

# CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

April 14, 2024 ♦ Third Sunday of Easter

## MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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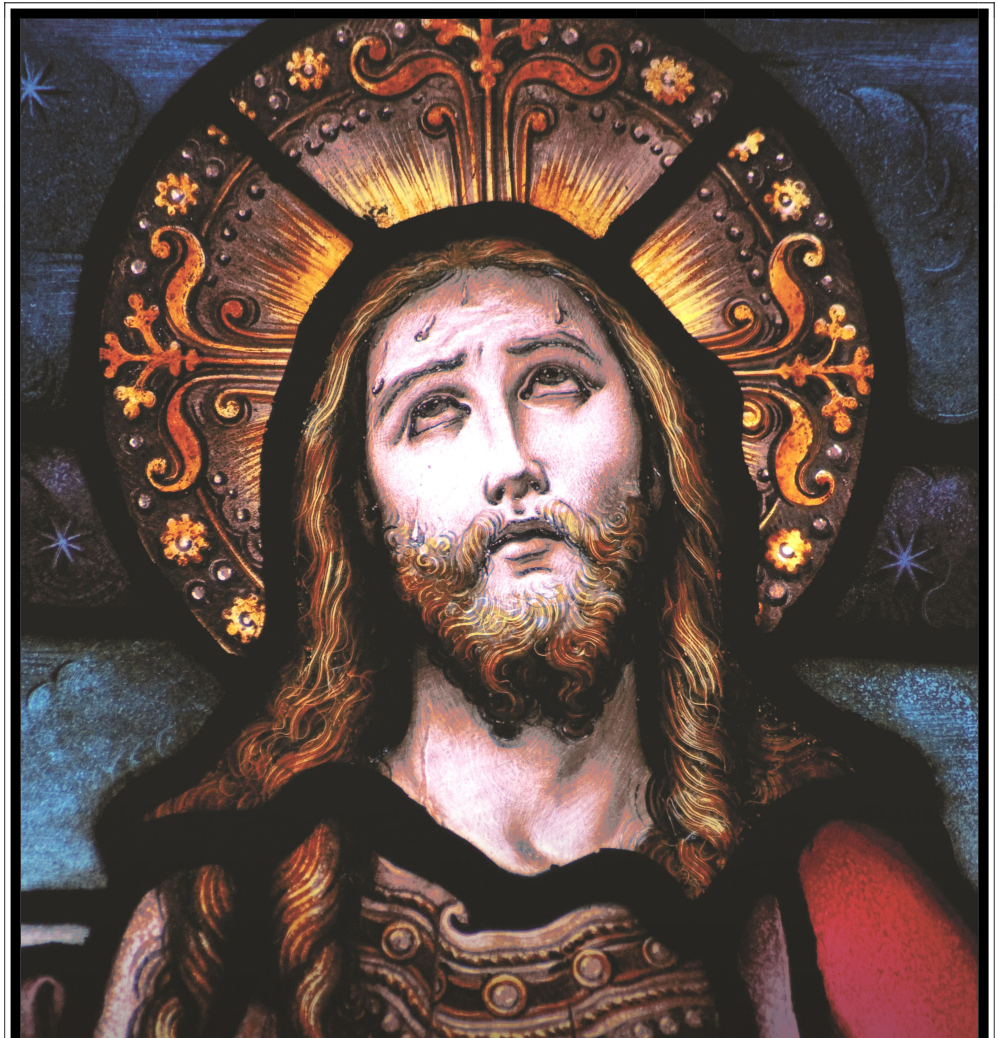
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-48  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and  
21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/  
Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).  
Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).  
Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).  
Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

**CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:**

Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.  
Other times by appointment.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday by 9:00 a.m.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:**

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

**BAPTISM:**

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

**MARRIAGE:**

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



15 Mon. **No Mass**  
16 Tue. **No Mass**  
17 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Bev Lahn †  
18 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Susan Gill †  
19 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Mary Anne McNeil †  
20 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Hilmer Hartman †  
21 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist



