

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAITH · FAMILY · FRIENDSHIP

April 20, 2025 ♦ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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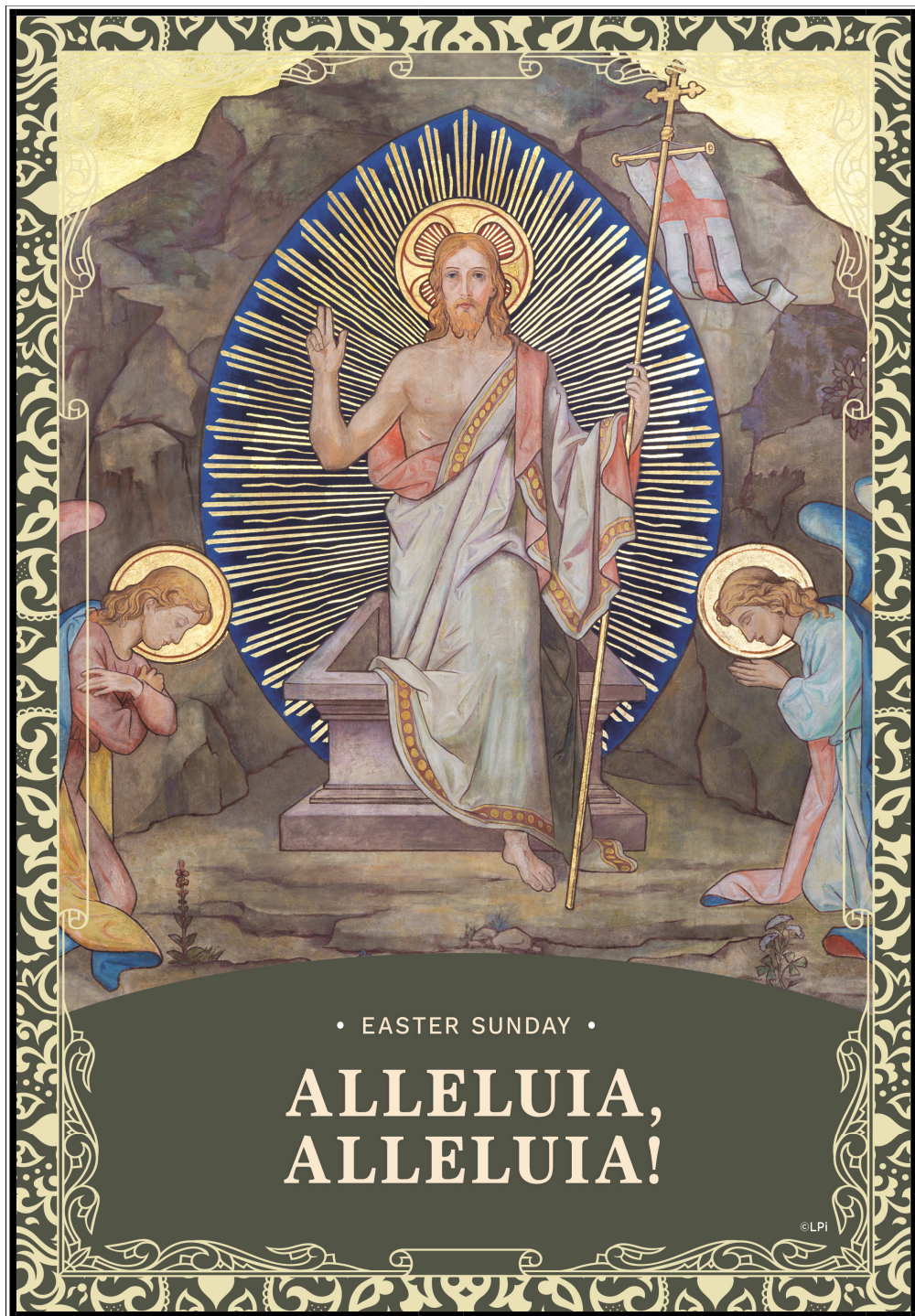
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next 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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
 Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
 Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
 Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
 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



21 Mon. **No Mass**
 22 Tue. 6:30 p.m. John and Marianne (15 year anniv.) Holewa ††
 23 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer Family - Living and Deceased
 24 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Bev Lahn †
 25 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Angela Walton †
 26 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Lavonne Meyer †
 27 Sun. 9:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners



Next Weekend - April 26 and 27

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass
 Dawn Kennedy
 Reader: Rena Hales
 Server: Charlie Kennedy
 Communion Minister: Ed Barder

