

Third Sunday of Easter

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PARISH INFORMATION

- BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:** Mon. by 4:00 pm
- NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome all new families and individuals. Please call the rectory to register or see the pastor after Mass.
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Emergency Assistance Call 289-6101, Box #1164
- TRANSPORTATION:** Need a ride to the 4:30 or 10 Mass? Call Cathy White 776-0363, ext. 13.
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** For those in K-2nd grade at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- BAPTISM** Please call the rectory for information.
- MARRIAGE** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months before their intended date, and before any reservations/deposits.
- COMMUNION CALLS** Please call the rectory to request Holy Communion if someone is ill or homebound and as a result unable to attend Mass.
- EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Contact Therese Noecker, 776-7636. or Carmela Garza, 517-8311.
- HOSPITAL VISITS/ANOINTING OF SICK** Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or if you want Anointing of the Sick.
- FATHER GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER** 771-9411: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 110 chartered by SMOS is having an open house today at our April 6 pack meeting. It will be held in Tower Grove Park at the Stone Shelter from 3-5 pm. All boys completing K-3rd this year are welcome to come and see what we have planned for the rest of this year and join in the summer fun. Boys outside of our parish and school are welcome to join our pack. The meeting is also open to any adults who would like to get involved with our pack. For those of you who were scouts as children, we have lots of opportunities to reconnect with scouting. If you have questions contact Janet Braun at 771-4030 or braun.robert@sbcglobal.net

PARISH SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Parish School Board Nominating Committee is seeking nomination (either yourself or others) for three (3) upcoming openings on the School Board for three-year terms beginning June 2008. To submit a nomination or if you have a question, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee by April 10, 2008. The Nominating Committee, is Pete Salsich 776-7637, pete.salsich@huschblackwell.com, Barb Prosser 531-8340 prosheag@mac.com, Colleen Wyss cewyss@earthlink.net.

April 6, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat. April 12th 4:30 p.m.
To be announced
- Sun. April 13th—8:00 a.m.
To be announced
- Sun. April 13th — 10:00 am
To be announced



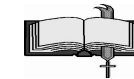
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. —April 12th —4:30 p.m.
Ginger Purcell, Tom Purcell, Joe Iovanna
- Sun. —April 13th-8:00 a.m.
Barb Lenzini, Cheryl Thomas, Cam Jansen
- Sun. —April 13th-10:00 a.m.
Rose Mary Murphey CSJ, Jerrod Gerstner, Pat McGovern, John Merideth, Kristen Ritter, Deb Halter, Julie Collignon, Patty Duffy



LECTORS

- Sat. —April 12th—4:30 p.m.
Rich Moser, Barb Betancourt
- Sun. April 13th —8:00 a.m.
Bob Waeltermann, Tim Mulligan
- Sun. —April 13th- 10:00 a.m.
Greg Rohde, Stephanie Ramey



GREETERS FOR APRIL

- 4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley
- 8:00 a.m. Martha Brake
- 10:00 a.m. Duke Dummerth, Patty Hendrickson



COFFEE & DONUTS 4/13/08

- Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini
- Coffee for April: Mary Brake
- Donut Clean-Up: Bob Waeltermann



- DRIVERS** 4/12/08 Carmela Garza
- 4/13/08 Gary Pey

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—
3rd Sunday of Easter**

“You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.” Psalm 16:11
Jesus has shown us the path to abounding joy. It comes when we give generously of ourselves. It comes when we love and serve one another. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we don't always recognize Jesus' way. Or maybe we just try to ignore it?



Monday, April 7th

- 6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention
- 8:00 a.m. Kathryn Beerman

Tuesday, April 8th

- 6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell
- 8:00 a.m. Marcy Garcia

Wednesday, April 9th

- 6:30 a.m. George Pollard

Thursday, April 10th

- 6:30 a.m. Raymond Austermann Sr.

Friday, April 11th

- 6:30 a.m. Dorothy Leonard
- 8:00 a.m. Rosalie Foelsch

Saturday, April 12th

- 4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, April 13th

- 8:00 a.m. Susan Schaffer
- 10:00 a.m. Parishioners



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 6 through April 13, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc,2 Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a,36-41 Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

REBIRTH . . .

From the



Still early in this special season, there are many signs of new life and rebirth among us—beginning with our newly baptized adults, and those newly received into our faith community.

