LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY April 13    Monday in the Octave of Easter
Lorne/Gladys Steinkamp+    Fr. Remmes

TUESDAY April 14    Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
Eugene Schmitz+; Marian Schmitz+    Fr. Remmes
Facebook
Edward Sturm+; Joan Reidell+;
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.
Jacob Reidell+    Fr. Friedrichsen
Gladys Stevens+    Fr. Pick

WEDNESDAY April 15    Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
Dean Berg+/Bill Berg+    Fr. Remmes
Facebook
Deceased Mem of Forke Family+
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.
Joleen Stork+    Fr. Pick

THURSDAY April 16    Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Wilbur Hinner+    Fr. Remmes
Facebook
For the Victims & their Families
of the Coronavirus    Fr. Friedrichsen
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.
Julie Stork+    Fr. Pick
FRIDAY April 17    Friday in the Octave of Easter
L/D of Erwin/Rita Vonnahme Fam.    Fr. Remmes
Facebook
Sandy Johnson+ & David Sibbel+
Livestream 7:45 a.m.
Louetta Langel+    Fr. Friedrichsen
SATURDAY April 18    Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Facebook
L/D of Ron/Judy Mayer Family    Fr. Pick
Live-Stream 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY April 19    Sunday of Divine Mercy
Facebook
Parishioners of CTKCC    Fr. Friedrichsen
Live-Stream 10:00 a.m
Maxwell Kies+    Fr. Pick

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION by APPOINTMENT ONLY

FROM THE PRIESTS: On Tuesday of this Holy Week, we Frs. Tims used the prayers for a Mass in Time of Pandemic which was recently sent out by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We will use this Mass in at least one daily Mass per week until the pandemic is over (except during the Octave of Easter, April 12–19). The opening collect is a beautiful, moving prayer that all of us can say on our own as well:

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN!
HOLY WEEK, most especially, the Sacred Triduum—Holy Thursday’s Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion, and Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—give us much on which to reflect. An easy way to see all the Scripture readings for the Triduum and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, is to click on each day in the calendar on the website of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, usccb.org, where you get not only the biblical references but the entire text of the readings. (Each day can also be accessed by clicking on the day under “Today’s Readings” on our website.)

I want to focus on John 20:1-9, the Gospel passage each year for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. I have always found it odd that on Easter Sunday morning we are left with—well, more accurately, without seeing the Risen Lord!

If you recall from last week’s reflection on the Passion Narratives in Matthew and John, I noted that only in John’s Gospel is Nicodemus present at the burial of Jesus and is prepared with 100 pounds of spices to anoint Jesus’ body for burial—which would be a burial fit for a king. So no one needs to return to the tomb with spices in the hopes of anointing the body of Jesus as in Mark 16:1 (and Luke 24:1; in Matthew 28:1, “Mary Magdalen and the other Mary came to see the tomb”). According to John 20:1, “Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.” Why? Was she drawn back to the tomb out of grief? Was she fulfilling a custom of keeping watch over the tomb, so, as in Matthew, “to see the tomb”?

What did she expect to see? Clearly she did not expect to see that the stone which sealed the tomb would be removed (odd, however, that John doesn’t mention the stone when Jesus is buried: he likely knew everyone knew about that detail), Mary of Magdala does not rejoice; she doesn’t even draw close to the tomb to see if Jesus’ body was still there. She turned and ran to Peter and the beloved disciples and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” Without having looked into the grave, Mary is certain that Jesus’ body had been taken. But who are “they” who took Jesus’ body? For Mary, no one person could take the body, which had been wrapped with 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes. Mary’s “we” evidently included Simon Peter and the beloved disciple—none of them knew the location of Jesus’ body.

Neither Peter nor the beloved disciple asked for any clarification. Like Mary had at the tomb, they turned and ran, but this time to the tomb. The beloved disciple arrived first and peered into the tomb; he “saw the burial clothes there, but did not go in.” Simon Peter, however, goes in and saw not only the burial clothes, but also “the cloth that had covered [Jesus’] head, not with the burial clothes but rolled up in a separate place” [‡see note below]. At this point, any reader knows that unlike Lazarus, who came forth from the tomb with his face still covered and bound by his burial clothes, Jesus came forth from the tomb without all the burial clothes. Clearly the body of Jesus had not been stolen—for what grave robber would leave the valuable cloths and anything salvageable within them behind?