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Russ and Teri Ray
 Reader: Jim Penick
 Server: Brooklyn and Asher Reining
 Communion Minister: Jacob Moylan
 Children's Liturgy Lead: Sarah Moylan
 Aide: Devin Primus



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Dan Fodstad-Bouley, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Barbara Mulcahy, Marilyn Nordine, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, Sandi Weekley, and Anne (Loftus) Whiting. Becky Barder (sister of Ed Barder), 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), Cora Dawsey (granddaughter of Steve and Kelly Slavik), Sandy Delgehausen (friend of Tim and Kathy Timm), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), John Elfa (cousin of Kathy Timm), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Nancy Karls (friend of Mary Dahlheimer), Jeff Nettleton (friend of Russ and Teri Ray), Virginia Resler and Phillip Robinson (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Karla Storlein (cousin of Tim Timm), and Dan and Kritsty Zapf (grandson and granddaughter of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! - the Paschal Greeting call - Khristos anesti! Alethos anesti! - Christus surrexit! Surrexit vere, Alleluia! - reminds us, as St. John Paul paraphrasing St. Augustine would say, that "we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" We are people of the Resurrection, because our Lord has conquered sin and death and has risen from the grave.

This joy is meant to be shared, and as the Church celebrates this jubilee year, Pope Francis reminds us that this joy is our pilgrim hope to be shared with the world. I know this year (and every year really), I have been impressed and moved by how many people have shared of themselves to make our celebrations possible. A very big thanks to all the staff and volunteers here at St. John's, and in a particular way all who helped with the liturgies of Holy Week - Patti for all her organizational work for these liturgies, Sharon and the Choir for their gift of music, Kelly and all those who helped with decorations, the altar servers, the lectors, ministers of Communion, ushers and so many more. You have made it possible for us to enter into Easter joy!

As I hope you all know, Easter isn't just a day, but is the longest season of the Church year, extending until June 8 this year, so we have much to celebrate as a parish and as a people of the Resurrection. So a very happy Easter to all, for there is more to come!

- Fr. John Powers

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Request Form for May and June included in the April 6 bulletin is due this 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

With the recent addition of the Tuesday evening Mass, we have open dates in the Mass schedule for Mass intentions. Masses may be offered for the living or deceased and for various reasons like remembrance, thanksgiving, or special intentions. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.

LOST AND FOUND A necklace was found after the Christmas Masses. Please call the parish office to claim it.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend the Catholic Church in the U.S. takes up the annual collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to support "home mission" Dioceses which comprise nearly 40 percent of all U.S. dioceses which includes our own state's Dioceses of New Ulm, Crookston and Duluth. These dioceses struggle to fund basic and essential pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, religious education and seminarian and lay ministry formation and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. Please strengthen the Church at home by being as generous as you are able. **Please note: There will be no second collection for this appeal.** If you would like to offer your financial support for this effort, please use the envelope included in today's bulletin to make your donation and drop it in the regular Sunday offertory next weekend. Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Church.

TRAVELERS For nationwide Mass times and locations visit www.Masstimes.org.



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."
- Acts 10:38

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more. We are made for God!



OFFERTORY • APRIL 13, 2025

Adult Envelopes (41)	\$ 1,411.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	738.00
Misc. Contribution	3,000.00
Automatic Deposits (17)	693.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,842.00
 Projected Need	 \$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	5,842.00
Projected Need to Date	220,206.00
Amount Received to Date	233,401.00
 Surplus - Last Week	 \$ 12,596.00
- This Week	13,195.00





PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

The 2025 St. John the Baptist Parish Festival will be held on Sunday, August 3. Mark your calendars!

Festival Committee Meeting - There will be a meeting of the Parish Festival Committee this Tuesday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. to begin making plans for this year's festival. Anyone who would like to offer input is invited to attend.

Festival Raffle Prizes - 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 11, 2025.

BAKE SALE THANK YOU

The profit from the CCW Bake Sale last weekend was \$362.50. Thank you to everyone who made home-baked goods, bought items or otherwise helped to make it a great success!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is closed until Tuesday morning, April 22, in observance of Easter. Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle (Easter Candle) burns during all Masses from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost Sunday and for all baptisms, funerals and weddings. This year's Paschal Candle was donated by a group of parishioners in honor of all St. John the Baptist parishioners.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. If you haven't yet turned in your Rice Bowl, please do so by placing it in the regular Sunday offering basket soon.

