

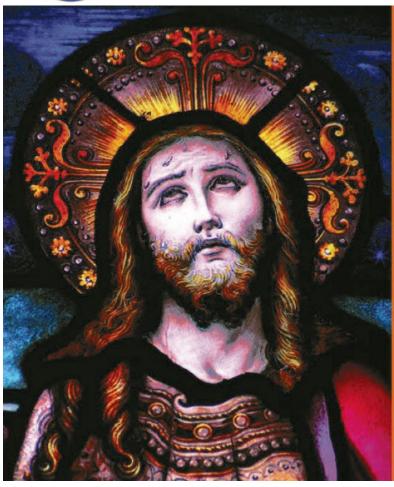
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen. 3rd Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES AT MARY OUR QUEEN

DAILY MASS

6:20am Tuesday - Friday, 8:15am Monday - Saturday

COMMUNION SERVICE

6:20am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:00pm, Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

MASS TIMES AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

DAILY MASS

9:00am Tuesday - Friday

COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm, and by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR BOTH PARISHES

Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-12:00pm

CLERGY

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whenever this line is used in the scriptures "The God of Abraham, the God of Issac, and the God of Jacob," it refers to a God who is personal. In the Easter narratives, we hear how Jesus personally encounters his disciples and unfolds the scriptures to their lives. The Gospel reading takes place after Jesus encountering two disciples on the road to Emmaus and they were relating their encounter to the other

disciples and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. Once again in His encounter with his disciples in His resurrected state, Jesus begins with the greeting "Peace be with you." By how Jesus greeted His disciples, Jesus wants us to know once again how He personally wants to encounter our lives — not through force or fear but by His loving encounter that invites us to come to Him. The offering of the Cross is the ultimate act of God's love. By how God fought evil with love, it tells us that there is nothing that would prevent us from God's love.

Next weekend, we celebrate First Communion with the Second Graders at St John Vianney. We celebrated with our First Communicants at Mary Our Queen last Sunday. Congratulations are in order. We would like to thank all our teachers and catechists for guiding them to this day. Please keep them in your prayers.

Work will begin on the playground at Mary Our Queen this coming week with the removal of the rubber mulch and preparation of the grounds for the poured surfacing rubber. The work should be completed in about a month. Installation of new slides will also occur during this process. In the meantime, please do not use the playground during this period. There will be caution tape around the area.

Because of your generosity to the Capital Campaign at St John Vianney and Mary Our Queen, we are able to pay down our debt at St John Vianney and to defray the cost of the roof replacement. We are also able to pay for the replacement of the mechanicals at Mary Our Queen. Through the Capital Campaign of Mary Our Queen, we were also able to start a new scholarship fund for Mary Our Queen School in honor of our Founding Pastor Msgr. Kenny. The scholarship fund will be used to assist active parishioners who need tuition assistance. Msgr Kenny and our founding members made a lot of sacrifices to ensure that our school was available for all who desire a Catholic Education and this scholarship continues in the spirit of our founding Pastor. More details of this scholarship will be made available in the near future. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, kindly contact our Parish Office.

As many of you are aware, I have been having health issues over the past few weeks. Although I have tried various treatments, surgery is inevitable. Please keep me in your prayers.

Easter Blessings to all of you. Fr Marc

MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL



"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet" Serving Preschool - 8th Grade

MOQ School Mission: To form students of faith to pursue academic excellence and live in Christian service.

Welcome to Mary Our Queen Catholic School. For nearly 60 years, we have partnered with parents to provide students an academically rigorous curriculum and strong spiritual foundation rooted in our Catholic faith. Our motto, "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet," encompasses our mission to provide our students opportunities to grow in intellect, faith and service to become faith-filled leaders of tomorrow.

Want to learn more about MOQ School?

Visit us @ moqschool.org Mustang Memo Located on moqschool.org Facebook facebook.com/moqschool/ Instagram @maryourqueenschool

Interested in Enrolling at MOQ School or scheduling a tour?
Visit us at mogschool.org or call 402.333.8663

As the JOY of the Easter season continues to be celebrated, we proclaim, "Alleluia!" Each day we are called to fully open ourselves up to the mystery of the resurrection by our daily acts to take up Jesus' love, care, and empathy for others. For these fifty days of Easter, I pray we all reach out to others as we live Jesus' risen life.

With joy, Maureen



THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH —4:00PM-9:00PM

DON & MILLIE'S IN ROCKBROOK WILL DONATE 20% OF
YOUR TOTAL BILL TO MOQ SCHOOL, BOTH DINE-IN AND
DRIVE-THRU! MENTION "MARY OUR QUEEN" TO THE
CASHIER!



