

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound

AS WE PREPARE FOR
VISION 20/20...
*Let us all pray and call
on the Holy Spirit to guide
us and open our minds,
lips and hearts to the
Gospel.*



April 21, 2019 - Resurrection Sunday



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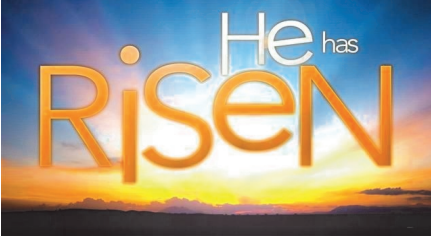
Sacrament of Baptism
Please contact Parish Office
to schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Marriage Preparation at least
90 days prior to your wedding
date. Please contact Parish
Office.

Pastoral Care
Contact Parish Office for
Home visits, Anointing of the
Sick, Holy Communion

Sacrament Reconciliation
Before Mass or call Parish Of-
fice for arrangement with
Priest.

Happy Resurrection SONday†



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you all in the joy of Easter, a joy that is so profound, that permeates our very being as Christians. For we, the community of the children of God, through the mystery of Baptism have been baptized by the death and resurrection of Jesus. And even though we live this life here on earth for as many days and years as is granted us by the grace of God, we are already reborn to eternal life through our Lord Jesus.

Easter is a time of profound celebration. We celebrate the Life that Jesus restored for us when he destroyed eternal death with his own death on the cross. We celebrate His resurrection. We share in His resurrection. We have the life of God within us. Today is not merely a celebration of something that happened 2000 years ago. Today is a day of renewal.

The transformation has begun. The flowers symbolize the New Life that has come to the world. Jesus Christ lives! We live. We don't just have physical lives. We have spiritual lives. The Father raised Jesus from the dead. The forty days are over. The transformation is upon the world. And now we remain. *Our belief* is that he has risen. It is the very essence of our faith - even though we've never seen it with our physical eyes, we believe he has ... RISEN. Let us remember that Jesus did not say "I am finished" because he said, "It is finished" as He has only begun. A blessed Easter Sunday.

Blessings,

Father Francis

Paradise is the last place I expected to be after all I've done. I am – I was – a thief and would live in caves in the Judean hills and made my living by violence. I wouldn't take on people in big groups that passed. They traveled together for safety, but a family alone would be an easy mark.

The first time I met Jesus, I was invited to a gathering in his honor in Jericho at the home of a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus. As I am introduced, Jesus looks me in the eye for a *long* moment. He can see right into me, who I am, every crime I have ever committed. Then he smiles, "there's forgiveness for you in my Kingdom. How about it?" I drop my eyes, mumble something and shuffle away. Jesus is talking about his Kingdom, comparing it to a mustard seed, calling it the Kingdom of Heaven. I want to go to him and take him up on that forgiveness thing, but I just can't bring myself to do it. Not much later, I was caught by a Roman patrol. No mercy for the likes of us.

And so it happens that on the same day that they crucify Jesus, they crucify a fellow thief and I -- one of us on his left, the other on his right. This was not a normal crucifixion. Mobs of people are there because of Jesus. Self-righteous Pharisees swaggering and mocking. "If you're some kind of messiah," one yells, "come on down from that cross. If you're a savior, save yourself – *if you can!*"

The other thief joins yelling at Jesus. I tell him, don't you have any fear of God? Can't you see that we're going to die just like he is? We're getting exactly what we deserve, but he has done nothing wrong. I can't get Jericho out of my mind. I can't forget Jesus' eyes, his words, his invitation. I call over to Jesus though it's getting hard to breathe.

"Jesus!" I call. He turns his head towards me. "Jesus, I was there in Jericho and met you at a party at Zacchaeus' house. Remember?" He looks at me for a moment and then nods his head just a little. He *does* remember. "I never forgot what you said. I wanted to say yes, but just couldn't. Jesus is exhausted, in excruciating pain, and dying. Somehow I can see *beyond* all that. He was the Messiah, *is* the Messiah, no matter what those priests and Romans and Pharisees have done to him. And when he dies, he will be with God. He will reign in that Kingdom he told us about.

"Jesus," I call again. He opens his eyes. They are the same eyes, the same piercing, loving, honest eyes. "Jesus," I say, "when you come into your Kingdom, would you remember me?" His words are labored but I can still hear him. "Truly, I say to you...." His voice cracks, then is stronger for a moment. "Truly, this very day you will be with me in Paradise." His eyes close. I **believe him. I do!** He could see my heart and soul; forgave me and on this Resurrection Sunday, I am with Jesus in paradise. I tell you Believe, Yes, Believe! Exposed, sinful, estranged, we, like the thief on the cross, have one more prayer so long as the breath of life runs through our soul.

Story is fictional and is based on the account in Luke 23:32-43.

