Kilbey
11:00 am † Marion Wroblewski by Pam & Mackenzie
Mahler

*The Easter fire
is what warms and what brightens
every aspect
of our Christian lives.*



LITURGICAL ROLES

APRIL 18-19

Lectors

Sat 4:00 pm Jim Czerwionka
Sun 7:30 am Gertrude Auberry
9:00 am Madelyn O'Brien
11:00 am Sr. Denise Glazik

Presiders

Fr. Tony
Fr. John
Fr. John
Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Terry Fritz, Peggy Luehrs, Marie Krzyznowski,
Cheryle Strother, Mark L'Ecuyer, Sr. Char-
maine
Sun 7:30 am Betty Martin, Pat Burr, Ed Burr, Gertrude
Auberry, Lori Rusk
9:00 am Joan Busteded, Carol Berg, Lori Gadbois, Mary
Kay Blankestyn, Sharyn Gross, Elizabeth
Ebersole
11:00 am Kelly Carroll, Deb Carter, Chuck Richards,
Melanie Richrds, Evelyn Soldan, Margie
McCalester

Hospitality Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Madge Power, Fred Beratz, Bev Emme, Cliff
Neely, Larry Denoyer
Sun 9:00 am William Bisailon, Nicole LaMore, Tyler
Blanchette, Margaret Bullock, Matt Mantia
11:00 am John Klimchuk, Jim Robinson, Julie Gindy,
Cody Gindy, Jenny Hoge

Servers

Sat 4:00 pm Mitchell Blum, Tyler Brownfield, Trever
Brownfield
Sun 9:00 am Alex Blanchette, Ben Blanchette, Amy Jeck
11:00 am Rachel Froning, Riley Kyrouac, Ben McCarty

Organists/Cantors

Sat 4:00 pm Ensemble I/Jerry
Sun 7:30 am Theresa/Cathy
9:00 am Brian
11:00 am Ensemble II/Jeanine

My Time With Jesus

Sun 9:00 am Amie Byrne
11:00 am Lisa Mulder



Readings for the week of April 12, 2009

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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STEWARDSHIP

**Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin
and death! We are good stewards of our faith if,
like St. Paul,
we share this good news.**

Contributions for the weekend of April 4/5

4:00 pm: \$3,888.00
7:30 am: \$5,319.02
9:00 am: \$3,184.00
11:00 am: \$3,663.00

Total contributions: \$16,054.02

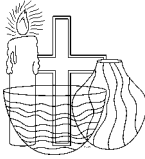


*Easter Environment
of
New Life*

*Our worship space may look like a spring garden,
but it also reflects a celebration of new life.
In the joys of the Easter season, and in the gift of the
Resurrection,
we are blessed with the living waters as we sprinkle
with this holy water.*

We commit once again and renew our Baptismal Promises.

*The environment within our worship space
is a reflection of this joy of Life;
the re-birth, the blessing of life eternal,
promised to us by our Baptism
and gifted to us in Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Easter 2009

Dear Parishioners,
Friends and Visitors,

Thank you for joining us to celebrate this Easter. Our God is an awesome God who continues to bless and guide us on life's journey.

This Easter is blessing because once again, with minds and hearts renewed by the Lenten journey we give thanks to a God who loves us abundantly and calls us to share these blessings.

As we celebrate the newness of life all around us in nature may we also be aware of the newness of God's love and spirit in our parish community. Our journey has been to change our hearts; may we now see how our lives have been blessed and in turn we can be blessings for one another.

Happy Easter to all,
Fr. Tony & the Parish Staff

Thank You to All...

Who helped to plan, practice and prepare,
and serve
at our liturgies during this
most holy (and busy) time.

Your dedication of service to our faith community
is a witness of Christ's mission...
to love and serve one another.

Thank you

MANNA SPOTLIGHT

Alleluia, Alleluia He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!!



The Manna Committee wishes to extend a
Blessed and Happy Easter to Everyone.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS AND
STUDENTS...

