

# The Pastor's Corner

You're sitting at a restaurant. You've waited for some time for them, and time slowly ticks past the time agreed to meet. You check your phone, no messages. You start to worry and lose hope, and think about asking to reschedule. Finally, you catch a glance of them walking through the door! You rejoice- and all is well again! The hope you held onto has paid off!

This, as a situation many, if not most of us, have been in is one that gives us a moment exercise our trust and hope in our friend, relative, or whoever we are preparing to enjoy a meal with. Eventually, and most often, that trust and that hope is rewarded, and we all but forget about the time we've spent waiting.

As we celebrate the season of Easter, the readings and the Gospel for this weekend draw out very well that we are in what the Church calls the "already, but not yet" of the joy of the Resurrection. Jesus has done what He set out to accomplish, but at the same time we aren't able to experience the fullness of being in His presence in heaven yet. We are seeming to have to "wait at the restaurant." That is not an easy feat to be sure! In the meantime, there are countless situations in life where we struggle, we fear, we are anxious, and perhaps things feel hopeless. Perhaps we wish we could just see Jesus- and that would fix everything.

While we wish we could, we may think we are just in a season of waiting for Jesus to appear. This, in some way, requires trust and hope- and this challenges us to live as a people who have changed the way they live because Jesus is coming soon. However, if we struggle with faith in the meantime, we may need to hear this line from the Gospel, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?" The reality is that, even as we are waiting for Jesus to come, He is with us already. Even in the more troublesome moments of life- may we always remember this, so that we may not be filled with worry, anxiety, or forget about His presence in our lives altogether. He isn't just coming through the door later - He is already with us as well! May that lend us hope in despair, and strength in struggle, and light even in darkness!

-Fr. Belken

## Readings for Next Sunday

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Congratulations to those who joined the Church at the Easter Vigil!



## BISHOP RICE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

"Let us pray for those burdened with sorrow, those facing health issues, those suffering from war, famine, or disease: May the Risen Christ be their hope and their joy!"



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER · APRIL 14, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 14-20, 2024  
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Apr	13	4PM	Felix Enderle	Thu. Apr 18 7AM Robert & Emma Gaines
Sun.	Apr	14	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Apr 19 No Mass
Mon.	Apr	15	No Mass		Sat. Apr 20 4PM Henry & Agnes Leible
Tue.	Apr	16	6PM	Geneva Essner	Sun. Apr 21 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Apr	17	7AM	Anna & Louis Glastetter	

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VI SITUATION.** APR 14-Pat Moore, APR 21-Mary F. Glastetter, APR 28-Theresa Essner.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

April 7, 2024: Loose \$422, Envelopes \$3515, Total: \$3937.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, REMEMBRANCE FOR CHERYL ANNE SCHERER, 1PM IN THE ST. DENIS PARISH CENTER.**

Please join us for an afternoon of reminiscing, prayers and fellowship with family, friends, classmates and community members to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cheryl's disappearance on April 17, 1979 from the Rhodes gas station in Scott City where she was employed. Guest Speakers will start around 1:30PM. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to wear yellow to represent Cheryl and all missing persons. Donations will be accepted for a permanent remembrance marker to be placed at Rhodes Convenience Store in Scott City, MO. A preliminary sketch of this marker will be available for viewing on this day.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Meeting scheduled for this Wednesday starting at 5PM in the Parish Center meeting room.

**\*\*\*SCHEDULE CHANGE PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE\*\*\* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.** 6PM in the Parish Center meeting room.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: John & Jennifer Kern  
Dennis & Kelly Kern, Mike & Laura Kern, John & Krista Kluesner.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> OPEN HOUSE LIFEHOUSE CATHOLIC CHARITIES.** Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is excited to celebrate the grand opening of LifeHouse in Cape. We hope that all of you can join us for the Open House on Saturday, April 20 from 2-4 pm!

**MONDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, ST. DENIS CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE.** 2PM-6PM in the Parish Center Gym.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, NEW SERVER TRAINING.** 7PM in the Parish Church. All 2-4<sup>th</sup> grades are invited who have not served before, or those who are above that age and are not yet servers as well.

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor :</b>	Sat. Apr 20 4PM	Frank Glueck
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Apr 20 4PM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Apr 20 4PM	Mr./Mrs. James Eftink
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Apr 20 4PM	Drew Essner/Bennett Essner/Clara Drake/Caleb Vetter
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Apr 20 4PM	Don Seyer/Eric Seyer/Danny Simpher/Joseph Spurgeon

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor :</b>	Sun. Apr 21 8:30AM	Sally O'Brien
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Apr 21 8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Apr 21 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Brian Enderle
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Apr 21 8:30AM	Ty Glastetter/Callen Glastetter/Parker Reeves/Brady James
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Mar 21 8:30AM	Marvin Seyer/Andy Silman/Marty Steimle/Ryan Steimle

**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](mailto: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.