HEAVEN,
HOW I GOT HERE
THE STORY OF THE THIEF ON THE CROSS



PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

NEWS AND EVENTS



Jayme Michelle Koch, daughter of Darrell and Melissa Koch, graduated Navy boot camp on March 15. She was one of 1000 recruits to graduate in Great Lakes, IL. She is now stationed in San Antonio, Texas for her A-training and will be at this location for four months. Sr. Koch will be working in the medical field as a Medic during her Navy career. She is also discerning for Physical Therapy. Prayers and cards of encouragement are welcomed by Sr. Koch.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 28th. This year's celebration is being held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 East 10th Street in Davenport at 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary and other prayers, praying at 3:00pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A reception will follow afterwards the parish hall.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish and are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. We extend an invitation for you to become a regular part of our Parish community. The Sunday bulletin lists our Mass times and contact information. Please call us, if we can help. Welcome again and a Happy and Blessed Easter to all of you.



APRIL/MAY Schedule

- Wednesday, April 24: Class 6-7pm
- Saturday, April 27: 1st Communion Retreat 9-11:30am (2nd Grade)
- Wednesday, May 1: 6pm Practice 1st Communion. All Students Refreshments & End of Year celebration
- Sunday, May 5, 8:00am Mass 1st Communion, May Crowning, & HS Graduation
- Wednesday, May 8, 6:00pm Teacher Appreciation Dinner
- Youth Group and Bible Study continues through Wednesday May 1.

Eucharistic Adoration is not scheduled today at 5:00 pm in Grand Mound

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary hosted Bingo at Wheatland Manor on Tuesday April 9th. Due to respiratory illness, fewer residents played this month. There were 5 helpers. We all had a good time playing Bingo and serving Easter Treats and prizes. Our next Bingo will be May 8th.

May Events: Sunday May 5-please stay for breakfast after 9:30 Mass to honor our graduating seniors, Lexie Schroeder and Alyssa Koch.

Sunday Aug. 25, "From Farm to Table" fun and fundraiser. Serving pork and pie! 4:00-7:00pm. All parishioners will be asked to help. Watch for details in June!

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped out with the kolache bake on Friday and Saturday. We had 257 dozen orders, so we had to make some on Friday in addition to Saturday. We happily made around 3,090 kolaches and, in order not to waste any of the dough, several dozen cinnamon rolls!

We appreciate all of you who donated supplies, cash and your time to this money-making project. If you still want to make a cash donation to this project, please see Doris Denniston. If you are interested, there will be a report of income and expenses for that day on the bulletin board after the final accounting is done. One more big THANK YOU—we have a wonderful parish family!

The Parish Council and Choir are asking for donations of money to change all the sanctuary light bulbs (35) to LED bulbs. Choir members would be extremely grateful, as it is very dark in the Choir area at times! 100-watt bulbs are \$18.99 for a 4-pack. If you wish to donate cash to help pay for the bulbs, there are donation boxes located in the hallway.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oxford Junction is planning their annual salad buffet on April 24, 2019 begins at 6:30 pm. Ellie Sloha, a member of St. Mark's, will be the guest speaker.

After graduation she accepted the position of Park Manager for the Mines of Spain Recreation Area at Bellvue, IA, and she'll be sharing information about the area. Adults: \$7.00, 12 & under \$3.00.



Please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Our Lady of Holy Rosary: Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek

SS Philip & James Church: Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret

Sacred Heart Church: Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, John and Marilyn Stevenson



MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday 08:30pm	04/20/19/Lost Nation/Easter Vigil Mass/Vigil & Marcella Gustafson
Sunday 08:00am	04/21/19/Resurrection Sunday Grand Mound/Pat Morrissey
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Mary Kleineck
Monday 04/22/19	No Mass
Tuesday 08:00am	04/23/19/Grand Mound Mass/Jack & Dorothy Campbell
Wednesday 10:00am	04/24/19/Wheatland Manor Mass/For The Parish
05:00pm	Mass/Harold Green
Thursday 05:30pm	04/25/19/Lost Nation Mass/Esther Benischek
Friday 08:00am	04/26/19/Oxford Junction Mass/Louis & Helen Lasack
Saturday 05:00pm	04/27/19/Lost Nation Mass/Steve Burke
Sunday 08:00am	04/28/19/Divine Mercy Sunday Grand Mound/Maher Family
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Steve Welsh and Arnold Curley, Jr.

PASCHAL candle

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The Hidden Symbolism of the Paschal Candle

Easter time is the 50-day celebration that flows from the Triduum. It is the church's most beautiful season.

These are springtime days of blossoming flowers and trees, of open windows, of the great gladness of the awakening earth.

Throughout these 50 days, the paschal candle burns brightly in church. The candle is a symbol of the risen body of Christ and the fire of the Spirit.

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 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 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