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO
R.E. CLASSES on Wednesday April 15th.
See all of you back on the 22nd.**

Holy Name News

*The Holy Name would like to thank all of the
parishioners who came by for the chili supper on
April 4th. The chili was good, but we needed some
bread and we will have it next time, plus people
will be served at the table.*

*Jim Brosseau, President
St. Joseph Holy Name Society*

TIME I SAW THE GOSPEL IN ACTION COMMENTS

*-To all the people that donate gifts for PWD. We had a great
get together.*

*-For the efforts of youth ministry and the volunteers, Diana,
Margie, Greg and others.*

*-Fran Crews and Sr. Denise were dressed up as drops of blood
to encourage us to go to the blood drive. We loved their
cheerfulness and service to the community.*

*-Hearing God say "Go out and help gather my lambs" as I
helped with the Blood Drive.*

*-Saving all the people on the plane that went into Hudson
River in New York on Jan. 15, 2009.*

*-The twofold grace received at the healing Mass. Not only
the grace of being prayed over but the grace of praying over
Fr. Tony & Sr. Denise.*

*-When Fran Crews came to St. George to be Eucharistic
Minister on a bad day. My angel of mercy. Thank you.*

-Enjoying celebrating Catholic Schools week.

*-When I attended a home Mass at Joanne & Ron's, celebrated
by Fr. Tony and shared with St. Joseph's choir, Sr. Denise and
some family members.*

*-Rich Currans presentation at Youth Ministry- -he was
amazing!*

*-Seeing God's beauty in the Gulf of Mexico, shells on the
sand, sunsets.*

-Thank you St. Joe's for the birthday cards.

*-Thank you to the maintenance men for their wonderful job
of clearing sidewalk and parking lots during all the snow falls.*

Young people receive the fullness of God's spirit

Paul Storer, director of communications, pstorer@stjosephbradley.org

You could just feel the Lord's presence as the confirmation Mass tugged at the souls of the people in attendance and enlivened their spirits. Everything, including the energized choir and the prayerful ambiance, worked to stir hearts during the March 28 liturgy at St. Joseph Church. The beautiful atmosphere and the richness of the celebration made the candidates, sponsors and families realize they were wrapped up in something bigger than themselves.

"I'm so glad I did this," said Jeremy Arndt after the Mass. "I'm happy that I got to do it," added the student at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center who participates in the parish Religious Education program. Memories of Arndt's baptism came pouring back in the minds of his parents, Brian and Debbie, as they participated in their son's confirmation Mass.

"I remember holding him in my arms ... How fast it has gone," said the young man's father. During the liturgy, at the point when Jeremy stood up and confirmed the baptismal promises that his parents had made for him those years ago, his mother could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. "There aren't enough words to describe how happy and proud I was to see him continuing what we started when he was baptized."

Many of the parents of the 51 candidates undoubtedly had similar experiences during the morning Mass, especially when Bishop J. Peter Sartain invited them to think back to their children's baptism day. The leader of the seven-county Diocese of Joliet served as principal celebrant and conferred the sacrament upon the young believers. "You may not remember, but during (those baptism liturgies), the deacon or priest spoke of today because he said that in confirmation, your (children) would receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. God promised that day just as he had given his spirit to his apostles at Pentecost."

Confirmation is the "completion of the grace of baptism," Bishop Sartain reminded the congregation. Explaining the confirmation rite during his homily, the bishop said he would soon anoint their foreheads in the sign of the cross with holy chrism and say to each of them, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." He continued, "Confirmation puts a seal on baptism...and completes the grace of it."

Before Bishop Sartain anointed the candidates, Father Tony Nugent, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, publically attested to their readiness to receive the sacrament of confirmation.



After the confirmation Mass, Father Tony took some time to reflect upon the sacrament and talked about the young people who had received it. The parish priest said he has had the privilege of getting to know many of them since he became pastor in 2005. Meanwhile, their intent letters in the parish bulletin have also informed Father Tony about their commitment and have inspired other parishioners. "They have been a blessing for everybody," he stressed.

Throughout the year, the students have learned about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are: the gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgment (counsel), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear of the Lord (wonder in awe). Receiving the Holy Spirit during confirmation allows believers to put these gifts into practice in their lives, explained Father Tony. Therefore, the sacrament of confirmation "equips us to be able to handle life," added the pastor.

During their recent confirmation retreat, Father Tony was impressed and inspired by the students' attitude about their faith and their questions about putting the gifts of the Holy Spirit into practice in their daily lives. They are just a wonderful confirmation class, added the proud pastor.

Father Tony said he is extremely grateful to the catechists and others who have walked alongside the students as they prepared for reception of the sacrament. The pastor praised the people, including the liturgical ministers and musicians, who made the confirmation liturgy such a beautiful and moving experience for everyone. He also extended his appreciation to Bishop Sartain for sharing in the milestone celebration in the lives of the young St. Joseph parishioners and their families.

