

The Pastor's Corner

In my time as a parish organist, there were few celebrations that I loved more than Easter Sunday. The reason for this was quite simple- I could finally “pull out all the stops” because the organ had an important job that morning- to announce the tomb was empty and to instill that joy into everyone who heard it! It was truly a moment that had been long awaited through the silence and simplicity of Lent- we were finally back to the celebrations of Easter: Alleluia!

It is no stretch to say that we live in a day and a time that needs this exuberant joy that I (and every musician) would set out to convey with the organ or any number of instruments every Easter Sunday. He is truly Risen! Our culture and even our world is beset by so many afflictions, wars, divisions, and countless other things that seem to steal away happiness and make life dreary. Sometimes we lose sight of the Resurrection in all of this. Then we settle for things less than our faith to bring us some form of consolation or distraction. One may set themselves up to constantly attempt to escape the reality and troubles of daily life, whether by technology or even by the constant need to be going somewhere or doing something. One may settle for one of many fleeting pass-times: sports, hobbies, television, or something else, all to try to gain some transitory joy and happiness in this life. Perhaps one may find themselves constantly busy, or immersed in great amounts of virtual noise, trying to drown out the deeper yearnings of their hearts. Yet, even in so many things that seem to offer joy, sadness, depression and anxiety incidence rates are soaring. Something seems to be missing!

This is why the news of our Lord's Resurrection needs to reach us now more than ever before. We need that joy of the invitation Christ gives us now and each and every Sunday. He has paid the price of our sins, if we are willing to accept His gentle call to follow Him. Whatever instruments we hear today, whether the organ, or any other instrument, the message remains the same: He is Risen! We need that joy, and that message of hope that the tomb is empty. As John Paul II has reminded us: “we are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song!”

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Celebrate Divine Mercy

Sunday

Sunday, April 7th, 2024

3:00-4:00pm

St. Denis Church

Come for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Hour, and Confessions, to gain a plenary indulgence, and to pray for God's mercy us and loved ones!

We now have free
Wi-Fi available!

To use, please use these
credentials:

Name: St. Lawrence Wi-Fi
Password:@DeaconMartyr!

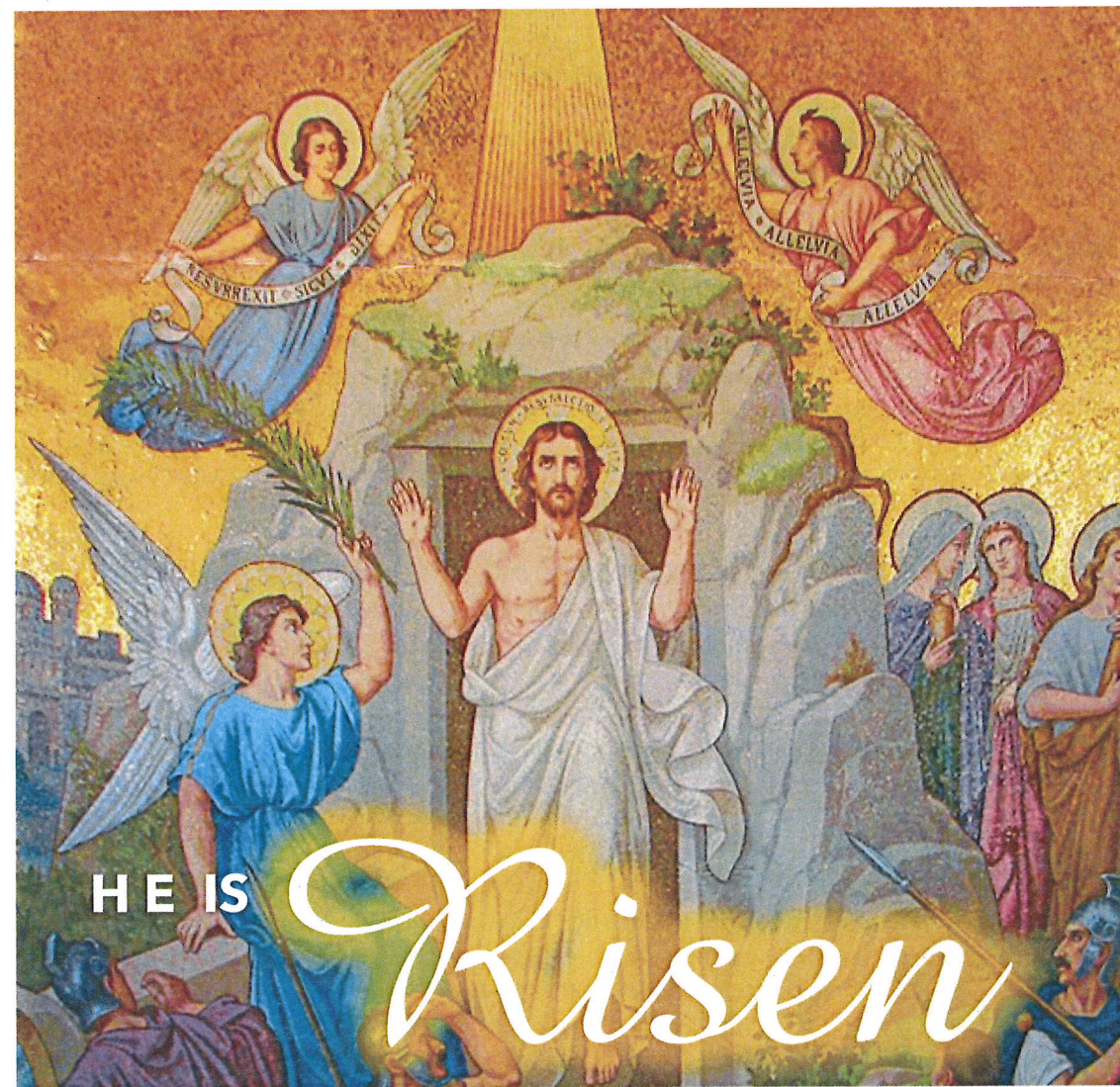
Wi-Fi is available in the church,
and will be expanding in the
coming weeks.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION · MARCH 31, 2024