The “other disciple”, the one whom Jesus loved (beloved disciple) went into the tomb. We hear nothing more about Simon Peter, but this disciple “saw and believed.” Presumably, he saw what Peter saw, but unlike Peter, he “believed”. But what did he believe? The next sentence doesn’t clarify the question: “For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Does that apply to all three at the tomb, or only to Mary and Peter (and others not at the tomb)? Clearly we can say that the other disciple believed that Jesus was not there and that he, Simon Peter and Mary of Magdala didn’t know where he was. But did he believe that Jesus was risen from the dead?

The narrative is ambiguous. If so, why didn’t the beloved disciple say something? If so, why in a few verses do we hear that the disciples are behind locked doors “for fear of the Jews” (20:19), even though Mary Magdalene had seen the Risen Lord and had told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” (20:18). But those scenes and verses are for later; they are for later in this Easter Season.

On this Easter Sunday—as on every Easter—we are left with the empty tomb and less than complete faith. Mary shows us that even in the “dark”, we can venture toward what troubles us most. But when it is too much, when we are stunned and unable to comprehend, we can run to other disciplines for help (in this time, at least virtually). Simon Peter and the other disciple show a willingness to run with Mary to what troubles her. They inspect what she is too afraid to inspect. At the very least this helps Mary to stick with the empty tomb as long as it takes—as long as it takes to see the Risen Lord! But, that’s for later in the Easter Season.

We can, I believe, in this time of pandemic, empathize with the darkness, fear, bewilderment, but yet, some faith of John 20:1-9. I think, too, we can celebrate Easter a bit differently this year. I saw this posting on a friend’s Facebook, which I thought was timely: “Maybe, for once, we celebrate Easter differently. Maybe, we celebrate the Resurrection just as the Disciples did: Alone, in the silence, hoping the faith outweighs the fear” (Casey Kerins, staff writer for Ezer Rising).

HAPPY EASTER

‡A few years ago—and likely it will happen again—there was on the Internet a popular interpretation of the “napkin” folded in a separate face. A folded napkin, according to this virtual interpretation, indicated to a Hebrew servant that the master would return to the meal; thus, this is Jesus’ way of saying, “I’ll be back!” As the Church Lady from SNL would say, “ain’t that special”! I have to admit that there is no way to prove that wasn’t the meaning for the evangelist John. But, the Greek noun is not one that was normally used of a napkin used at a meal, but of an absorbent cloth used to mop up the sweat of hard work—some translations thus use “handkerchief”. Also, the Greek verb hardly means folded, which implies creasing (I get the image of when the priest folds up the white cloth, the corporal, after the Eucharist has been distributed). The verb has a meaning of twisting, entwining. Lastly, there is no good evidence that meal napkins were used in Jesus’ day. The placement of the burial cloths and the cloth covering the face are best seen as a contrast to the Lazarus story—that is clear in John’s Gospel. Sorry to soil that “napkin”! LOL.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES, PRAYERS & CATECHESIS will continue to be found on the Christ the King Catholic Community Facebook Page or its website (not on an individual parish’s FB page). Our schedule for liturgical live-streaming is:

- Tuesday–Friday, 7:45am Morning Prayer, 8:00am Mass, 5:00pm Evening Prayer;
- Saturday evening Mass at 5:00pm;
- Sunday morning Mass at 10:00am;
- 2nd Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 19, 2:00pm: live-streaming of the 4th annual celebration of Divine Mercy.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGES!
Sacred Heart Parish: Go to @SacredHeartChurchTempletonIowa to view it.
St. Augustine Parish: Go to @StAugustineChurchHalburIowa to view it.
We invite all parishioners in CTKCC to like these new Facebook pages. All postings on the CTKCC Facebook page will be posted on all SIX parish Facebook pages.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH. We appreciate the ways many of you are continuing to contribute to your par-
ish. We have some good news about the “Online Offertory” that the diocese has generously set up (click the picture in the right column of our website). As noted the past two weeks, during this time of pandemic, the diocese is assuming all the fees for this online giving. We Frs. Tims and our bookkeepers began to look at how we might have online giving as an option when we come out of this time. Unfortunately, it was going to mean a separate monthly cost for each parish, as well as the fees of credit cards or banks. Given that, I asked the diocese if they could continue to offer this service for small parishes, for whom the individual monthly fee would be burdensome. They will work on doing just that for us! If this can be worked out, we should be able to offer online giving more economically to our parishes. We will have more details as we get more specifics. We Frs. Tims and bookkeepers are grateful that the diocese is working on this, for it will a big help to small parishes!

