



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42–47

1 Pt 1:3–9

Jn 20:19–31

I Doubt It

Skepticism is a characteristic of a critical mind. Some claims are just too fantastic to trust: no salve can relieve you of all pain; no investment is certain to double your money; no politician can keep all promises; no one comes back from the dead. Who of us can fault Thomas for his initial skepticism?


Thomas has been known through history as “the doubter.” However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us. Because of his absence when Jesus stood in the midst of the community, Thomas was expected to believe on the word of others. Like Thomas, we are torn between believing because of an experience of Jesus, and believing on the word of others. We all would prefer a direct, profound experience. However, that’s not what we’re offered.

But within the community we can indirectly experience Jesus—his goodness, his unselfish service to others, his desire to bring people together in peace and harmony. The first reading provides a glimpse of such a believing community devoted to “the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Like our patron Thomas, we might be skeptical at first, but it is within a family or community of kindness and generosity that we can have our own experience of the risen Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Where in your family do you experience devotion to others, forgiveness, and courage? Where do you bring these attitudes?*
- ★ *How might you strengthen the bonds of your community so that others can recognize the presence of the risen Jesus?*



Jesus said to [Thomas],
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph

PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 19, 2020

Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph Parishioners

- ⇒ **SECOND COLLETION:** Sunday, April 26th is the collection for Catholic Home Missions. You can mail in your donation or us the donation button on our web page.
- ⇒ **FIRST COMMUNION...**for the time being it will be postponed and when we can gather publicly we will celebrate this very special day with our young students.

All Masses/Service will be live streamed from Blessed Sacrament.

Go to our webpage: www.bscgreenbush.com

or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Parish Staff

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

PARISH WEBSITE: www.bscgreenbush.com

Live Stream Url:

<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12 Noon

Use of Parish Facility : Call the parish office, 782-2467

BAPTISM: To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

ALL PUBLIC DAILY MASSES AND SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE....

The Mass times for live streaming are noted below and will be viewable on our website: www.bscgreenbush.com

FOR THE WEEK OF April 20

Monday, April 20 + 9:00am

+End to abortion

Tuesday, April 21 + 9:00am

+Birthday Blessings Clare Mooney

Wednesday, April 22 + 9:00am

+Henryka Evans

Thursday, April 23 + 9:00am

+Vocations

Friday, April 24 + 9:00am

+Harry Kalinowski

Saturday, April 25 + 9:00am

+Edward Efta & James Hasson

Sunday, April 26 + 9:00am

+For the people

**RECONCILIATION....
please contact Fr. George for an
appointment. 218-289-1735**





Serving the Parishes of:
 Blessed Sacrament - Greenbush
 St. Joseph's - Middle River
 St. Edward's - Karlstad

CREED CLASS NEWS

Creed Classes canceled while school is not in session. We will keep you updated with any changes as soon as we are aware. Please keep in tune through social media on further upcoming cancelations

FREE SACK MEALS FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS PICK UP ANYTIME

8am-8pm in Blessed Sacrament Church Entryway. Beginning Wednesday, March 18 until School Resumes

Brought to you by our Tri-Parishes:
 Blessed Sacrament Church
 Bethel Lutheran Church
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Blessed Sacrament St. Edward - St. Joseph Religious Education (RE) Committee

Elle Frislie	Chairperson
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Jess Foss	DRE
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Rachel Lund	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

Prayer Line Contact:

Ann Novacek at 782-2749 or Kathy Schafer at 528-3241 get a prayer line requested started. Shelly Kern to start the email prayer line: 782-2467 office

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

John Novacek	Sandra Duray	Lynette Renaud
Luke Novacek	Kyle Stenberg	Elinor Koshenina
Jared Evans	Rachel Lund	

St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

February –May: Joy Sand

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

There are three ways to continue giving.