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. John's is seeking to hire a Music Director. Duties include: Planning for the music for weekend and special liturgies, provide accompaniment for the parish music worship program for both weekend liturgies, coordinate the work of the volunteer choir including recruiting, training and support; maintain instruments; and attend monthly Liturgy Committee meetings. Parish music experience preferred. See full position description on our website. Please send Cover letter, resumé and references to: P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, April 23. We have sessions from 5:30 - 6:30, 6:00 - 7:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with the Confirmation class meeting from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ACCW 92ND CONVENTION: RENEWING YOUR FAITH TRUSTING IN GOD'S DIRECTION

- Friday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Renewing Your Faith Trusting in God's Direction is the theme for this year's Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Convention! Expect top-notch presenters, including Kristen, a mental health advocate, Mass with Archbishop Hebda, locally catered banquet and luncheon, the marketplace to shop, Lay Women Winners and Golden Rose Winners and so much more! Find more information and registration at accwarchspm.org/2025-convention.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: IT IS WELL - Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus in Medina. All women are invited to spend a day in community, in the presence of our Lord in the sacraments. The day includes speakers Kenna Millea and Fr. Tim Wratkowski, meditation, adoration, reconciliation and plenty of time for small group discussion. Cost is \$60. Learn more and register at hnoj.org/womensretreat.

YOUNG ADULT SWING DANCE - Saturday, April 26 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at St. Albert's Parish Center for young adults ages 18 - 35. Please bring snacks or beverages to share. For more information see Facebook: Albertville Swing Dance or contact J.P. Hudson at 763.377.1943.

ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION - Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m., Minnesota State Capitol to Cathedral of St. Paul. As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Line up begins at 1:30 p.m. on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2:00 p.m. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary while those who are in procession. For more information, please go to archspm.org/annual-family-rosary-procession.

DISCERNMENT

Question: How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

Answer: Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. *Will it encourage spiritual growth?* Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. *Does the call seem consistent?* This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? *Do others confirm it?* Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. *Don't forget your gut.* After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal is in progress. When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.

St. John the Baptist's Parish Goal is \$14,532. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSAF. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan this QR code.



ONLINE GIVING

To donate online, simply scan this QR code with your phone to directly access the giving portal or visit our website: www.sjbd Dayton.org. We kindly request you consider covering the additional transaction charges associated with online giving.



Have a  great week!

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 20

Happy Easter!
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 21

Parish Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Rescue Project!
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 22

Earth Day
5:30 p.m. Parish Festival Committee Meeting, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Sub-Committee Meetings, Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Social Hall

Friday, April 25

Arbor Day
7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, April 26

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Catholic Home Missions Special Collection

Sunday, April 27

Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Catholic Home Missions Special Collection

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.



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. 26 8:30 p.m. Morlene MacGregor and Deb Sodman
27 9:00 a.m. Bernice Petersen and Lisa Crosby

Easter Plant Memorials

Pat Gill in memory of Susan Gill

Pat Gill in memory of Mary Eull

Pat Gill in memory of Phil Novack, Jr.

Julia Whalen in memory of Unborn Babies

Paul Corrow in memory of Gregg Corrow

Patty Kovacs in memory of Matt Lee

Patty Kovacs in memory of Bob & Doris Lee

The Drentlaw Family in memory of Sandy Drentlaw

Steve & Kelly Slavik in memory of Al Corrow

Steve & Kelly Slavik in memory of Marian Corrow

Steve & Kelly Slavik in memory of Jim Corrow

Steve & Kelly Slavik in memory of Paul Corrow

Steve & Kelly Slavik in memory of Judy Corrow-Chouinard

Liturgical Environment Committee in memory of Mary Eull

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Geraldine Scharber

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Gracelynn Rae Stadin

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Bernard & Florence Lenz

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Bernard J. Lenz, Jr. (Butch)