**Next Weekend - April 20 and 21**

**5:00 P.M.**

Ushers: Dawn Kennedy  
Teri Ray  
Reader: Lynn Eggert  
Server: Charlie Kennedy  
Communion Minister: Cheri McCann

**9:00 A.M.**

Ushers: Rob and Barb Carnes  
Reader: Dan Lefebvre  
Servers: Austin and Logan Crosby  
Communion Minister: Emily Wheeler  
Children's Liturgy: Lead: Melissa Reining  
Assistant: Jackie Penick



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .**

Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Tammie Dahlheimer, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Nikki Miller, Barbara Mulcahy, Phil Novack, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Chris Rickart, Dennis Sack, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Matt Deal (brother of Robyn Bernens), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Matt Hennen (nephew of Kathy Bennett), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), John Novack (brother of Phil Novack), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), Hudson Wright (cousin of Kathy Timm), and Dan Zapf (grandson of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

Have a  great week!



## Notes from the Pastor

Next weekend I get to do one of my favorite things as a priest: give our faith formation students their first Holy Communion. This weekend's gospel starts with the conclusion of the Road to Emmaus experience where Jesus opens the hearts of two of the disciples and makes Himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. That is the goal of every mass; our hearts are more and more opened to the Lord and He is made known to us more and more in the Eucharist.

While there are different levels of comprehending the Eucharist, at the base level the Church requires us to understand that there is something different about what we receive, that the Eucharist isn't quite bread. I think our students know more than that, but we are not required to perfectly understand the Eucharist to receive it. In fact one of my favorite stories about the Eucharist involves St. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest theologian of the Church. About three months before his death, St. Thomas was celebrating mass and had a revelation of God's glory. His secretary prompted him after mass to get started on his daily writing (Thomas was dictating the Summa Theologiae, the great masterwork of scholastic theology, as well as numerous other works) - to which Thomas replied, "My labors are done. After what I have seen, all my works are straw." If the greatest theologian of the Church could grow in understanding the Eucharist, we certainly can, and I think this week we should pray for our first communicants and ourselves, that we would grow to love Jesus in the Eucharist more and more.

- Fr. John Powers

## HOSPITALITY HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS

Everyone is invited to gather after Mass in the social hall today for lights refreshments and an opportunity to visit with your fellow parishioners. The Dayton Knights of Columbus are hosting this weekend's hospitality.



## CCW SPRING OUTING

This year's CCW Spring Outing will be held on Thursday, May 2, at Liberty Restaurant and Bar in St. Michael. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails with dinner to follow at 6:45 p.m.

**ALL** women of the parish, age 18 and older, are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship and relaxation. We especially want to encourage our new parishioners to join us - it's a great way to meet and get to know other women of the parish. RSVP required - call Deb Stang at 763.360.7860 by Monday, April 29.



## SPRING PLANTING FUNDRAISER Final Weekend to Place your Order

St John the Baptist is sponsoring a Spring Planting Fundraiser featuring annuals, vegetables and perennials. Order forms are available at the tables located at both exits of the church - be sure to include your name and phone number when ordering. Place your order forms in an envelope along with payment and drop them in the regular Sunday offering basket. The deadline for ordering is TODAY, Sunday, April 14 for delivery Wednesday, May 8. Proceeds will benefit our church and its vital ministries.

## TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Last weekend, Wright Co. experienced a string of car break-ins at 3 local churches while services were going on. As a precaution, we are advising all parishioners to lock their vehicles during Mass and to place all valuables out of sight.

**TRAVELERS** For nationwide Mass times and locations visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

## Parish Support



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Adult Envelopes (487)	\$ 1,880.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	666.00
Add'l Easter Offerings (2)	220.00
Automatic Deposits (30)	<u>2,328.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 5,094.00</b>
Projected Need	\$ 4,800.00
Received Last Week	5,094.00
Projected Need to Date	203,775.00
Amount Received to Date	201,091.00
Deficit - Last Week	\$ 2,978.00
- This Week	2,684.00



## REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS: THE BASICS

You spend years working hard and planning carefully for retirement. You know pre-tax retirement accounts, like IRAs, allow you to save money and grow it tax deferred. Unfortunately, you can't avoid those taxes indefinitely. The year you turn 73, the tax law mandates you take a required minimum distribution (RMD) - whether you need the money or not.