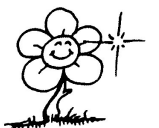
At the Parish Council meeting Monday night, we shared on what signs of hope we have in our lives. They included a new son-in-law, blooming redbuds, an extra day with sons due to the baseball rainout, talks with a confirmation candidate that lengthened due to floodwaters, and a remarkable state of health after a dire prognosis a year ago. I was struck by how many of these were created by hardships, or seeming obstacles; and not in spite of these, but *because* of these, new life emerged.

A lot of stories were told on the Confirmation Retreat day Monday, and the young people showed their seriousness and depth in response to challenges throughout the day, ending with a reverent gathering around the Eucharist with the Risen Lord.

Our First Communicants are again a specially joyful sign of Easter hope and faith

We need to keep focusing on these signs of hope among us, to celebrate the 50-day Easter Season. As writer Nathan Mitchell says, “Few of us can say yes to anything for very long . . . Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives . . . Fifty days of walking with the newly baptized ever more deeply into the mysteries of death and resurrection . . . Good heavens!”

But this is not “mindless hoopla”, or as Peter wrote last week, “giddy joy”; but an invitation to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives. It is cultivating our ability to say “yes” in recognition of this, in a culture that says many “nos”.



Sounds like work to cultivate this joy, and a new start, a new birth. Let’s keep going in it.

Weekly Collection for FY 2008	
Week of <u>March 23</u> , 2008	\$8,809.02
Average for FY 2008	\$7,700.06
Number of Envelopes 137	
Week of <u>March 30</u> , 2008	\$6,129.00
Average for FY 2008	\$7,663.98
Number of Envelopes 106	
Budgeted Average FY 2008	\$7,909.62



Welcome! We are happy to welcome the newly baptized member of our parish, *Maxwell McLean Codd*, the son of Michael and Samantha of our parish. May he and his family be blessed with peace and grace always.

CONFIRMATION

On Monday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m., Archbishop Burke is coming to confirm our 7th and 8th graders. Please keep our students in your prayers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
Monday, 4/7	Thursday, 4/10
SNIA 7:00 p.m. CH	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Chapel
Youth Chorus 7:00 p.m. School	PTA General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Gym
	Choir, 7:15 p.m. Church & CH
Tuesday, 4/8	Friday, 4/11
Senior Exercise 12:30 p.m. CH	All School Mass 8:00 a. m.
PTA Exec. 7:00 p.m. School	Faculty meeting 12:15 p.m. dismissal
Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Marr Residence	Saturday, 4/12
Worship 7:30 p.m. RMR	SVDP Seminar 9:00—1:30 p.m. CH
SVDP Officers & Coordinators 7:00 p.m. GOC	
Wednesday, 4/9	Sunday, 4/13
Service & Social, 7:00 p.m. GOC	RCIA 11:30 a.m.—1:-00 p.m. RMR
	DuBourg Swing Dance 6:30 p.m. CH

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - by Peter Hesed

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”

The disciples in today’s Gospel, Cleopas and another (his wife?), are known to us only from this Easter journey story. We have a remarkable look into their very hearts.

They had their hearts set on something, on someone: “we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel.” Maybe their hearts are so set that they are stony and unaware.

And so, their hearts are broken. “Looking downcast,” they are sure that their hopes have been dashed. They are confused and skeptical, sad and afraid. They are unable to see before them the very treasure that is their hearts’ desire.

What they need is CPR – Christ: Present, Risen!

The experience of the living Jesus is the return of hope, the renewal of faith, the revival of love. And their hearts burned within them.

The following is an excerpt from an article which has appeared in various places in the country by our parishioner, Toby Winright, Moral Theology Professor at St. Louis University.

“Shalom.” As Jesus’ followers were hiding in fear for their lives behind locked doors, Jesus suddenly appears in their midst with this common, though very meaningful, Jewish greeting. Indeed, he reassuringly and emphatically repeats it, “Peace be with you.”

One of the highlights of the Mass for our three-year-old daughter, Clare, is the passing of the peace. Indeed, she has been known to greet others outside of Mass and during the week with “Peace” when they extend their hand to her in greeting. No matter what toy she is playing with, or what snack she is eating, she will suddenly become an active participant in the liturgy when she share Christ’s peace with others—young or old, black or white, male or female, gay or straight, poor or well-off—in our general pew vicinity. And our daughter is certainly not alone; from what I have seen, it would not be hyperbole to say that all of the children here participate in this way.

