

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 30**  
4:00PM (Red Bud)  
**Sunday, March 31 Easter**  
8:00AM (P) Wayne Steibel  
10:00AM (Red Bud)  
**Thursday, April 4**  
10:00AM (P) No Mass  
**Saturday, April 6**  
7:30PM (Red Bud)  
**Sunday, April 7**  
8:00AM (P) Bob Chunn  
10:00AM (Red Bud)

LITURGICAL ROLES

**Gift Bearers**  
3/31 Larry & Cheryl Scherle Family  
4/7 Mark & Nancy Schwartz  
**Lector**  
3/31 Mary Havel  
4/7 Chris Krebel  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
3/31 Dave K., Bev, Dave E.  
4/7 Janet, Kim Julie  
**Servers**  
Please volunteer  
**Ushers/Greeters for April**  
Gary & Diane Chambers

**CHURCH SUPPORT- March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Envelopes \$1,287 Loose \$120 Cath. Relief \$50 Pledge \$10  
Holy Land \$50 Easter \$530 Monthly Charity \$50  
Pledge Drive to date: \$13,820 Goal \$20,000  
**Year to Date 7/1/23-3/17/24**  
Env. \$66,197 Loose \$4,835 Avg. Wkly Env. \$1,789 (37wk)  
CSMA...Parish Goal \$3,692. To date: \$1,735-19 households



PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound & nursing home, Our Military & their families, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Lola Depper, Roger & Carol Hess, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Fred Deterding, Chris Schwartz, Verona Schwartz, Sandy Duvic, ASC Community, Ray & Gladys Hess, Cooper Craddock, Roger Groth. George Epplin, Keith Bauer

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

**QUILTING-**Wednesday’s beginning at 9AM and Thursday evenings beginning at 6PM.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH??

Contact Dave Eichenseer at 618-791-0504



READINGS

**First Reading**—Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven. **Acts 10:34a, 37-43**  
**Second Reading**—Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. **Colossians 3:1-4**  
**Gospel**—Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead. **John 20:1-9**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday! Jesus, who sacrificed his life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus’ suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has led the way to His Father for all eternity. How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice he made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive his Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on this blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.  
My prayer is that you have a Blest Easter with your family. Thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week Services very prayerful, reflective and meaningful. Remember, we have 50 days to celebrate the joy of this Easter Season. Remember, we are Easter People, and Alleluia is our Song! Don’t worry so much, and know that you are loved!  
Fr. Dennis

PASTORAL VISIONING SURVEY

There are many good things happening in the Catholic Community of Southern Illinois. The many people who share their time, talent and treasure so that the Body of Christ is filled with life across our twenty-eight counties. As we look to the future, we need to consider what should be the priorities for our diocese from 2024-2029. While there will be meetings to hear the priorities identified by fellow Catholics, we are also encouraging people to contribute by writing. This will allow more of the faithful to be consulted. Please go to <https://form.jotform.com/233305253908050> and kindly submit your thoughts about priorities for the Diocese. A form will be included in the bulletin next week for you to complete and turn in. Thank you for doing this!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK  
IT BRINGS SUCH PEACE TO THINK  
THAT JESUS NEVER LEAVES US.



OUR FAITH  
WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN FOR US?

Jesus’ Resurrection—the most important event in human history is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy. During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn’t. That Jesus rose from the dead-a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts-means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too. The Resurrection gives us hope. “By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life” All those who die in God’s friendship will live with him.



**Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb.** He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. We journey to the tomb with Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and John, the first witnesses of the empty tomb. But first we hear the testimony of Peter himself, addressing an assembly of Gentiles, and Paul, addressing Christians in distant communities. Now it is our turn to give witness—to those close to home and to folks far away. Yes, over two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it is happening today. Jesus is risen, death is defeated, and redemption is here. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is Risen Today!

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(How Can We Not Share This Treasure?) We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to “come out of ourselves,” to take this joy and this light to all the places of our lives! The resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure! How can we not share this treasure, this certainty with others? It is not only for us; it is to be passed on, to be shared with others. Our testimony is precisely this.



MONTHLY ASSISTANCE

St. Patrick’s Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. **March/April’s donation will go to The Musketeer Market...an organization set up thru the Red Bud High School where kids can shop for everyday needed items...including food for lunch and supper.** If you would like to make a donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket. Contact Sandy if you know of someone in need.

KUDOS

- To those that decorated our church through the Lenten/Easter season.
- To our young people for making Mass happen last weekend.
- To North County News, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Jen Neptune 3/31, Larry Scherle 4/4 Charlotte Steibel 4/6  
**Amy & Bryan Rohlfling 3/31**

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal. In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. **Learn more at EucharisticCongress.org.** When: July 17-21, 2024; Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN. Prior to these days, come and join the Belleville Diocese for **EMMAUS DAYS July 7 & 8;** July 7<sup>th</sup> special events will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows & on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Watch the Messenger for times and additional information or go to the Diocesan website: [www.diobelle.com](http://www.diobelle.com).

RESPECT LIFE  
EASTER JOY

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! The darkness of the winter is gone and the gloom of Good Friday is behind us. Today is a wonderful day to celebrate Christ’s love for us.



PICNIC/PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Picninc meeting at 6PM and parish council following at 7PM in the Red Brick School.