Before he concluded his homily, Bishop Sartain said that the confirmation of someone might renew the spirits of those who witness it. "For those of you, like me, who were confirmed years ago, today is a wonderful opportunity for us to ask God to fan into flame the gifts we received in confirmation, whether it was a year ago, 49 years ago or 70 years ago. For us, this can be a day of renewal of our own understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit we have been given to make us more like Christ."

When she was greeted by the Bishop Sartain at the front of the church and when he anointed her forehead, Cara Hennessy knew something powerful was happening in her life. All the preparation had led up to this moment. As the bishop said the words, Hennessy was overwhelmed with joy and conviction. "It was a very personal moment," said the St. Joseph School student afterward. She said she didn't feel like she was just going through the motions of the ceremony. "It was my confirmation ... It was so great."

At the end of the Mass, the bishop reminded the young people that "confirmation is not the same as graduation." The apostles shared the gift of Christ and worked to evangelize after Pentecost. He encouraged the students to go to reconciliation often and attend Mass every Sunday. "Continue your religious education throughout your whole life," he said.

Appropriately, the final song was "Go Make a Difference." The church was filled with joy as the young people processed out of the sanctuary.

"This wasn't the last step," said Ciarra Richards at the reception afterward. The 14-year-old student, who is in the parish Religious Education program, attends Bradley Central School. "I'm going to keep building my faith," she stressed.

Evan Blanchette said he plans to deepen his faith by taking part in the parish Youth Ministry. Learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit has given the St. Joseph School student the resolve to reach out and help others and evangelize through his words and actions. "I just feel closer to God."



Believers take final step on conversion journey

Paul Storer, director of communications, pstorer@stjosephbradley.org

Where you at any of the Masses a few weeks ago when the individuals in the RCIA process participated in the scrutiny rites? Wow. They were such powerful experiences. The Elect seemed so moved by the Holy Spirit as well as their sponsors and those involved into our parish's RCIA process.

The people in the pews prayed that God would help them be ready to receive the sacraments of initiation. The idea was to help strengthen their resolve and help them overcome any obstacles on the last lap of their conversion journey. I saw a few of them with tears in their eyes. They were so happy (for many of their own reasons) to be a part of something that I sometimes take for granted. I'm so thankful for those scrutiny rites ... They really enlivened my faith life. I'm sure they did the same for others.

Sara Barzantny, Laurie Delporte, Janet Boguszewski, Tammi Rethford Pitts and Tiffany Ownbey were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph Parish. We wholeheartedly welcome them into our family here at our faith community and the family of the universal church. We thank those who facilitate the parish RCIA process and those who served as sponsors for serving as spiritual mentors and companions on this extraordinary journey.

I just find those who enter the church later in life to be such an inspiration. Let's be honest, the decision to be Catholic was made for most of us. Of course, we have nurtured our faith along the way and couldn't imagine not being part of the church. But, most of us had life times to deepen our Catholic faith. Church teachings, such as the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, are concrete for us because they have been fostered in our homes, at St. Joseph School, in the parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs, among many other sources.

The people in the RCIA process made this decision and have accepted the teachings of the church. It's great to see our faith being lived out by their witnesses. Thank you so much for answering the Lord's call. Congratulations!

(We're sorry that a picture for Janet Boguszewski was unavailable.)



Tiffany Ownbey



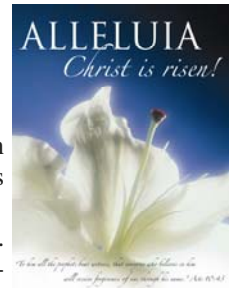
Tammi Rethford Pitts



Laurie Delporte



Sara Barzantny



Dear Friends in Christ,

April is recognized as National Cancer Control Month, and I would like to visit with you about Digestive Cancers. Digestive cancers are now the most common type of cancer and take the lives of more people than any other form of cancer. In Genesis 1:30, we read that originally, God gave us every green plant for food. As your nurse, it seems very interesting to me that a plant-based diet is what the experts are now recommending. Plant-based doesn't mean vegetarian, but rather a diet in which most of the calories are associated with plant based sources. Today, our diet is quite different, and this is reflected in our increased disease and death rates. My prayer is that you are able to enjoy the bounty of God's harvest and are able to eat and drink in thankfulness to the Lord (Rom. 14:6). If you have any questions or concerns about digestive cancers or any other health-related topic, please give me a call. I would be delighted to work with you, your Parish Nurse. Call St. Josephs main number and it will direct you to the Parish Nurse line, leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.