### The ABCs of RMDs

**R** - The tax code requires that you begin taking income from your IRA the year you turn 73. Skipping it results in a hefty penalty payable to the IRS.

**M** - The minimum amount you must take each year is calculated based on the balance of your IRA accounts, your age, and the age of your spouse.

**D** - This distribution of money must go to the IRA owner, designated beneficiary, or a qualifying charity.

### The Impact

- When you take an RMD for yourself, you need to pay taxes on the distribution.
- Because your RMD adds to your adjusted gross income (AGI), it could push you to a higher tax bracket.
- If the RMD pushes your AGI above \$97,000 (single) or \$194,000 (married filing jointly), you'll have to pay the high-income surcharge on your Medicare premiums.
- Your increased AGI could also mean more of your Social Security is taxable.

### An Alternative to RMDs: QCDs

If you don't need all of your RMD, there is a way to avoid some of these tax consequences: donate your RMD to a qualified 501(c)3 charity.

To make the donation a non-taxable Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), your IRA custodian must send the money directly to your parish or nonprofit of choice.

Not yet 73? You can begin making Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA the year you turn 70-1/2.

### Talk to Your Professional Advisor

This is a good time to start planning how you will distribute next year's withdrawal. Your IRA is a powerful tool to leverage in your tax plan. But, there are some important nuances to consider. Be sure to talk to your financial advisor when making plans. Be aware that changes to the tax code could shift your RMD and related processes year to year.

If you would like more information on making a QCD to St. John the Baptist Church, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

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**RELEVANT RADIO 1330 AM** Take your faith beyond Sunday and into the rest of the week.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age students will meet this week for TLC Kids on Wednesday, April 17. We have sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., and from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If any of your children are unable to attend, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

### SMALL GROUP/PECS

What topics are of interest to you as a small group attendee?

- Feed My Starving Children
  - Why are Novenas Important?
- ... to name a couple.

Is there something on your heart you would like to explore more fully? Call or text: Cindy Gibbs 763.442.1980; Scott Theisen 612.750.3473; or Pat Gill 763.248.2386.



### PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

The 2024 St. John the Baptist Parish Festival will be held on Sunday, August 4. Mark your calendars! We are collecting prizes for our

Festival Cash Raffle. If you would like to donate a cash prize (\$50 minimum), you may do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Festival Raffle" and drop it in the Sunday offering basket. The deadline to make a donation is May 1, 2024.

### LUNCH AND CARDS

Join with fellow parishioners on Monday, April 22 in the social hall from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served (free will offering appreciated) with card games to follow. Bring a friend! We hope to see you there! Hosted by Angie Haggerty, member of the Evangelization Committee and Parish Council.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Request Form for May and June included in last weekend's bulletin is due next weekend. All liturgical ministers and Scrip Sellers are asked to fill out and return one of these forms as this helps considerably in the scheduling process. New ministers are welcome! Extra forms are available at the exits.

### KING'S HOUSE "A DAY AWAY" RETREAT

Saturday, April 27 - Do YOU need some ME time with the Lord? Time away from your normal all-too-busy life, to be in solitude with the Lord? King's House is offering some time to spend the day in private prayer on "Holy Ground", a peaceful spot to "walk humbly with your God." Optional conferences, guided meditation and guided Holy Hour. 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch included. Suggested donation \$30 per person. Register online at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call 763.682.1394



## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Your generosity is helping us to reach our goal of 100% participation. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal to help make Jesus known and loved through ministries supported by the CSAF. You can complete and return your pledge card (extra pledge cards available at the exits) by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it directly to CSAF, or make a secure gift online at [love.archspm.org](http://love.archspm.org) or use the QR code.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CHAPTER TWO MARRIAGE RETREAT** – Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., St. Paul, Ham Lake. Chapter Two Retreat is designed for couples in which one or both are entering into a second marriage. This retreat, serving the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and surrounding dioceses, helps couples prepare to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony through reflecting on the beauty and richness of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family while discussing the unique challenges and complexities of their situation. Presentations given by priests, educators and lay persons. Learn more and sign up at [churchofsaintpaul.com/chapter-two](http://churchofsaintpaul.com/chapter-two).