MOQ PRESCHOOL

We continue to enroll preschool and PreK students for the 2024-25 school year. While there are waitlists for the PreK and Preschool 5 day programs, there are still a few spots available in the PM PreK class and the 2 and 3 day Preschool classes. If interested, please call the school office (402-333-8663) or email Kristen Burton at kburton@mogschool.org. MOQ Early Childhood programs provide a nurturing and faith-filled environment where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact either Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Both Parishes: Contact Renee Spicka at the MOQ parish office at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Mary Our Queen: Classes are currently online. Contact Kolleen Hoffman at the MOQ parish office to register.

St. John Vianney: Contact Mary Johnson at the SJV parish office to register.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Ann Hagenau at 402-578-9346 or email rcia@moqchurch.org

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Jesus is waiting for YOU! Join us for Exposition:

Mary Our Queen: Every Monday after the 8:15am Mass until 5:45pm.

St. John Vianney: First Friday Benediction at SJV at 6pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The time of paying a visit to Jesus is wholly the time of love—a love we will resume practicing in Paradise, since love alone "does not come to an end", said St. Catherine of Genoa. Many hours for perpetual adoration are open, especially on Saturdays and Sundays at Mary Our Queen. Contact Mary Adam, 531.375.0733.



MOQ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CALENDAR CLUB

Winners 03/30/24 - 04/05/2024

Daily Winners:

03/30/2024: Scott Naggatz

03/31/2024: Mark Voller <u>- Sunday Prize</u> 04/01/2024: Robert & Jeanne Schulte

04/02/2024: Nellie Polityka

04/03/2024: Eric & Amy Stephenson

04/04/2024: Kristen Goslee 04/05/2024: Ann Bruner

Bonus Draws:

03/30/2024: Kevin Purcell Jr.<u>- Holy Satur-</u>

03/31/2024: Jim Kaminski <u>- Easter Sunday</u> 04/05/2024: Dave Marx <u>- First Friday</u>

MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of March 17

Sunday Offering Online Giving Total	\$ \$ \$	17,920.00 10,944.13 28,864.13
Weekly Budget	\$	35,257.48
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	\$	1,136,756.84
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Difference	\$	1,404,784.24 -19.08%

Upcoming Collections

April 21: **General Maintenance and Repairs**. This collection is for parish building and maintenance expenses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 15, 2024

6:20 AM Communion Service

8:15 AM † Living & Deceased Members of CDACourt Mary Queen of Peace (TB)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:20 AM + Poor Souls (TB)

8:15 AM † Living & deceased members of the Horan & Nave families (RR)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:20 AM (TB)

8:15 AM † James Sledge (RR)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:20 AM † Ronald Hood (TB) 8:15 AM † Kenneth Gard (RR) 9:30 AM Personal Intention (RR)

Friday, April 19, 2024

6:20 AM + Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp (RR)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:15 AM Ginny McGargill (TB) 5:30 PM † Mary Frink (RR)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Pospishil & Flaherty families (TB)

9:00 AM † Andrew Wassom (RR) 11:00 AM † Jean Luettel (TB)

TNTs

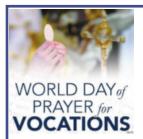
We are ready to play cards! Won't you join us? The TNTs host a card fest every Friday at 12:30pm in the St. Joseph Room. This is a great, warm opportunity to meet new friends and share with existing ones. St. John Vianney parish members are very welcome; we look forward to getting to know you better. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun. Questions? Contact Mike Dougherty at 402-689-2826, <u>Guinness1124@yahoo.com</u>. See you soon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on **Monday, April 15th.** We will pray the rosary at 6:15pm, have social time at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker will tell us about the Holy Face Devotion. We will be awarding two scholarships, the slate of officers will be presented for court elections, and we will discuss our upcoming activities.



Are you interested in learning more about Catholic Daughters? You are welcome to join us at a meeting. We would love to have more women join our Court! Even if you are not able to attend our monthly meetings, we are looking for new members to help with some of our projects and also as prayer partners. All Catholic women over 18 years of age are invited to join. For more information, visit us online at National: catholicdaughters.org or State: nebraskacda.org Contact Regent Sherry Wittrock at 402-850-4764 for more information.



"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. "
-Mt 9, 37:38

Sunday April 21 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Join us in the church for a rosary at 2:00pm. If you can't join us, please pray with your family or friends for vocations that day.



MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

Dangerous. Deceptive. Demeaning.



A Community Presentation on Defeating the Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

Pro-abortion activists are leading an effort to create a right to late-pregnancy abortion in the Nebraska Constitution.