1. Mail in your weekly stewardship to the parish office
2. Sign up for Auto-withdrawal from your checking account. Forms are included in this bulletin
3. Use the Credit Card Debit Card option on our website. www.bscgreenbush.com

BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual Sunday, April 5

Fiscal Year Budget \$136,150.00

Budget as of 4/5	Received as of 4/9	Difference
\$104,731.00	\$106,144.00	\$1,413.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ALL MINISTRIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

2020 DAA Status as of April 4

	Goal	Donated	% of Goal
BSC	13,818	15,853.75	118.21%
St Edward	4,182	608.00	13.45%
St Joseph	4,004	1603.33	42.20%
Diocese Goal	900,000.00	582,992.49	63.71%

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

Prayer Line Contact: Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Ben Gram

UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MIDDLE RIVER ST. JOSEPH: Historical submissions are being requested for the 100th celebration of our parish on July 26 beginning with mass at 11:30. All parishioners, past parishioners, along with others are asked to send any photos, information, or memories/stories for publication in our history booklet. Deadline for submissions is June 1. Start searching now! This information can be submitted by Emailing: Super33@wiktel.com or rachbuko7@gmail.com
Calling: 218-222-3767 or 218-688-0018
Texting: 218-689-2874 or 218-688-0018
Mailing: St. Joe History, Box 38, Middle River, MN 56737
Please help us celebrate this special occasion!

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St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, April 5

Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

Budget As of 4/5	Received as of 4/9	Difference
\$26,538.00	\$27,999.00	\$1,416.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ALL MINISTRIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



ST. EDWARD CORNER

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Olivia Braff Thomas Lenhart Kevin Shelter

100th Centennial

UPCOMING 100TH CENTENNIAL FOR ST. EDWARDS is scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2020. It is essential that we meet our deadline of the CENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK being June 1, so PLEASE get your family history submissions to Joanie Krantz at jkrantz@wiktel.com or mail to Joanie Krantz, 505 Main St S, Karlstad MN 56732 or call 218-469-3518.



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St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, April 5

Fiscal Year Budget \$38,200.00

Budget As of 4/5	Received as of 4/9	Difference
\$29,385.00	35,283.00	\$5,898.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ALL MINISTRIES ARE CANCELED



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Dear Padre,

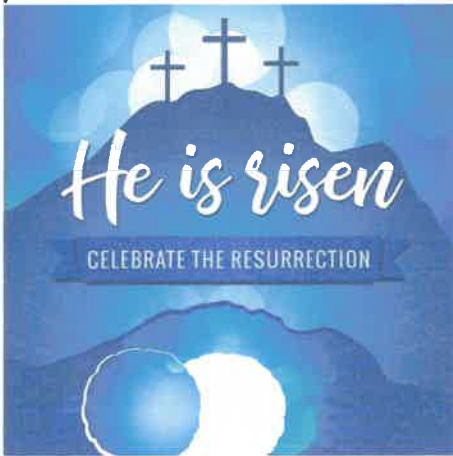
A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?

These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.

Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. “The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’” (*The Roman Missal*, “Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar,” 22).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ’s resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



To us also, on this Sunday, which St. John Paul II wished to dedicate to divine mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy.... Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.

—HOMILY, APRIL 12, 2015

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,

Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

Sunday

APRIL 26

Third Sunday

of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph Easter Art & Environment Memorials

