

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian

*(Please call the office (701-265-8877) or Deacon Keith (701-460-1051) if someone needs a visit and/or Holy Communion)

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 AM. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 AM. **April Church Cleaners:** Ryan & Shelbie Goodoien, Tanya Wieler Family, Scott & Mary Salwei. **Collection:** Clay & Jim (Apr 4); Dianne & Melissa (Apr 11). **Reader:** Scott (Apr). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Gerald Dobmeier (Apr 4); Todd & Jen Zeb-rasky (Apr 11). **Sacristan:** Scott (Apr 4); Melissa (Apr 11). **Rosary:** Mary S (Apr 4); Jim (Apr 11). **April Spring Cleaning:** all Parish members, a list will be in the kitchen. Please check off when a task has been completed. Thank you!
Blessings on Gadget Burrell for being baptized on Easter Sunday!!!

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 AM; **More Confessions:** SAT. 4-5:00 PM, MON 5-5:15 PM. **April Church cleaners:** G-K. **Collection:** Allan & Randy (Apr 4); Larry & Kay (Apr 11). **Readers (Apr):** Sat-Mike; Sun.-Trevor. **Sanctuary Lamp:** *Vacant* (Apr 4); Francis Valentine (Apr 11).

Divine Mercy Sunday: We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Confessions from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (the Hour of Mercy) on Sunday, April 11th at St. Brigid. Come and receive graces from the Merciful Savior.

Blessings on Craig Vaughn for joining the *one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church* at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. Craig was received into the universal Church of Jesus Christ, received *Confirmation*, and joined us for the first time at the altar to receive Jesus Christ in *Holy Communion*. Thank you, Craig, for saying “yes” to the Holy Spirit!

Annual Diocesan **God’s Gift Appeal:** Letters from the diocese should have been mailed to you.

Spring Salad Luncheon! It’s back! *Friday April 30, 2021 from 11:00 am– 1:00 pm* in the St. Brigid Church Basement. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. See Danielle Olason for details.

Bishop Folda Easter Message: “*Dear friends, I promise to remember each one of you and your loved ones as I celebrate the Mass of our Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. May the Risen Christ bless you and your households with renewed hope and the promise of eternal life in his Kingdom. Happy Easter! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! This is the good news that is heard around the world today and that lifts the heart of every follower of Christ. On this joyful Easter night/day, I extend my greetings to you and your families as we rejoice in the risen life of Jesus. Our Risen Savior fills us with hope, because we know that he has conquered sin and death, and his love for us will never fail.*”

Mon	Easter Octave	Apr 5	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Skylar Alex
Tues	Easter Octave	Apr 6	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Frank & Mildred Kleinschmidt
Wed	Easter Octave	Apr 7	Noon	St Brigid	Winston Miller
Thur	Easter Octave	Apr 8	8:00 am	St Patrick	Makensie Miller
Fri	Easter Octave	Apr 9	Noon	St Brigid	Landon Alex
Sat	Easter Octave	Apr 10	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members
	Easter Octave– Sunday Vigil Mass		5:00 pm		Kelsie Maldonado
Sun	Easter Octave-Divine Mercy Sunday	Apr 11	8:30 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members
	Easter Octave-Divine Mercy Sunday		10:30 am	St Brigid	Brittney Dingman

Stewardship (as of 3-28-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	3275.00	437.00	St Patrick’s Care Collection March		255.00
Plate	70.00	139.00	Cemetery		340.00
Weekly Total	3345.00	576.00	St Anthony Cemetery \$200.00		
Yearly Actual Total	28,309.50	11,001.00	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	1,825.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	935.00	1,950.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		740.00

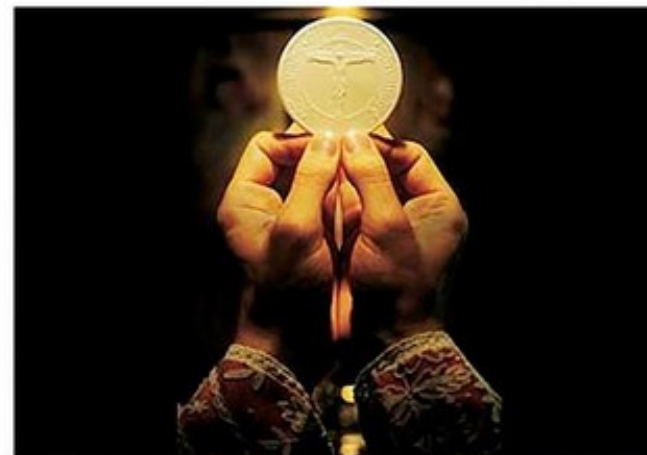
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Easter Sunday