Join pro-life champion Marion Miner of the Nebraska Catholic Conference to learn about this deceptive proposal, what the Catholic Church is doing about it, and how you can help defeat it.



Sunday, May 5th







Use the power of your voice to advocate for the good, the true, and the beautiful in Nebraska.Scan the QR code to join the Catholic Advocacy Network of NE (CANN) or visit NECatholic.org/TakeAction.



Marion Miner
Associate Director of
Pro-Life & Family Policy
Nebraska Catholic Conference



Save the

MOQ VBS 2024



June 10-14 9am- Noon

NEW LOCATION St. John Vianney Social Hall CREW REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

PARTICIPANT
REGISTRATION
OPENS MONDAY,
APRIL 15!

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Monday, A	April 15, 2024
6:20 AM	Mass (Church)
8:15 AM	Mass (Church)
9:30 AM	Exposition (Church)

1:00 PM Senior Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer (Church) 5:45 PM Benediction (Church)

6:30 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (Trinity Rooms)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 PM Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace Room)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church) 8:15 AM Mass (Church)

2:45 PM Jr. Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace

3:15 PM Robotics (Cafeteria)

3:15 PM Girl Scouts (St. Joseph Room)

5:30 PM Confessions

6:30 PM GriefShare (Trinity Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Cafeteria) 7:00 PM Parish Council (Upper Room)

7:30 PM Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:20 AM Mass (Church)
7:30 AM Alpha (Trinity Rooms)
8:15 AM Mass (Church)

10:30 AM School Band (Queen of Peace Room)

6:00 PM Religious Education

6:45 PM Spiritual Reading Study Group (Upper Room)

7:30 PM Athletic Committee (Queen of Peace Room)

Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church)

8:15 AM Mass (Church)

9:30 AM All School Mass (Church)

5:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Alpha (Trinity Rooms)

6:30 PM His Global Love (Family Room)
6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Cafeteria)

7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (Queen

of Peace Room)

7:45 PM Magis I (Upper Room)

Friday, April 19, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church)

8:15 AM Mass (Church)

12:30 PM TNT Cards (St. Joseph Room)

Saturday, April 20, 2024 8:15 AM Mass (Church)

4:00 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass (Church)

6:30 PM Marquee Sign Up Party (Cafeteria)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:00 AM Mass (Church)

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

10:00 AM Cub Scouts (Trinity Rooms)11:00 AM Mass (Church)

1:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 448 Meeting (Cafeteria)

2:00 PM Rosary for Vocations (Church)

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of March 17

Difference	0.80%
Budget	\$ 540,307.78
Fiscal Year to Date	
Actual	\$ 544,626.96
Fiscal Year to Date	
Weekly Budget	\$ 13,692.31
Sunday Offering	\$ 11,405.05

Upcoming Collections

April 21, 2024: **Reduction of Debt.** This collection is for reduction of the parish debt.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 15

9:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 16

9:00am + Frank Caruso

Wednesday, April 17

9:00am † Timothy M. Eisenhauer

Thursday, April 18

9:00am † Nick Slattery

Friday, April 19

9:00am † John & Anna Marie Klitz

Saturday, April 20

5:30pm For the living parishioners

Sunday, April 21

7:30am † Edward & Lisa Gray

† Pat Travis

10:30am † Judy Addison Shields

† Myrtle Addison

CHRIST IN GLORY WITH ALL THE SAINTS

An Art and Development Program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. John Vianney Parish

Thank you to those who have completed the pledge card and returned it to the parish office. If you have not returned your card, please take a few moments to fill it out and return it. Thank you for your generosity in "Moving Forward By Giving Back".

Contributing to the Christ In Glory With All The Saints campaign is not just about the funds we raise, but the unity and love we demonstrate. It is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to the parish, to our faith, and to each other, setting a strong foundation for the next 50 years and beyond. By giving, you are helping to provide the resources necessary to continue offering vital spiritual guidance, community outreach programs, maintaining the sacred spaces where we gather in worship, and ensuring the financial stability for future generations and growth. Your gift, no matter the size, makes a tangible difference. As we move towards our 50th anniversary, it is an investment in our spiritual home and in the future of the faith we hold dear. There are extra pledge cards and information on the table in the Narthex. Please complete your pledge card and turn it into the office.



Progress of 2nd panel of *Christ In Glory With All the Saints*,
including image of St. John
Vianney.



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR COOKBOOK(S) YET?