Health Ministry Parish Nurse

BUFFET BREAKFAST

sponsored by the St. Joseph Council of the
Knights of Columbus #14251
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH
FROM 8:00 A.M. TIL 11:00 A.M.
IN OUR SCHOOL GYM

THE MENU IS: EGGS, SAUSAGE, POTATOES, APPLE
PANCAKES, BISCUITS AND GRAVY, COFFEE, MILK
AND ORANGE JUICE.

THE COST OF BREAKFAST IS \$6.00 FOR 12 YEARS
AND OLDER, \$3.00 FOR 6-11 AND UNDER 6 ARE
FREE.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY OUR
LAST BREAKFAST
OF THE SEASON.



Divine Mercy Sunday-April 19th

You are invited to a celebration at St. Patrick's Church
in Kankakee for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary will
be at 2:30 pm. Presentation on Divine Mercy by
Fr. John Peeters, csu. Divine Mercy
chaplet at 3:00 pm. Benediction & ven-
eration of St. Faustina's relic to close.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME WILLING PEOPLE!

The first of the planning meetings for the
Parish Festival will be on Thursday,
April 16th in the Ministry Center at
7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to
attend. Come with ideas to begin planning
our parish gathering. All are welcome.



LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST - April 18

The Bradley Lions Club will be serving the all you can eat
Biscuits and Gravy and Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast on
Saturday morning, April 18th from 7:30 'til 11:30am. They are
located on Locke Dr., the street that runs north between Steak &
Shake and Aldi's. Donations are \$4 and children under 5 eat free.

If you and your friends are working call in a group
order of 5 or more orders at 1-815-932-9180 and we
will deliver breakfast to you.

Tickets are available at the door.
Questions, call Ron 815-932-5218.



Luncheon Card Party at St. Patrick, 14936 W. Wilmington-
Peotone Rd., Manhattan (Wilton Center) on **Wednesday, May 6**
at 12 noon. Lunch, prizes, raffle. Tickets are available at the
door for \$6.

Important information needed...

We need to hear from our Liturgical Ministers



Easter blessings to each of you and your families!
Thank you for your help and assistance
in serving our parish community during Holy Week.
You gift us with your dedication and commitment
to your ministry.

The next Ministers' Schedule
will be coming out the end of May and covering the
months of June through August.

**If you have any special requests in scheduling,
we need to hear from you by May 1.**
**(Call in your requests to the Liturgy Office at
815-939-3573, ext. 107.)**

The Minister Schedule is now on-line,
as a link at our parish website...
www.stjosephbradley.org.

If you have a computer and are able to access
the Minister Schedule on-line,
**please let us know if you do not want a hard copy
of the schedule mailed to you.**

(Liturgy Office 815-939-3573, ext. 107.)

As we become increasingly aware
of saving our resources and becoming
more "green" in our world,
this is something we might all consider.

Thank you and bless you

Kankakee Emblem Club 414 presents the 13th Annual Luncheon
& Style Show on Friday, April 17; social time: 11 am, Lunch: 12
noon; Style Show: 1:15 pm. Kankakee Elks, 2283 Bittersweet
Dr., St. Anne. Adult tickets: \$25. Tickets by phoning 815-935-
2721 or e-mail lminerick@comcast.net

Christmas in April (an affiliate of Rebuilding Together) is
a community volunteer program assisting the elderly,
disabled and low income homeowners to remain in their
homes with dignity, decency, safety and
independence. The event is on **Saturday,
April 25**. The volunteers give 6-7 hours
of their time to make home repairs.

If you would like to help on that day, you
may call 815-953-8611 or Jim Brosseau (who also has a
crew going out) at 815-939-2935. **VOLUNTEER!**



Ecclesia Men's Choir is offering two concerts in May. Friday,
May 1 at 7:30 pm at the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church
in Homer Glen, IL Then the same program will be on Sunday,
May 3 at 3 pm at the colossal St. Josaphat in Chicago. Tickets
are \$15. They are a professional-liturgical choir dedicated to
singing the best chamber works of the whole Church. For tickets,
call 815-806-0066 or email jtcatholic@earthlink.net