St Brigid & St Patrick

April 4, 2021

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Easter and the Holy Eucharist

We do not usually associate **Easter** and the **Holy Eucharist**. But we should. Our faith tells us that God became man in order that, by His death on the *Cross*, He might redeem the world.

But this same faith tells us that, when Christ died on *Calvary*, the **Church** came into existence. We may therefore say that we were delivered from sin by the Savior’s death, and receive the blessings of His grace through the Mystical Body which came into being the moment Jesus expired on *Good Friday*.

At the Last Supper, when Christ pronounced the words, “*This is my Body*,” and “*This is the chalice of my Blood*,” the **Body and Blood** that were to be nailed to the Cross and shed on Calvary. As some of the Church’s earliest commentators explain, on *Easter Sunday* night when Jesus sat down with

the disciples at *Emmaus*, they recognized Him in the “*breaking of bread*,” which was the **Eucharist**.

Since the **Resurrection** of Christ, the *Holy Eucharist* is indeed the true, living Body and Blood of Christ. But it is now the Risen Christ in His glorified humanity. Words cannot be *clearer*. Christ in the *Eucharist* is now the Risen Savior who is seated at the *right hand of His heavenly Father* and will come on the last day to judge the living and the dead.

God became man **to redeem** us from our sins by His death on the cross. But He continues to exercise His priesthood by *communicating the graces* He won for us on Calvary. The Savior, *as God*, is the creator of supernatural life, and *as man* (united with the divinity), He is the unique channel by which this life is communicated to mankind.

From all that has just been said, we begin now to see how important, **and** indispensable, is the *Eucharist* as a **channel of grace to the human race**. Once we see that the risen humanity of Christ is the divinely ordained instrument by which supernatural grace is communicated to us, we begin to understand how **necessary** is the *Holy Eucharist* for all mankind.

The Eucharist **is** the Risen Jesus Christ whose humanity is a *channel of divine grace* to the world. It is *impossible to exaggerate* the importance of this truth of our faith. Even as we say this, we must remember that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who rose from the dead on *Easter Sunday*. The Risen Christ offers Himself during the double consecration in the **Sacrifice** of the Mass. He is on the altar as the Incarnate God in His *human nature*. The Sacrifice of the Mass **confers graces** on the whole human race.

What is the distinctive grace that we receive from the *Eucharistic Sacrifice*? It is the grace to **surrender** our wills constantly to the mysterious and often demanding will of God.

In *Holy Communion*, the Risen Christ **gives us Himself** in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. The benefits of Holy Communion are beyond human calculation. When we receive our Lord, He *strengthens* our supernatural life, He gives us the *ability* to resist the unruly passions of our fallen human nature, He *increases* our virtues of faith, hope and charity, He *removes* the guilt of our venial sins and *reduces* the temporal punishment due to our forgiven sins.

One more effect of *Holy Communion* needs to be stressed. Receiving our Risen Lord is a **promise** and assurance of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day. Christ Himself **assures** us that the reception of His risen Body in *Holy Communion* is the guarantee of our own glorious resurrection from the dead.

In the *Blessed Sacrament*, it is the **same** divine Teacher and the same Miracle Worker who taught and worked wonders during His visible stay before His ascension into heaven. With resounding emphasis the situation has not changed in our day. Jesus Christ is on earth in every tabernacle where the *Blessed Sacrament* is reserved, and on every altar where the Holy Eucharist is exposed for the adoration of the faithful.

But we **must** be faithful. We must be *full of faith*. The measure is our belief that Jesus Christ is **now on earth** in the *Holy Eucharist*. In the measure that we believe in *His Real Presence*, He will teach us the **truth**, and work miracles in our favor, even greater than the wonders He had performed during His visible stay in Asia Minor.

(from *The Real Presence Association*)