Have you ever noticed how often peace is mentioned during the Mass? Toward the end of their influential pastoral letter, The Challenge of Peace (the 25th anniversary of which is this year) the U.S. Catholic bishops observe, “The Mass in particular is a unique means of seeking God’s help to create the conditions essential for true peace in ourselves and in the world” (par. 295). Soon after gathering together and beginning our worship of God, we often sing the Gloria, which proclaims, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.” In the anaphora, prayer is made for the peace and unity of the church, as well as for the promotion of peace and salvation in the world. Likewise, during the Communion Rite the priest prays, “Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom.” Then, after the Our Father, the priest continues praying, “Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.” According to the bishops, we pray for God’s peace for the here and now, “not just at some time in the distant future.”

Although there is undeniably much sin, evil, and violence in our world, we Catholics believe that Christ has inaugurated, through his resurrection, this alternative reality of peace in our midst—as embodied in the early Christian community’s devotion to fellowship, learning, sharing “as any had need,” and breaking bread together with glad and generous hearts. Some years ago the liturgical scholar, Robert Hovda, referred to the liturgy as “kingdom play,” in which worshippers gather and celebrate as if the kingdom of God that Christ represented has arrived. May the gestures we perform here at Mass come to perform us out there in the world.

Tobias Winright, Ph.D.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION TODAY AT NOON MASS!

Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner. It will begin this Wed., Apr. 9th, and be open from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. On Thurs., Apr. 10th, it will be open from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come during these hours. If you would like to volunteer some time to the Book Fair, please call Laura Reedy at 241-1484.

Kindergarten Screening is coming up on Apr. 22nd and 23rd. Please give school a call at 776-7837 to make an appointment !

SPRING APPEAL



Yes, we have begun our last month of this annual drive. For these three months of February, March and April we have been importuning our parishioners to make donations to this quiet drive. This is actually the biggest fund raiser of the parish because there are no prized to be bought, dinners to be catered or expenses to be defrayed. All is profit, and these funds become our way to help with both the parish and school budgets. We are grateful to all who have been able to participate and look forward to those who will soon avail themselves the opportunity. To date, \$17,490 has been contributed by our parishioners.

GAVIN GARDEN UPDATE

Twelve new raised garden beds were added last weekend to the existing nine beds at the Gavin Outreach Center Garden, thanks in large part to three Boy Scout Troops, our own SMOS Troop 110, Troop 20 from St. John The Baptist, and Troop 9 from St. Cecelia’s, and their troop leaders Bob Malon and Geoff Gerber. After the raised beds are filled with soil over the next few weeks, they will be planted with vegetable seeds and plants and begin producing even more fresh items to be given away at the food pantry or through our SVDP home visit ministry. If you are interested in helping tend the garden with weeding and harvesting, please give Bob Waeltermann, 781-3338 or Jeff Goldone, 776-2204 a call.

FURNITURE ITEMS NEEDED

Our SVDP Conference is in immediate need of some furniture items to help a family move their new apartment after being homeless for several months. If you have any of the following items, or know someone who does, that you would be willing to donate, please call Jeff Goldone at 776-2204. Items needed: a twin-size and a queen-size bed (and bedding if possible), a kitchen table and chairs, 3 dressers or chest of drawers, sofa and other living room furniture, lamps, pictures, along with kitchen essentials – dishes, pots & pans, etc. Thank you for helping this family get back on its feet again.

PARISH NURSE - By: Cathy White

Walk to Jupiter: Although the season opener was a wash out, our walking program did great! We accumulated 316 miles for the final week of our walk. The winner of the Cardinal t-shirt for last week was Kathy Petersen.

Next week the final total will be posted and we will have a drawing for all participants. This lucky person will get a \$50 gift certificate towards the purchase of Cardinal season baseball tickets (courtesy of the Cardinal organization!

SOUTH GRAND HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

Join South Grand Senior Ministry at the 15th Annual Grand South Grand House and Garden Tour on Sat., Apr. 19th. This tour will showcase the architectural and personal styles of grand living in five neighborhoods linked by South Grand Boulevard: Compton Heights, Compton Hill Reservoir Square, Shaw, Tower Grove East and Tower Grove Heights. Visitors will be able to view 12 homes and gardens many only admire from the outside. There will be a wine tasting, food and music along with free parking and shuttle buses to all locations. Regular tickets are \$15, but South Grand Senior Ministry is able to obtain tickets for \$12 each. Call Katie at 314-353-9700 to take advantage of this historically enriching opportunity.