



# April 12, 2020

## EASTER SUNDAY

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy and Blessed Easter!! What a blessing it has been. It is true. He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sure the church was not open but after a Lent like this, our hearts should surely be open to our Lord and Savior. We know we need grace. Grace to handle all that has been thrown at us.

From the prayer that began the Liturgy of the Word at the Easter Vigil Mass: "Dear brothers and sisters, now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption."

It is a matter listening. Listening with our hearts. But have they become quiet? There is so much anxiety, worry, fear, division, willingness to point blame, uncertainty, frustration and inability to plan. Is there that silence in our hearts and minds that allows us to hear the tiny whisper of the voice of God speaking to us His words of consolation?

We have read and gone through the passion of our Lord Jesus. We know what God went through for us. On this Easter morning we know that He has risen!! The Cross and suffering does not win. Its hold on us is broken. We now need to live that way.

The Cross is there, but it is not the final chapter. The risen Lord beckons us to follow. Yes we will fall. Yes we will get frustrated at being at home. Yes we are sad we can not do what we planned. Yet that too is not the final chapter. We have more of our story to write.

In this Easter season, how will we live differently because our God has risen from the dead? How will we offer hope? How will we live our love of neighbor? How will we be merciful to those around us? How will we exude Easter Joy!!

To help us with a little Easter joy and humor, I offer the following.

- What did the wicked chicken lay? A deviled egg.
- A man said to a preacher, "That was an excellent sermon, but it was not original." The preacher was taken aback. The man said he had a book at home containing every word the preacher used. And the next day, the man brought the preacher a dictionary.
- What do you get when you cross a hamburger with a computer? A big Mac.
- The Pentagon was actually supposed to be an octagon, but the contractor kept cutting corners.
- Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to your house. Knock, Knock! Who's there? The chicken!
- What do you call an iPhone that isn't kidding around? Very Siri-ous.
- Why is our chemistry teacher always so angry? He's a mad scientist.
- I tried to tell a chemistry joke the other day, but there was no reaction.

*Happy, Joyful Easter to all!!*

*Father John*

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

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#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Cancelled

#### **CONFESSIONS**

As advertised

#### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

Cancelled

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

**Cemetery Clean Up will take place in early May.** Please remove any items that you wish to save by May 1st. You will be able to replace your items before Mothers' Day.

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**Easter Prayer Card ~** If you would like to prayerfully ponder the Scripture passages for the Resurrection of Jesus, you are invited to download an Easter Prayer Card. For adults go to [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) and click on "Praying with Scripture" or the "Mysteries of the Rosary". For parents with children at home, go to [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) and click on "4th Grade" or "9th Grade".

**COVID-19 – A Time to Grow in Prayer and Love ~** How can we grow in love of God and neighbor during this pandemic? How can we stay united at this time of social distancing? Visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns) for continually updated news and practical suggestions on how you can make a difference. Read what Catholic Charities is doing to help the homeless, and more. You will be inspired!

**Many people are understandably experiencing** uncertainty and anxiety due to the spread of COVID-19. During this time, a sense of community is of the utmost importance. We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our Faith during this time of social distancing. Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus can be found at: [catholiccurrent.org/covid19](http://catholiccurrent.org/covid19)

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**Excellent Catholic Magazine Available Online:** The Catechetical Review is granting free online access to anyone until April 30th. The theme of this Spring's issue is "Rediscovering Meaningful Leisure." This issue was planned a year ago, but how fitting for these difficult times when we are forced to stay at home. Leisure is not about "playtime." Many of us are taking "spiritual inventory," reprioritizing our lives, and realizing just how much of our regular "busy-ness" we can do without. To access this magazine, follow this link: <https://review.catechetics.com/62>

## Mass Intentions for the week of April 12, 2020

- Sat. Apr. 11 For our Parishioners  
Sun. Apr. 12 For the repose of the soul of *Andy Petrowitz*  
Mon. Apr. 13 For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Queen of Angels Circle*  
Tue. Apr. 14 *Special Intention*  
Wed. Apr. 15 For the repose of the soul of *Jeri Delgado*  
Thu. Apr. 16 For the repose of the soul of *Dennis Schmocker*  
Fri. Apr. 17 For the repose of the soul of *Marcella (Judy) Prengel*  
Sat. Apr. 18 For our Parishioners  
Sun. Apr. 19 For the repose of the soul of *Jack Koca*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart  
and unite myself to You completely.  
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.  
Amen.

## **COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Patty Schluter and Dorothy Lenorud who passed recently. May perpetual light shine upon them.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

**If you have old palms to dispose of,** please hang on to them for now. We will collect them at a later date.

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**All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.**

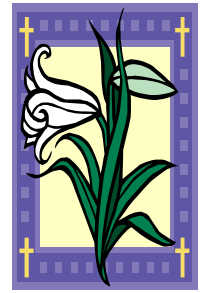
Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via <https://diolc.org/tvmass>, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

- Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

If you are in need of sacramental assistance during this time, please contact the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

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**Free Online Couple Retreat:** Together with your spouse, watch these 4 short videos about the virtues that help us keep sanity in our life: Prudence, Justice, Courage, and Temperance. These habits help you mature as persons, grow in holiness, and strengthen your marriage. To access this free program, click this link. [the-virtues.net/online-free-program/](http://the-virtues.net/online-free-program/)

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