Updated 4-19-20

Blessed Sacrament

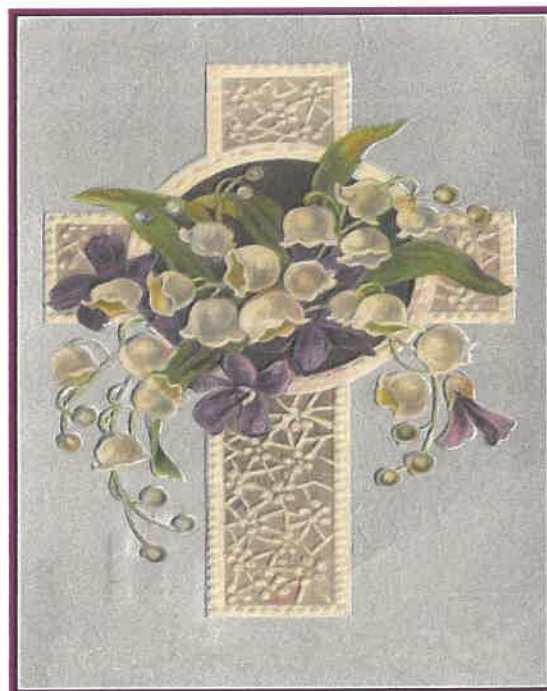
Al R & Betty Kukowski
Clayton & Tony Kjos
Wilfred Taus
Raymond Taus
Roy Hlucny
Robert & Mary Ann Verbout
William & Maybelle Wilson
Richard Novacek
Richard Sovde
Fr. Don Braukmann
Greg & Fran Reese
Albert Winkels
Donald Kern
Dorothy Kasprowicz
Tim Kasprowicz
Jennifer & Dennis Blashill
Jeanine & Bruce Stromgren
Alve & Oscar Lund

St. Joseph Husband of Mary

Stanley & Pauline Cwikla
Margaret Seaverson
Don Hunt
Frank Burda
Percy Seaverson

St. Edward the Confessor

Valerian Kasprowicz
Antoinette Kasprowicz
Peter Kasprowicz



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Breath of Life

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
as you once breathed life into the first
human being,
so now the Risen Christ
breathes your living Spirit into us.
May this Spirit animate every part
of our lives.
May we listen and look for the Spirit,
and follow where the Spirit leads.

If our faith is shaken,
if our joy wavers,
if we long for signs and wonders,
breathe your Spirit into us anew
so that we will persevere in discipleship
and inspire others to follow where
the Spirit leads.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Moving Forward

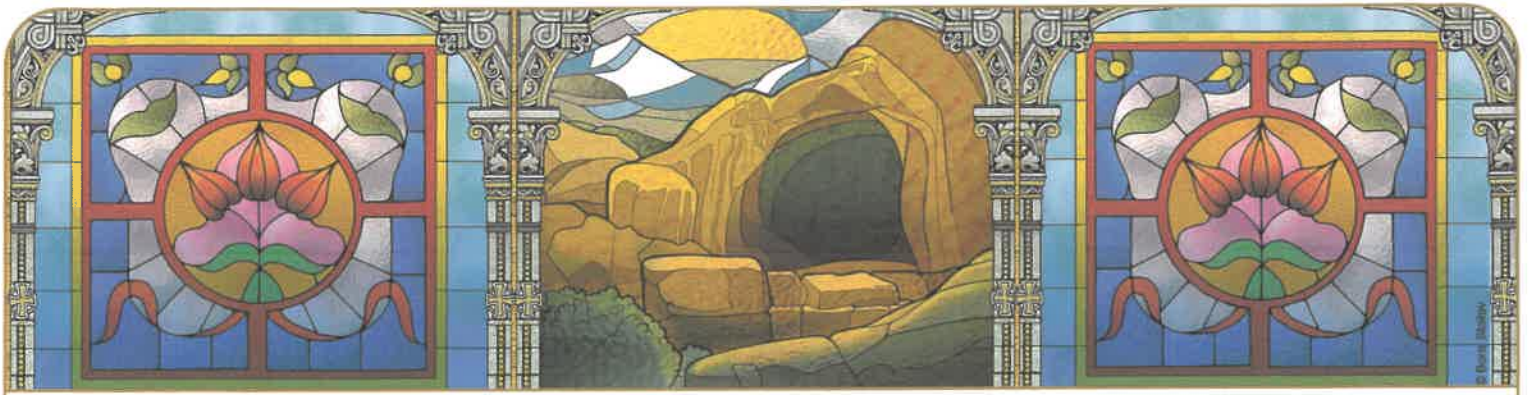


Today's Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31. Today's readings are permeated with joy. The disciples rejoice when Jesus appears, the early Church exults in her new life in the Spirit, and St. Peter writes of the “indescribable and glorious joy” that comes from knowing how deeply God loves us.