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31-April 6, 2024
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 30	No Mass	Thu. Apr 4	7AM	Herman Dirnberger Family	
Sun. Mar 31	8:30AM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Fri. Apr 5	7AM	Larry Fuller
Mon. Apr 1	No Mass	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Andrew Essner	
Tue. Apr 2	No Mass	Sun. Apr 7	8:30AM	Parish Family	
Wed. Apr 3	7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 31-Norma Seyer, APR-7-Jackie Griffith, APR14-Pat Moore, APR 21-Mary F. Glastetter, APR 28-Theresa Essner.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 24, 2024: Loose \$213, Envelopes \$2265, Total: \$2478.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st, ST. FRANCIS MOBILE WELLNESS EVENT. Saint Francis mobile wellness will be at Kelso C-7 school district to provide mobile mammograms from 8AM-3PM. Please call 573-339-3952 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins also welcome. Preventative screenings are covered by insurance, including Medicaid. Patients without insurance may qualify for a free screening through Dig for Life and the Saint Francis Foundation. Screenings are for those 40 years of age or older and who have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months. Please bring a photo ID to your appointment.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th, ST. ANNE’S SODALITY MEETING. Rosary at 6:15PM. Meeting at 6:30PM in the Parish Center. All ladies are encouraged to join us for our last meeting of the year. We will discuss our need for new leadership. Please consider dedicating your time and talents to the Sodality. Thank you.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Steve & Denitra Holman
Jamie Bellville, Derrick & Rosemary Irwin, Larry & Angela Heuring, Brian & Emily James.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church 7:30-10:30AM.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$12 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, FUNDRAISER MEAL. St. Mary Cathedral Grade School presents a fundraiser meal to support SMS students attending an educational trip to Washington D.C. this Summer! Event will be located in the cafeteria of St. Mary’s School on April 7th from 11AM-1PM. The buffet style meal will be provided by Hinkebein Catering LLC and include kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, and all the sides. Adults \$15, kids ages

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Jenna Essner
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Alex Duncan
Servers:	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Bennett Essner/Oliver/Walter/Leeland Walter
Ushers:	Sat. Apr 6	4PM	Michael Pennington/Scott Peterson/Richard Reeves/Greg Riley

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sun. Apr 7	8:30AM	First Communicants
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Apr 7	8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Apr 7	8:30AM	First Communicants
Servers:	Sun. Apr 7	8:30AM	Drew Essner/Tyler Jackson/Vanellope DeShaney
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 7	8:30AM	David Asmus/Todd Brucker/Tony Essner/Derek Felter

6-12 \$10, kids under 6 are Free! Any questions contact Deanna Witte at 573-579-1413 or dlanae1313@yahoo.com.

EASTER FLOWERS. To remember someone this Easter, put an offering of \$10 in an envelope, write “Flowers in Memory ofby.....(one name or family per donation) and put in the collection basket.

Grounds Committee. We are looking for individuals who would like to help with the upkeep of our parish grounds, which would include meeting to help discuss potential projects and suggestions with Fr. Belken, as well as working to help complete them. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to join the group as it is being formed.

PRINCIPAL OPENING. Principal and Educator Opening, elementary: Saint Denis School in Benton, Missouri is seeking a principal and teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities: Responsibilities will include leadership in the school environment as a community of faith, as well as providing an instructional and professional leadership to the school faculty, as well being able to fill the capacity of a classroom teacher. Requirements: A qualified candidate must be an active and practicing Catholic, possess their Missouri certification, as well as possessing a master’s degree in School Administration (or are working towards it). Administrative experience is preferred, and 3-5 years of Catholic school experience is desired as well. To request an application, please contact Fr. Daniel Belken at Saint Denis Parish, Benton, MO at 573-545-3864, or email frbelken@stdenisbenton.org.

SAVE THE DATE. Totus Tuus at St. Lawrence parish center June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. More details to follow.

THANK YOU. Thank you for your cards, texts, calls, and especially your prayers for my recent surgery and recovery. Prayer made all the difference. Sincerely, Jeanne Essner and Tim and Family.

THANK YOU. The family of Lorena Beussink would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and support during this difficult time. A special “Thank You” to Fr. Belken, Mary B. Glastetter, and Berice Kern for the beautiful Mass; as well as St. Anne’s Sodality for the delicious meal. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish family and community. -The Beussink Family.