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: MARIAN ROUTE** May 19 - July 16. Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi and will descend through the midwestern United States. Watch for details to come at [archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage](http://archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage).

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE GROUPS** - These groups are currently meeting and open to all victims/survivors of abuse in the United States:

- Victim/Survivor Support Group for those Abused by Clergy as Adults - First Mondays
- Men's Healing/Discussion Circle - First Mondays
- Support Group for Relatives or Friends of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse - Second Saturdays
- Victim/Survivor Support Group - Third Mondays
- Survivor Peace Circle - Third Tuesdays

For more information and details visit [archspm.org/healing](http://archspm.org/healing). Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, 651.291.4429.

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Hospitality following Mass hosted by KCs

### Monday, April 15

- Income Tax Day
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Eucharist, Social Hall (till 7:30 p.m.)

### Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Social Hall

### Wednesday, April 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:00 p.m. TLC Kid's Session (till 6:00 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. TLC Kid's Session (till 7:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. TLC Kid's Session (till 8:00 p.m.)

### Thursday, April 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, April 19

- 7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel (till 7:00 p.m.)

### Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Family Retreat, Social Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, April 21

- Fourth Sunday of Easter
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass with First Holy Communion

**ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH? WE WELCOME YOU!** If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. John the Baptist, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.



## SCRIP NEWS

**Visa Gift Cards** - Visa Gift Cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 and \$500 denominations at a 1.25% profit and are accepted anywhere Visa is accepted. Visa gift cards if bought through your local bank usually incur a service charge to purchase which can be up to 5%. Buying through St. John's Scrip Program costs you nothing extra. Visa cards are only good in the U.S.

### Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

- Apr. 20 5:00 p.m. Morlene MacGregor & Chrissy Kennedy
- 21 9:00 a.m. Benita Lefebvre & Lisa Crosby

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## A Reconciling Love

Loving Father,  
you sent your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to reconcile the world to you.  
Grant that our hearts may be open  
to your revelation

in the Eucharist and in the Word.  
May your Spirit enliven us  
that we may spread our faith  
to all we encounter.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**Without Fear**

