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EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA!

*He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!*

About Today's Bible Readings

Jesus lives! The fact of his resurrection has set the world and its values upside down. (1 Corinthians).

Death is no longer the end but the beginning of a life that never ends (John).

Life has become a multi-dimensional experience in which believers share by faith in an ancient Passover; in which believers share daily the many great and small passages from death to life and look ahead to the ultimate passing over from time into the timelessness of eternity (Acts).

Responsorial Psalm:

118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

ENTRANCE RITE (Traditional CFR-RSV Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2)

V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

**R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me;
you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen!**

SEQUENCE - Victimæ paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (JOHN 20:1-9)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

**The Resurrection of the
Lord**

PROCESSION

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – April 27th

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

EASTER GREETINGS!

In these trying times, I urge you to take comfort and draw joy from the eternal Easter message, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christ's glorious resurrection is what being a Christian is all about and today is when we sing aloud our happiness and joy. For it is through Jesus' eternal, perfect sacrifice on the cross that we are made whole, our sins forgiven and the promise of eternal life is bestowed upon us. All we need to do to reap this greatest of all gifts is to believe in Him, our Lord and Savior, and to follow His teachings as He leads us on the road to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Please, be strong, take care and stay well as we once again join together as the one Body of Christ to sing praise, honor and glory to His most Holy Name.

From Fr. Sr. Donald and your parish Committee:

Happy Easter!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Greg Potash, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko, John DeHart and Bob Price, For the repose of the soul of Eric Meck.

Our Father....

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 24th; The Book Club will resume by meeting in the library at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Please join us!

Sunday, April 27th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, April 27th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The drive continues. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made payable to: "St. Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive.

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: April 25 & 26 (Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. Please sign up!

24th NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 24th National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held on Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. Please see the Pamphlets on the table in the vestibule for more information.