Our beautiful 50th Anniversary Cookbooks are available to be picked up. You can pick up your cookbook(s) after the weekend Masses in the Narthex or stop by the parish office Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm or Friday 8am-Noon. Cookbooks cost \$25 each. You are welcome to purchase more than one. What a great gift for yourself and your family and friends. *Proceeds from this special cookbook will be used to retire our debt*.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS





MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Trivia Night - Friday, May 17th

Doors open at 6pm, game starts at 7pm. Bring your own drinks, snacks or dinner! Put your teams of 6-8 adults together for a fun night of friendly competition. Get creative! The best decorated table wins a FREE table at next year's Trivia Night! ALL proceeds go to our Community Outreach to help the needy in our community.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY JUBILEE

St. John Vianney Parish will turn 50 years old in 2024. We have activities throughout the upcoming year to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Thoughts from Fr. Paul Schwaab, compiled by Martha Bruckner "Where, oh merciful God, are the actions of my everyday life that show that I have any knowledge or affection for You? How did I serve You yesterday? I fear more that my day was a disservice. I fear, Lord, that yesterday was an empty failure; granted, I didn't deliberately try to offend You, but whatever I achieve of worldly good and mundane success is empty if I do not offer the entirety of it to You and see Your will in all of the little things that make up all of my yesterdays. Enlighten me that I can make an eternal success out of today. 'All for You' will be my motto for today." (St. Mary's Church, Omaha, 1961)

SJV JUBILEE 50th JUBILEE PRAYER

God, our Almighty Father, to you be given all honor and glory. May you continue to bless our parish under the patronage of St. John Vianney. We ask for his continued intercession as we celebrate this 50th year jubilee. Just as St. John Vianney taught God's love and forgiveness in Word and Sacrament may our parish honor his witness and presence as we continue to live as a faith family in **Community** to **Proclaim** your Word, to **Worship** you in Spirit, and to provide **Service** to others. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ, alive in glory with all the saints. Amen.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 15, 2024

9:00 AM Communion Service (Church)

7:00 PM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:00 AM Mass (Church) 12:30 PM Mat Making

1:00 PM Pinochle (Ars Room) 7:15 PM AA (Ars Room)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

(Education Center)

9:00 AM Mass (Church)9:30 AM Classy Seniors

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Ars Room)

4:15 PM Religious Education6:15 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Teen Life Ministry (Social Hall)

Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

10:00 AM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Friday, April 19, 2024 9:00 AM Mass (Church)

Saturday, April 20, 2024 4:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:30 AM Mass (Church)

10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Family Room)

10:30 AM Mass (Church)

10:30 AM Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday

School (Education Center)

2:00 PM First Communion Mass (Church)

PANTRY NEEDS. THIS WEEK'S NEEDED ITEM:

Snacks - cookies, crackers, microwave popcorn, dried fruits, etc.

YARN NEEDED

It's spring-cleaning time. If you have 4-ply yarn that you no longer need, please drop it off at the parish office. We will use it to make prayer shawls. Thanks!

PRAYER CHAIN

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to our prayer chain, please contact Connie Garza (402-333-2168) or Sheila Gehrman, (402-333-9595).

ST. JOHN VIANNEY: Call Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 or email mjohnson@johnvianney.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to the weekly prayers of the faithful for the recently deceased or the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 402-333-8662.

St. John Vianney: Please contact Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A VISITATION BY A PRIEST BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, PLEASE CALL EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR JOINT PARISH FAMILY.

FOR THE SICK.

FOR THE DECEASED. ETERNAL REST GRANT UPON THEM, O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Linda Schluter, Jeanette Keely

Communication Deadlines: Combined Bulletin Monday at Noon communications@mogchurch.org

MOQ Pulpit Pleas Thursday at Noon SJV Sanctuary Screens Monday at Noon



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please Welcome NEW PARISHIONERS

MARY OUR QUEEN
Jack Martin

Mitchell & Aurbey Boesch

Elizabeth & Isabella

Zachary & Megan Lutz- Priefert

Gideon Max Randal
Glenn & Cassandra Yankey

Daniel Charles Fergus
Heath & Elizabeth Draney

Elijah Thomas

Thomas Jr. & Kristyn Hamilton

Jake & Amanda Mancuso & Family

Dan & Abby Lenaeus & Family

Chelsea Burkink

Jeffrey & Lucita Taylor & Family

Brayton Novak-Stang

Karina & Martin Lara & Family

Staphany & Shane Smith & Family

Emily & Jack Bowman & Family

Tanya Chapa & Family

WORSHIP

HOME ENTHRONEMENT

Please consider enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary in your home! As per the World Apostolate of Fatima, "Enthronement of our homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is an excellent means of sanctifying, protecting, enhancing and preserving marriage and family life....The consecration of our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary acknowledges her as our spiritual Mother and implores her to extend her mantel of love, comfort, and protection over us and lead us to a deeper relationship with her Son. Enthroned homes become domestic churches in which Jesus and Mary are participants in the everyday lives of all members of our families." For more information or to schedule it, please contact Lois Coyne at 402-697-0533 or Lori Hamilton at 402-699-5027. Fr. Rob Scheiblhofer assisted by two Legion of Mary members will enthrone your home.