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Gilbert & Anna Mae Valerius

Don & Jane Lenz in memory of Dale Newell and Nancy Collins

Mark & Patricia Laliberte in memory of Jim Laliberte

Mark & Patricia Laliberte in memory of Casandra Laliberte

Mark & Patricia Laliberte in memory of Laverne & Art Laliberte

Patti Chouinard in memory of Steve Ach

Patti Chouinard in memory of Larry McAlpine

Patti Chouinard in memory of Francis Chouinard

Patti Chouinard in memory of Freddy & Clara Chouinard

Patti Chouinard in memory of Delton, Marilyn & Kathryn McAlpine

Paul & Colleen Edlund in memory of Rick Kinkle and Louise Kinkle

Larry & Kathy Zachman Family in memory of June & Adrian Lambrecht

Larry & Kathy Zachman in memory of Bernadette, Allan and Lisa Zachman

David & Lois Lee in memory of Matt Lee

David & Lois Lee in memory of Bob & Doris Lee

David & Lois Lee in memory of Harold Landwehr and Kelly Landwehr-Rude

Kevin & Benita Lefebvre in memory of Eddie & Mariette Lefebvre

Kevin & Benita Lefebvre in memory of Martin & Petronella Heinen

Kevin & Benita Lefebvre in memory of Lorin & Laverne Bergemann

Kevin & Benita Lefebvre in memory of Noel & Mae, John and Ellen Ann Lefebvre

Dan & Patti Fodstad-Bouley in memory of Raymond, Sr. & Mary, Raymond, Jr. and Lena Bouley

Dan & Patti Fodstad-Bouley in memory of Donald & Barb and David Fodstad and Steve Armstrong

Easter Plant Memorials



Rena Hales in memory of John Holewa
Rena Hales in memory of Marianne Holewa
Joan Playle in memory of Doug and Jordan Playle
Joan Playle in memory of Deceased Corbin Family
Pam & Jerry Jordan in memory of Eddie Bebeau
Pam & Jerry Jordan in memory of Marguerite Jordan
Pam & Jerry Jordan in memory of Richard & Lavonne Meyer
Joanne Chouinard in memory of Jim Chouinard
Joanne Chouinard in memory of Leo & Malita Becker
Joanne Chouinard in memory of Ernest & Rosella Chouinard
Morlene MacGregor in memory of Cynthia MacGregor
Morlene MacGregor in memory of Ethel & Bill MacGregor
Morlene MacGregor in memory of Lillian and Ruth Melbourne
Daneen Durant Graham in memory of Jeff Durant
Daneen Durant Graham in memory of Lucy & Earl Durant
Daneen Durant Graham in memory of Deceased Durant Family
Daneen Durant Graham in memory of Deceased Juliano Family
Deb Stang and Family in memory of Mark Stang
Deb Stang in memory of Norman, Margaret and Michelle Kasper
Bruce & Stacy Glass Family in memory of Arron Dewald
Bruce & Stacy Glass Family in memory of Eugene & LaVerne Glass
Mary & Bruce Middleton in memory of Deceased Middleton Family
Mary & Bruce Middleton in memory of Deceased Dattalo/Blue Family
Gary & LuAnne Dahlheimer in memory of Cliff & Betty McAlpine
Gary & LuAnne Dahlheimer in memory of George & Eleanor Dahlheimer
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Ivan Sand
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Rose Berg
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Jim & Irene Cantwell
Elaine-Sand Schulenburg in memory of Lucy Durant and Mary Eull
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Carol Rouillard and Linda Ledin
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Merc Kirk and Pauline Reichert
Elaine Sand-Schulenburg in memory of Marguerite Jordan and Jeannie Orwoll
Mary Murphy in memory of Betty Dack and Kathy Benson
Mary Murphy in memory of Bill and Jason Murphy and Connor Wilmes-Murphy
Terry & Linda McAlpine in memory of Cliff & Betty McAlpine
Terry & Linda McAlpine in memory of Harold Landwehr, Kelley Rude and Matt Lee
Thomas Bouley in memory of Arlow & Marcy Bergstrom
Thomas Bouley in memory of Deceased Frederick Family
Thomas Bouley in memory of Raymond Sr. & Mary Bouley and Raymond Bouley, Jr.
Thomas Bouley in memory of Markus Cullinan, Joe Brunn, Megan Sample and Jordan Playle

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



New Life

God our Savior,
you have defeated death,
reigning immortal!
Through your resurrection,
you give us the gift of new life.
In gratitude, we praise you.
Embolden us to seek you.
Grant us the strength
to believe and to spread the news
of our salvation!
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 20, 2025
See the Stone Removed



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9. As a faith community, we have journeyed with Jesus through his passion. Imagine, however, living in Jesus' time and witnessing the traumatic event unfold. Imagine watching as Jesus is humiliated, mocked, tortured, and brutally killed in front of a large crowd. Mary and the disciples stood with him as he endured unimaginable pain and suffering, watching as their hopes in what Jesus had preached disappear.

