



Happy  
Easter



Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Church

31 March 2024

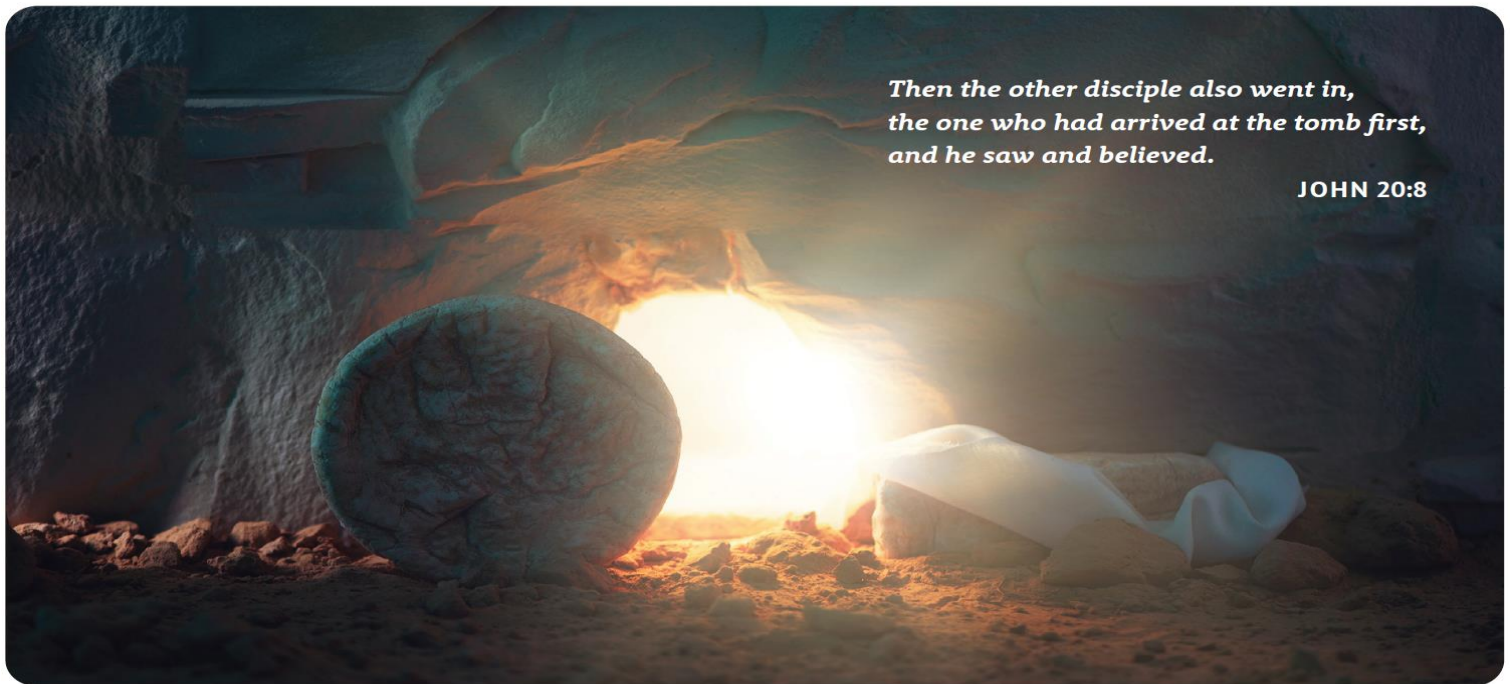
*Today's Readings Pg 140*

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm 118:1-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



*Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

## Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F** **ait**h can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

### Reflect

*Have you ever experienced life flowing  
from what appeared to be a death?*

## Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer...

Joan Rourke, April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie,  
Lois Wickman, Carma Schmidtke, Charlie Corey,  
Pam Miller, Marci Willey, Diana Snyder,  
Michael McDonough, Rose Kalb, Dave Chase,  
Marisa Davidson, Mary Ellen Youngblut, Karyn Beenken,  
Elaine Ernst, Lindsey Ernst, Ron Babinat,  
victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster;  
terrorism, and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts  
who are suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch †  
May they know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and  
hearts of those who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and  
healing rise like incense  
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**



### ► Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry:

contact Michelle Weepie 319-635-2428

► **IC Parish Prayer Chain Hotline:** Please contact  
Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M)

► **Sacrament Of The Sick** ~ Anointing for the seriously ill  
or dying, call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 319-283-3743,  
or if having surgery speak with Father Atwood in the  
Sacristy before or after Mas

► **Baptism Class For Parents:** All parents who wish to  
have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception  
parish are required to attend a baptism class prior to  
scheduling the baptism. Please contact Deacon Jim  
at 319-509-1210 for scheduling details.