PLEASE consider giving to the important special collections. Use the envelopes for these collections in your packets. Or, you may choose to give directly online.

Pope Francis has moved the collection for Christians in the Holy Land to September 13; you may still give at this time with your envelope or online if you wish (https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/).

Retired and Infirm Priests of our diocese (https://scdiocese.org/retired-and-infirm-priests-collection/). Thank you very much!

2020 NULLITY WORKSHOPS CANCELLED: The workshops scheduled for April 21 (Fort Dodge), April 28 (Storm Lake), May 5 (Sheldon) and May 12 (Sioux City Holy) will not take place this year. We Frs. Tims can help you, if you were planning to attend one of these.

THE APRIL 9 EASTER EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC GLOBE will be appearing in every mailbox of known parishioners in the diocese! Some households have not received it since mid-November because they are not current subscribers. The editor and staff hope that you will enjoy the enhancements they’ve made—more local parish and school news and photos than ever before! Please consider subscribing: there will be a clip-off form or do so online at catholicglobe.org for $30; you will receive the enhanced product from now until June 2021! Questions? Contact them at 800-352-9035. #niowacatholic

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS: The bulletin is accessible on our website: http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org home page under the Tab –BULLETIN. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Julie at stjohnarcadia@gmail.com. If you are homebound, contact the parish office in Breda or Arcadia and we can mail it to you.

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

THE NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE will be celebrating three birthdays this month with card showers: Dolores Koster—April 20 (Swan Place 1624 E. 12 St., Carroll); Paul Venner—April 20 (Garden View 502 S Maple St., Carroll); Kay Schwabe—April 21 (Sunnybrook, 1214 18 St., Carroll). Sending cards will be much appreciated during this time of social distancing.

BREDA ALL SCHOOL REUNION will be at July 3, 2020. Watch for contact from one of your class mates.
- 2-4:00 p.m. — Tours of St. Bernard School and memory rooms will be 2-4 p.m., July 3.
- 4-11:00 p.m. — Everyone is welcome at the Breda Memorial Park Shelter House.
- 5:30 p.m. — A meal will be available by reservation at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 5: After the 10:00 Sunday Mass until 1:00 p.m., there will be tours, and coffee and rolls in St. Bernard School.

If you have school or church artifacts to donate or any news items (e.g., of the quilting ladies) please call Mary Kay at 712-673-4695 or 712-673-2847.

STewardship for April 5
Adult $2,270.00; Other Income $2,496.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $100.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by St. John the Baptist parishioners. Please mail your intentions to the St. John office (610 Gault St., Arcadia, IA 51430-0023). Thank you!

THE AMERICAN RED Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, April 16 at the Arcadia Legion Hall from 12:30–5:30 p.m. For an appointment call Sue at 689-2318 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Arcadia to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

STewardship for April 5
Adult $2,700.00; Guild Income $50.00

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-MOUNT CARMEL

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by OLMC parishioners. Please mail your intentions to OLMC (PO Box 39, Breda, 51436) or drop them through mail slot at the Breda office.

STewardship for April 5
Adult $1,090.00; Youth $10.00; Catholic School Support $20.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $100.00

ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR

Holy Angels MWS

Please see the General News for info on your new Facebook page.

PLEASE JOIN US Frs. Tims in thanking Bob Pottebaum for his many years of faithful and dedicated service on St. Augustine Finance Council and as a lay director! We also give thanks to Kayla Venner for her willingness to step into those roles! Bishop Nickless has approved the resolution for Kayla to be a lay director—congrats Kayla!

STewardship for April 5
Adult $2,382.00; Youth $3.00; Holy Land $17.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $25.00

SACRED HEART-TEMPLETON

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by Sacred Heart parishioners. Please mail your intentions to St. Bernard Office, PO Box 39, Breda, 51436. Thank you!

STewardship for April 5
Adult $695.00; Aid to Domestic Churches $10.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $20.00; Holy Land $20.00

ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN

THERE ARE 100 metal folding chairs and 1 older Frigidaire Range available to Parishioners for a free will donation. Please contact Kimberly Whitaker at 712-830-6931 for info or to claim. These items are also posted on our Facebook page.

STewardship for April 5
No Report Available
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children].

BAPTISM CLASS is being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.

BULLETIN ADS FOR SALE—yes, you may advertise your business or event here. Cost of each ad is $3 per week or $150/year. Space is limited. Ads must meet the Catholic Church standards. Contact the office in Breda for more information and/or to set up and schedule your ad.

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