On the first day of the week, after the Sabbath, Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Upon seeing the stone removed, she runs to the disciples. Two

disciples run to the tomb; imagine their hearts racing, still mourning and confused. They reach the tomb and see the burial cloths and the cloth for Jesus' face rolled up separately. Imagine their surprise! The beloved disciple "saw and believed," but "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

On this most glorious day, step into the experience of Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple. Run to the tomb, see that the stone is removed, and peek in. Look at Jesus' burial cloths and allow yourself to rejoice! Feel hope in new life! What does this Easter season hold for you? How can you live into the hope of resurrection of the Lord?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 21 Octave of Easter

The octave of Easter is the eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter (also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy). This prolonged joyous celebration is an opportunity to immerse ourselves more deeply into the mystery of Christ's resurrection. Every evening this week, spend time praying in gratitude for Christ's victory over death. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 22 See the Lord

Despite being close friends, Mary Magdalene weeps and does not recognize the risen Christ until he exclaims her name. Sometimes Jesus is right in front of us, but our despair blinds us. This evening, prayerfully reflect on your day. Where did you recognize God in front of you? When were you distracted and unable to see God? Say a prayer in gratitude for God's presence in your life and ask for the strength to see the Lord tomorrow. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 23 On the Road Together

Jesus approaches two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus. They do not recognize him until after he unpacks Scripture and blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened, and they finally see the Lord, realizing that they had walked with him. Invite someone to pray with you today, perhaps a family member or a close friend. Together, read today's Gospel passage and share what stands out to you. Reflect on how Jesus was present to both of you today. *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 24 Questions

The disciples are startled and terrified when Jesus appears, saying to them, "Peace be with you." They are troubled and questions arise in their hearts. Those questions, and the questions that arise in our hearts, are not necessarily bad. Such queries are problematic only when we allow doubts and fears to blind us from seeing God. When questions arise in your heart, do you bring them to your prayer? How can you invite God into your questions about the resurrection? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 25 Christ the Cornerstone

A cornerstone is a stone that joins two walls by forming the base of a corner of a building. It is typically the first stone set during construction, laying the foundation of a building. We hear Peter describe Jesus as the cornerstone. During your day-to-day routines, do you recognize Jesus as the foundation of your life? How can you make prayer, conversations with Jesus, a more regular part of your days? *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 26 Praising God

Despite being threatened for teaching in Jesus' name, Peter and John say, "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." The joy of the resurrection inspired them to reorient their lives so they could preach the Good News. Consider how the joy of God's forgiveness and the promise of life after death inspires you. How can you share this joy with those around you? *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Close to 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered “home mission dioceses,” meaning that local conditions such as small, widely dispersed Catholic populations and economic hardships prevent those dioceses from operating their ministries without outside support. For example, with the smallest Catholic population in the 48 continental United States, spread across 66,800 square miles of mountainous terrain and rugged Oregon desert, the Diocese of Baker is so extensive that many parishes are a minimum of 50 miles from each other, and only one town has more than one parish.

Support provided to the diocese from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal covered the cost of having a priest in residence for two rural parishes.

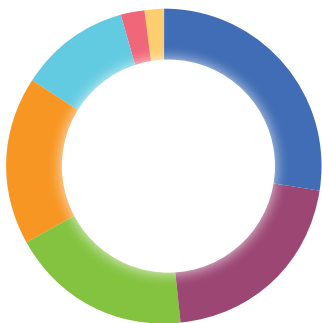
Without this support, more than 400 parishioners would not be able to receive the sacraments regularly. The work of Catholic Home Missions in the diocese extends beyond such basic support to includes its family life enhancement program, which helps parishes overcome the isolation that families experienced during the pandemic, isolation that has become an ongoing challenge in rural communities.

You can make a positive impact in the lives of Catholics in the Diocese of Baker and other home mission dioceses across the United States and its current and former territories by supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. For more information about Catholic Home Missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

What Is a “Home Mission” Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home mission dioceses.

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Totals by Program Area

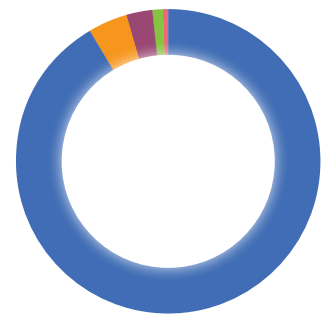
• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,399,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,030,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$1,840,000
• Special Grants*	\$995,825
• Cultural Ministries**	\$955,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$125,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person***	\$125,000

Total: \$8,469,825

* Special Grants: New Bishop Installation Support: \$90,000; Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities: \$905,825. Total: \$995,825.

** Including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries.

*** Including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities.



• Grants and Donations	\$8,469,892
• Program Costs	\$479,626
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$375,914
• Administrative Expenses	\$103,543
• Allocations - Internal Grants	\$31,999

Total Expenses: \$9,487,974



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