► **IC Cemetery** – contact the parish office

► **Funeral Dinners: Group #2 May, June, July,, & August**  
We provide desserts & serve a catered meal

### IC STAFF

~ Fr. Ray Atwood, Pastor ~

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~Glenda Kleitsch IC Secretary/Bookkeeper~

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# Lent



March 31, 2024

## “The Resurrection was real”

One of the things we must be careful about at this time of year is the programs shown on A&E, the History Channel, Learning, Discovery, and Biography channels. They often present material on Our Lord during Holy Week (perhaps you saw something on the resurrection last week). Many of them present an agenda which denies the divinity of Christ, and especially his Resurrection from the dead.

My favorite is the so-called expert priest, who tries to justify his own leaving the Church, by giving Judas Iscariot better press than Jesus Christ, which says a lot. This ex-priest denies the Resurrection every year. He claims there was no Resurrection, no Easter, and Our Lord's Body was probably devoured by wild dogs. He really says this! There has always been some small group in every generation since the Resurrection who have denied it (see Mt. 28: 11-15, which says, “*While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. They assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, ‘You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while he was asleep.’ And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.’ The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed, and this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day*”). In our own generation, these people call themselves “experts” or scholars.”

The *Catechism*, which we are examining, is clear: “The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56, St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: ‘*I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve . . .*’ The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection, which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus” (CCC 639).

It continues with the question posed by Jesus to the women: “*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*” *He is not here, but has risen.*” The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb would be explained otherwise. Nonetheless, the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter” (CCC 640).

Finally, we read: “Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's resurrection for the apostles themselves” (CCC 641). An empty tomb, living witnesses, and the constant Tradition of the Church tells us the Church's belief in the Resurrection is solid and reliable.



The Lord Jesus, who founded the Church, will never abandon her, and the message of Resurrection continues to be proclaimed by her. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Believe it! Love it! Live it!

**God Bless You!! Father Ray Atwood**

## Parish Financial Support

Mar 24-28

Budget \$5835.56  
 Offertory \$277  
 Easter \$1150

### 2024 Fish Fry

Fish fry \$6913.00  
 Expenses -\$5280.00  
 Served 406 people.  
 Profit \$1633.00  
 100% fun and fellowship



*Thank you!*

*Thank you*

**From the Family of Leona Kleitsch**  
**A Sincere "Thank YOU" for all the prayers**  
**and kindness shown to our family in**  
**our time of need. Special thanks to Father Atwood,**  
**the choir and all those who provided and**  
**served food for the funeral dinner.**  
**What a blessing you have been!!**

## April 2024

Wed Apr 3 ~ Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM  
 Sat Apr 6 ~ First Saturday Mass 8:30AM Mass   
 Sat Apr 6 ~ Hall Rented Schmit Bridal Shower  
 Sun Apr 7 ~ Peanut Butter Sunday  
 Sun Apr 7~Fairbank Fire & EMS Pancake Breakfast 8-11AM  
 Fairbank Fire station Free Will Donation  
 Thurs Apr 11 ~ KC Mtg 7PM  
 Sun Apr 14 ~ Donut Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades  
 Wed Apr 17 ~ Monthly Community Potluck 11:30AM  
 Fri Apr 19 ~ Hall Rented for dress rehearsal.  
 Sat Apr 20 ~ Gremaud/Buzynski Wedding 2PM  
**Apr 21-26 ~ Father Atwood Vacation**  
 Sat Apr 27 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party  
 Sat Apr 27 ~ Faith & Four-Letter Words – Legion Hall  
 Sun Apr 28 ~ **Colleen Pasnik- speaking at 8:30AM Mass**  
**Mary's Inn Maternity Home**  
 Donut Sunday After 8:30 AM Mass IC Parish Hall  
 Brief Presentation by Colleen Pasnik

## Easter Sunday

### Easter Service

Sun Mar 31 • 8:30 AM IC Donald & Regina Beenken†  
 M: Deacon Jim EM: Michelle Weepie  
 Altar Server: Marshall Weepie  
 Lector: Lori Beierschmitt

Sun Mar 31 10:30AM SH For the People  
 Mon Apr 1 8:30AM SH Kathlene Nelson†  
 Wed Apr 3 8:30AM IC Andy & Beckett Kaufman†  
 Thurs Apr 4 8:30 AM SH Mary Jane Fitzpatrick†  
 Fri Apr 5 12:00 Noon SH Betty Adams†  
 Sat Apr 6 8:30AM IC Joann Leehey†  
 Sat Apr 6 4:30PM SH For the People  
 Sun Apr 7 8:30 AM IC Donny & Thomas Even  
 EM: Glenda Kane, Kelly Galleger & grandparents†  
 Altar Server: Jensen Beck, Alivia Weepie  
 Lector: Brenda Bodensteiner