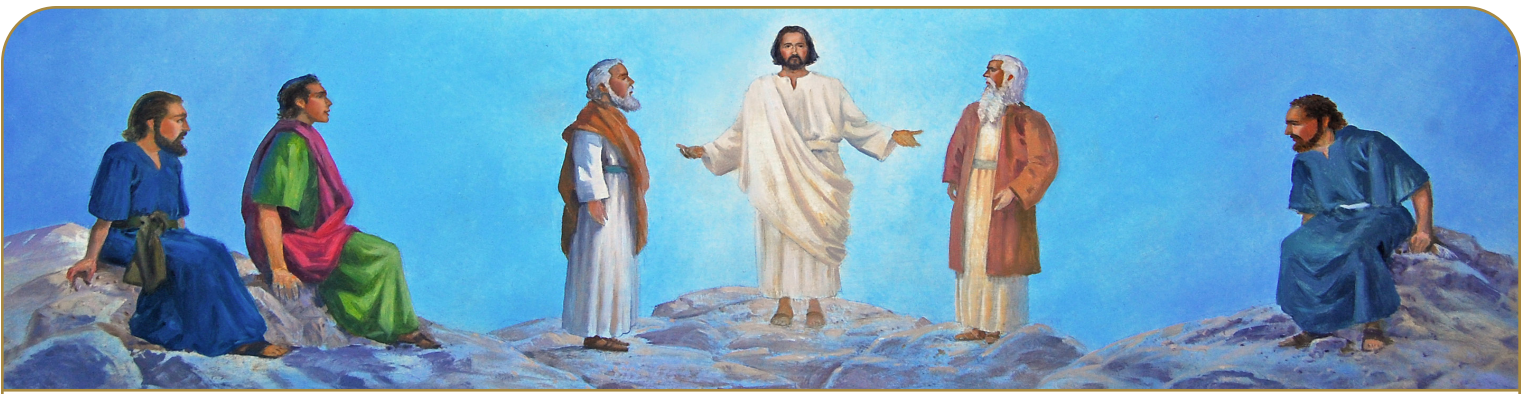


*Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 (7a); 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48.* “Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,” we hear in today’s Gospel. Our lives are sometimes filled with so much noise that our Lord’s voice gets lost amid the cacophony. If time in silence with God is carved into our day, we can discern what God is saying to us in Scripture. But being still in a quiet place can be daunting. Begin the practice by sitting in the quiet one minute a day until that minute passes quickly. On subsequent days, increase the time to two, three, and four minutes until you are able to sit for twenty minutes with God.

In that silence, open yourself to be vulnerable to God. Doing so might seem daunting so begin by reading a verse

from Scripture, saying a short prayer, or speaking to God just as you would speak to a friend. Tell God what makes you doubt in his promise. There is no need to fear such a conversation with God, for he wants a deeper relationship with you. Just as he met the startled and terrified disciples where they were in their faith, so he will meet you.

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says to the disciples in today’s Gospel. He wants peace for you also. In the silence, Christ awaits your invitation to open your mind to the Scriptures. He, too, awaits your response as a witness to the mercy and forgiveness he offers all who believe. In accepting the peace that Christ offers, consider who in your life needs you to offer them mercy.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 15 Bread of Life

Jesus says to his disciples, “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” Jesus is the Bread of Life; he gave himself to us in the Last Supper and continues to do so at each Eucharist. Some people continue to go spiritually hungry because they do not avail themselves of the nourishment Christ offers. As you begin your week, ask God to work through you to continue building the kingdom. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

### Tuesday, April 16 Never Hunger

People are always looking for signs. Despite all the times Jesus performed miracles, healed people, and cast out demons, some in today’s Gospel continue to doubt the power of God. People either believe because they have seen or because they have been healed. When asked to be given the bread of life, Jesus responded, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.” As you receive the Eucharist every week, meditate on what It means for Christ to be the Bread of Life. How is he sustenance for you? *Today’s readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

### Wednesday, April 17 Visible Signs

“I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.” With those words in today’s Gospel, Jesus reveals that he has submitted his life to God. The first reading, from Acts, shows how such submission cost St. Stephen his life. But as Philip proclaimed the Messiah to Samaria, “there was great joy in that city.” Do you understand that you have a responsibility to bring the joy of the Gospel to those you meet? *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

### Thursday, April 18 We Believe

Today’s Gospel encourages us to ponder the mystery of the Trinity. The reading tells us that no one has seen the Father “but the one who is from God.” Each Sunday at Mass, the faithful profess in the creed that Jesus is consubstantial with the Father. Pray with either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed, taking time to realize what the words and our beliefs about the Trinity mean. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

### Friday, April 19 New Lives

Saul’s plans—to bring back in chains anyone who followed the Way—were upended when Jesus asked, “Why are you persecuting me?” Soon, Saul was seeking baptism and proclaiming the Good News. Sudden changes often bring people to reconsider their priorities. A dramatic example of that occurred during the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic. Do you need to reexamine your values and determine whether they are aligned with how God is calling you? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

### Saturday, April 20 Be Salt!

In today’s Gospel from John, we hear that many disciples “returned to their former way of life.” That image of people going back to their old ways is contrasted with Peter’s declaration of allegiance and the growth of the Church recorded in Acts. When we give in to temptation and return to former ways, we may experience momentary happiness but miss out on the peace that Christ offers. The reading from Acts tells of the peace in the Church as it was being built up. Where do you notice peace today? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



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