

*St. John Parish,  
Leopold, MO*



*St. Anthony Mission,  
Glennon*

**HE**  
*is not here for*  
**HE**  
*is risen*  
*(Mt 28:6)*

*Wishing You a Blessed  
and Joyous Easter!*



# Liturgical Roles

## 2nd Sunday of Easter April 11 - 12, 2026

### Saturday, April 11, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink  
Lector: Audrey Langston  
Extraordinary Min. \*Mike Bueter  
Ushers: Lonnie Nenninger, Norbert Nenninger  
Offertory: Family of Alfred & Mary Beel  
Sacristan: Pam Horrell  
Rosary: Norbert & Debbie Nenninger

### Sunday, April 12, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Jack & Cooper Halter, Layton Fluchel  
Lector: Polly Mungle  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Ron Wesbecher, Pam Wesbecher, Cody Van de Ven  
Choir Min.: Darlene Stoverink  
Ushers: Steve Seiler, Alan Elfrink  
Offertory: Tammy & Danny Vandeven  
Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher  
Rosary: Nick Elfrink

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### Sunday, April 12, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sophia Gregg, Alaina Long  
Lector: Dustin Hoesli  
Extraordinary Min.: \*Matt Michaelree  
Leeann Jansen, Holly Hoesli  
Choir Min.: Harlan Elfrink  
Ushers: Charles Hutchings, Victor Vandeven  
Offertory: Lena Harris, Hazel Woodfin  
Jaxon Nenninger  
Sacristan: Danny & Joann James  
Rosary: Lori Graham

### StoneBridge & Homebound

#### Extraordinary Minister for

April 12: Pam Wesbecher

# Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

## Monday, April 6

*No school for Leopold*  
6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**7:20 AM MASS** - Joe & Nora Bueter † (SJ)  
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)  
6:30 PM - St. John Parish Council (St. Anne's)

## Tuesday, April 7

*No school for Leopold*  
8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:30 AM MASS** - L/D Members Ed & Agatha DeBrock Family (SJ)

## Wednesday, April 8

*Church office closed*  
3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)  
5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)  
**6:00 PM MASS** - L/D Members Luke & Mary Jansen Family (SA)  
7:00 PM - St. John PCCW Meeting (St. Anne's)

## Thursday, April 9

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:30 AM MASS** - Garrett, Alma & Anna Jansen † (SJ)  
6:30 PM - AED/CPR Class (KC Hall)

## Friday, April 10

6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**7:20 AM MASS** - Melvin Holzum † (SJ)

## Saturday, April 11

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)  
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (church basement)  
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)  
**5:00 PM MASS** - Dec. Members Alfred & Mary (Beel) VanGennip Family (SA)

## Sunday, April 12

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)  
**8:00 AM MASS** - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)  
**10:00 AM MASS** - Eleanor Macke † (SJ), *1st Holy Communion Mass*  
**1:00 PM MASS** - Residents of Stonebridge (StoneBridge)  
3:00 PM - DIVINE MERCY SERVICE (SJ)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to  
Violet Gail Beel,  
daughter of Ben & Crystal Beel,  
on her recent Baptism.

May the Holy Spirit bless Violet  
with a lifetime of faith, love  
and joy as she begins her  
journey with Christ.

## Divine Mercy Service

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12. So at 3:00 pm we will be praying this beautiful gift of God to us. Remember that those who go to confession on that day or within 8 days before plus make a devout Holy Communion will then "According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1471-1479), receiving a plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven through confession. No soul is too far from God or having the most grievous sin that Jesus will not forgive them who has a contrite and truly sorrowful heart. No gift of Mercy is greater than this. Please make this a priority for your soul!! for you do not know the day or the hour you will be called home. Prepare now so there are no regrets but only JOY in attaining eternal life with God.

## Notes from Fr. Vincent:

### *Easter Sunday*

*"Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus is risen and dies no more." (Pope Benedict XVI)*

Easter Sunday celebrates that Jesus has risen, conquering sin and death, transforming the empty tomb into a message of eternal hope and new life. We are called to be an "Easter people"—not ignoring pain, but living in hope and seeking heavenly things. Today, the grave is empty, and the promise is fulfilled. We are redeemed. Let us live with the joy and boldness of this victory.

Easter is the definitive moment that good overcomes evil and light conquers darkness. Jesus didn't just die; he destroyed death, meaning the limitations that hold us back—fear, anger, sin—no longer have the final word.

Being an Easter person doesn't mean having no problems. It means that, despite the pain in our world, we live in the hope of the Resurrection.

Because we have risen with Christ, St. Paul tells us to live differently—to seek the things that are above, where Christ is. We are called to leave behind our old, "dead" habits and live as citizens of heaven right now—acting with justice, love, and mercy.

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter—may the Risen Christ fill your heart with peace, hope, and new life.*

**Prayer: Risen Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with the joy of your Resurrection and lead us into the new life of grace and eternal hope.**

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.**

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## **Adult Education Notes**

**HAPPY EASTER! HE HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!**

I wonder if it's really possible for us to understand the incredible mix of emotions Jesus' disciples, men and women, experienced on that first Easter morning. We really have no frame of reference, do we?

But what Jesus' friends and followers experienced on Easter morning and the days thereafter was impossible. They had seen him scourged to within an inch of his life, then crucified, then pierced through the heart with a soldier's lance, finally laid in a tomb. There is no record before or since of anybody's having endured all that, only to come back, scars, wounds and all, but fresh as a daisy, more alive than ever, capable of things no ordinary living person was ever capable of.