Sun Apr 7 10:30AM SH Paul & Mary Catherine Bloom†  
**Apr 14, 2024 8:30 AM Mass**  
 M: Deacon Jim EM: Lori Beierschmitt  
 Altar Server: Marshall Weepie, Reagan Szurley  
 Lector: Jean Bellis



### March Ushers and Greeters

Bob Bellis, Tom Kleitsch,  
 Joe & Dianne Rubino, Richard Rundle

### March Money Counters

Glenda Kane & Lynn Plaster

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John W Even, Mitch Sauerbrei, Chad VanDaele  
 Mark & Donna Weepie, Rick Woods

### April Money Counters

Tom Kleitsch, Jean Sauerbrei



## Love Packages collection ends Apr 7

Have any religious books and/or literature to donate??  
 Collection boxes will be in the entry way of the church and hall.

## The flowers for the Easter season have been donated in Loving Remembrance of:

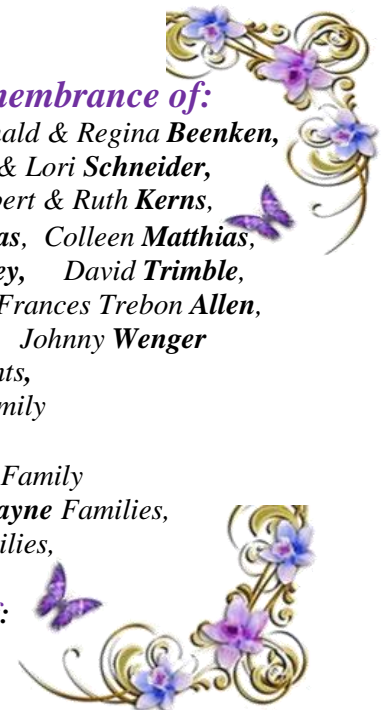
Donnie Brandt, Orville Kleitsch, Tom Corcoran, Pat Rourke, Earl & Mary Bellis, Donald & Regina Beenken,  
 David Beenken, Mike Everding, Orvald Ott, Andy & Beckett Kaufman, Carl & Lori Schneider,  
 Clem & Daphine Rourke, Alvin & Marian Welter, Terry Welter, Pat Miller, Robert & Ruth Kerns,  
 Don, Ramona & Josh Menuey, Emmett Kane, Francis & Evelyn Woods, Carrie Matthias, Colleen Matthias,  
 Jerry & Jake Brehm, Louis & Marie Stevens, Christopher Woods, Howard Meaney, David Trimble,  
 William A Weepie, Carl Klosterman, Liza Frost, Marie Allen Al Matthews Frances Trebon Allen,  
 Ronnie Steggall, Greg Brandt, Wally & Milly Kaufman Joe & Dixie Rubino, Sr, Johnny Wenger  
 Melvin & Bernice Babinat, Donny & Thomas Even & Grandparents,  
 Celia & Adam Buzynski & Family, Anne & Barry Buzynski & Family

### Deceased Members of the following Families:

Galleger/Golinveaux Families Walter Heth Family Laurence Corcoran Family  
 Beierschmitt & Marrah Families Delagardelle & Destival Families, Brian Wayne Families,  
 Norbert Schares Family, Jerry Shannon Family, Alfred Recker Families,  
 Peter & Elizabeth Michels Family

### Easter flowers have also been donated in Gratitude and Honor of:

Joan Rourke, Ralph & Vera Ehlers, Darold Matthias Family,  
 Rev Ray Atwood, Fr. Paul, Deacon Jim & Cheryl Patera,  
 Military, and Police Officers



**Gospel Reading**  
**John 20:1-9**

**Mary of Magdala finds that the stone  
has been removed from Jesus' tomb.**

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**MONDAY**  
April 1  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15

**TUESDAY**  
April 2  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18

**WEDNESDAY**  
April 3  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35

**THURSDAY**  
April 4  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48

**FRIDAY**  
April 5  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14


**SATURDAY**  
April 6  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15

**SUNDAY**  
April 7  
*Second Sunday  
of Easter  
(Sunday of  
Divine Mercy)*  
Acts 4:32–35  
1 Jn 5:1–6  
Jn 20:19–31

*We offer our sympathy and prayers to .....  
The Family and Friends of  
Mary Lou Fink (Husband Darwin)  
"and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and  
there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be  
any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have  
passed away."*

**Month of April Celebrations**

<b>80+ Birthday</b>	<b>50+ Years Anniversary</b>
Apr 5 John Woods	Apr 17 Brian & Teresa Corcoran
Apr 9 Cleo Joerger	Apr 26 Bob & Kay Frame
Apr 10 Darlene Hogan	
Apr 30 Roberta Clemons	
Apr 30 Lenora Ott	



*He is not here  
for He is  
**Risen**  
Just as He said.*

Matthew 28:6