The readings also contain contradictions. The disciples believe in the Risen Lord because he appears to them, and in Acts we hear that the Apostles worked miracles, yet people are blessed for believing without seeing. The passage from Acts also portrays the Church as living in harmony, but other passages reveal that the Church faced internal conflicts and divisions.

St. Peter tells us that we rejoice in our salvation but will sometimes suffer because of our faith. Enduring persecution for the sake of Christ is difficult, but what about other forms of suffering? It's often difficult to integrate our experiences of pain and sorrow into our life of discipleship.

The readings celebrate the joy that arises from faith, but they remind us that faith must be strengthened. We need time in prayer for our encounter with the Risen Lord. We need time with the Scriptures, with the testimony of others who knew Jesus but who also struggled. We need a community to form and support us. Our faith will sometimes waver, but these people and practices will help us enter into the eternal joy of God's Kingdom.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 20 Reborn in the Spirit

Nicodemus doesn't understand that Jesus is bringing about the Kingdom of God. In response, Jesus speaks about the Spirit. Those who are "born from above," who receive the Spirit, become part of God's Kingdom. When the Apostles were reborn in the Spirit, they went forth to bring others into God's Kingdom. At Baptism and Confirmation, we celebrate God's gift of the Spirit, but how much do we let the Spirit work within us? Pray for the courage to live as someone who is reborn in the Spirit. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; John 3:1-8.*

Tuesday, April 21 What We Possess

Nicodemus is a leader among his people, but Jesus has far greater authority because he has come from heaven. Jesus has shared his authority with the Apostles. In Acts, we hear how converts entrust their wealth to the Apostles for distribution among the community. By giving up their wealth, people show that they have submitted themselves to Christ and his Church. They are no longer attached to material things. How attached are you to the things you own? How much would you put at the feet of the Apostles? *Today's Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15.*

Wednesday, April 22 Faith to Share

The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that our Christian faith is not something to be kept private. We are instead to be like the Apostles and share the good news that God loves the world so much he became human. When the Apostles are imprisoned for sharing this good news, God sends an angel to free them. God goes to remarkable lengths to help us share his love with others. How can you help someone encounter God's love today? *Today's Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21.*

Thursday, April 23 Brave Witness

Jesus, the one "from above" who has received everything from his Father, speaks on God's behalf and freely shares the Spirit with those who believe. Having received the Spirit, Jesus' followers continue to teach and heal in his name, despite being imprisoned, interrogated, and ordered to stop. Without their brave witness, we would never have heard the Gospel. Pray for those who risk their lives for Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36.*

Friday, April 24 Thy Will Be Done

Despite not having nearly enough food for the crowd, Jesus feeds everyone, and has baskets left over. It is God's will that people be fed, that they be nourished. In Acts, a Jewish leader intervenes on behalf of the Apostles, pointing out that if they are doing God's will, their work will succeed. What work are we trying to do? Does God support us, or are we acting for ourselves alone? *Today's Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15.*

Saturday, April 25 St. Mark the Evangelist

St. Mark responded to the Lord's command to "proclaim the gospel" by writing down the story of Jesus. In Mark's Gospel account, the danger of the cross looms early in Jesus' ministry. Mark seems to have composed his work for Christians who were persecuted because of their faith in Christ. Like St. Peter in his letter, Mark encourages those who suffer to remain "steadfast in faith." Although we are in a season of rejoicing, we remember that being an Easter people means we must also be people of the cross. Read some or all of Mark's account of the Gospel today. *Today's Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20.*