Is it any wonder that it took them some time to process what they were seeing and hearing and touching? Are we shocked that they found it hard to believe their own eyes, that they thought maybe they were seeing a ghost or an apparition of some sort? What they seemed to see wasn't just amazing; it was impossible! It took a little time to put it all together, to remember that with God all things are possible, that Jesus himself had predicted what they were experiencing, that the impossible had indeed happened. And that, after all, it wasn't too good to be true. And they weren't crazy.

We know they came to this improbable conclusion because instead of going back to fishing or tax-collecting and to their families, the Twelve, minus Judas, not long before trembling in fear and inclined to flee for their lives, each began to preach Jesus risen from the dead to Jews, Romans, anyone who would listen, no matter how hostile the audience. Each had years and decades to change his mind, to say it had all been a tragic mistake, but none did. All but John, the youngest, died a martyr's death. John died in exile in his nineties on the Isle of Patmos.

What they taught about life in Christ was received with the same incredulity and hostility as their message that Jesus was the Savior of the world, raised from the dead, seated at the right hand of the Father.

This risen Jesus appeared to Saul, a rabid persecutor of Christians, and turned him into St. Paul, zealous missionary and author of more than a quarter of the pages of the New Testament. Over the centuries, he appeared to others: to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to reveal the love of his Sacred Heart, to St. Faustina Kowalska to manifest the depth of the Divine Mercy. He spoke to St. Francis of Assisi and changed his life. He did the same to Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He imprinted His wounds in the flesh of Padre Pio and his mark upon every people and civilization He touched.

It would have been understandable if, way back at the beginning, the Apostles, facing an immense, powerful, often brutal Roman Empire opposed to everything they stood for, had slinked away and gone home to die in peaceful and quiet anonymity, but that's not what happened. What did happen defies rational explanation.

It's impossible. But with God all things are possible: that Jesus rose from the dead, that the Apostles freely gave their lives to Him, even unto martyrdom, and that the Church Jesus founded is still here after two thousand years, despite human weakness, within the Church and without. And that we, poor sinners though we may be, are destined to live forever in Christ.

And lest we pass over these wonders too hastily, the Church, in the words of St. Athanasius, celebrates the fifty days of Easter as "one great Sunday," beckoning us to ponder deeply all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ and to consider what we should do for Him in return.

The Church, believing in grace, bids us rise to new life in Christ, the glory and splendor of the children of God. May all our days be irradiated with the blessing of that Easter hope, that we may be continually raised up, never cast down. (Edited from A Catholic Thing) **HAPPY EASTER!**

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

He is risen!

At the recent Knight of the Year dinner, Youths of the Quarter were recognized: Cooper Halter, Junior Francis, Ayden McWilliams and Jacob Smith as were Knights of the Month: Robbie Coomer, Paul Landewee, Alan Beussink, Victor Vandeven, John Bohnsack and Trent Elfrink and Families of the Month: Arnold Jansen, Steve Seiler, Ethan Broshuis, Alan Beussink, Chad VanGennip and Andrew Jansen.

Remember, this Thursday at the Hall, the CPR, AED, etc. health training program at 6:30. What you learn will be most valuable, if and when, you face providing assistance in a medical crises situation.

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*"He is not here; for He has risen."* (Matthew 28:6) Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for April: Denny & Pam Horrell** *For the Church, that the joy of the Resurrection may renew vocations to priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord.*

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group will be selling KRISPY KREME donuts on Sunday April 19 following both Masses. \$15 per dozen. Proceeds will be for Steubenville retreat.

### PSR:

Keep the First Holy Communion Class in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on April 12th at 10:00am Mass at St John's. *Aubrey Atkinson, Bristol Brack, Noah Choate, Melanie Eftink, Rynn Felter, Amelia Gregg, Lena Harris, Landric Hoesli, Emma Jansen, Mia Keller, Chase Long, Darcy Long, Roger Michaelree, Jaxon Nenninger, Nora Nussbaum, Josie VanGennip, Hazel Woodfin, Rhett Yount*

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### ST. JOHN PCCW:

April PCCW Meeting is Wednesday April 8th at 7pm in the St Anne's Room. All ladies are welcome. Thanks to all who continue to clip and save stamps as received 2025 report from Sisters of Holy Cross that they netted over \$23,000 in their stamp sales efforts. Rummage Sale May 5-9th.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Directories for parish members, who were not photographed, are available at the church office or you can contact Sarah Deck at 573-979-1748.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to:  
**Lawrence and Amanda Nenninger,  
Jared Moneyhun,  
and Addison and Adrien Spradling**  
on the joyful occasion of receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. This is a beautiful and grace-filled milestone in your faith journey.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Cindy Jansen and Dennis James for their dedicated spiritual guidance and preparation over the past six months. Your commitment has been a true blessing in helping these individuals grow in faith and readiness.

May God continue to bless each of you abundantly and grant you His special protection and guidance in your journey of faith.

## Diocese & Area Events

**Advance KC Fish Fry:** Friday, April 10.  
5-7 PM. \$13 for adults, all kids 15 and under are Free with paid adult.

## In Gratitude:

The local Birthright wants to thank all who donated diapers to this year's Lenten service project. We are so very grateful for your generosity in our time of need.

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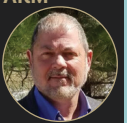
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