A PETITION IS CIRCULATING FOR ABORTION AMENDMENT TO THE NEBRASKA CONSTITUTION THAT WILL ALLOW ABORTION ON DEMAND UP TO BIRTH. IF ENOUGH SIGNATURES ARE COLLECTED BY JULY 13, THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN THE FALL. PLEASE DECLINE TO SIGN! INFORMATION, DOWNLOADS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT WWW.SAVETHEBABYKILLTHEBALLOT.COM.

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DEACON'S CORNER

Today's Host: Deacon David Medeiros

This column features a weekly article from the Deacons of both parishes.

Jesus I trust in you!

The book "He Leadeth Me" by Walter J. Ciszek, S.J., with Dainel L. Flaherty, S.J. is a story of Father Walter's journey/mission to Russia. He was captured and convicted as being a Vatican spy and spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps. He writes about his journey and his faith while in Russia.

In Chapter 7, 'Four Years of Purgatory', he speaks about trying to understand what is God's will for him as he lives his daily life in these prisions and labor camps.

He writes.

"Perfection consisted simply in learning to discover God's will in every situation and then in bending every effort to do what must be done.

Now, with sudden and almost blinding clarity and simplicity, I realized I had been trying to do something with my own will and intellect that was at once too much and mostly all wrong. God's will was not hidden somewhere "out there" in the situations in I found myself; the situations themselves were his will for me. What he wanted was for me to accept these situations as from his hands, to let go of the reins and place myself entirely at his disposal. He was asking of me an act of total trust, allowing for no interference or restless striving on my part, no reservations, no exceptions, no areas where I coud set conditions or seem to hesitate. He was asking a complete gift of self, nothing held back. It demanded absolute faith: faith in God's existence, in his providence, in his concern for the minutest detail, in his power to sustain me, and in his love protecting me. It meant losing the last hidden doubt, the ultimate fear that God would not be there to bear you up."

Lord, let your face shine on us! Alleluia!

Next Week: Deacon Ron Horner

Footsteps of Saints Pilgrimage

FRANCE & ITALY

Mass at the Shrine of St. John Vianney

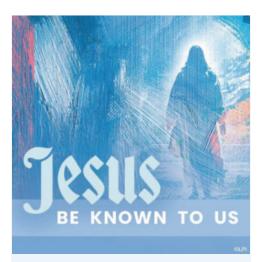
Join Fr. Richard Reiser from July 31 - August 10, 2024

\$3,800 plus airfare



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- *Click on Upcoming Tours
- *Click on Footsteps of Saint Pilgrimage France & Italy
- *Click on Book This Tour
 - ~For more info, see flyer in the SJV Narthex~



GOSPEL REFLECTION 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrongheaded it is, and how helpful it is to rethink the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION APRIL 14TH, 2024 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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F.A.R. [A SERIES FOR TEENS]: What is genuine friendship? Does it matter what my friends believe? What about my future spouse? Join the Evangelium Institute for their next session of Faith and Reason (F.A.R.) as Dcn. Peter Kennedy addresses these questions and more! Sunday, April 14, 7-8pm at the St. John Paul II Newman Center. Ticket info at www.eicatholic.org/upcoming-events

ST. PEREGRINE MASS The Servants of Mary invite you to join them for the Peregrine Mass on **Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 am** at their Motherhouse, 7400 Military, to pray for all those suffering from cancer or life -threatening illnesses. This is open to all, but especially for those who are ill, their families/friends and caregivers. If you are unable to attend in person, please join us on our website



<u>www.osms.org</u> for a live stream of the Mass. You may enroll yourself or others to our Peregrine prayer list by calling 402-951-3092 or email us at: stperegrine@osms.org

HEALING MASS His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Generational Healing Mass on Friday, April 26th, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 9602 Q St. Omaha. Rosary at 6:15pm, praise and worship to follow. Mass at 7:00pm. Fr. Kevin Joyce from His Global Love Ministry will be presiding. All are welcome. Questions contact Frances at 402-515-8000.



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Strawberry Brunch is back! Join us on June 1, 2024, at St. Wenceslaus Church's Cain Hall. Food insecurity is a terrible problem for many people and their families in

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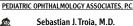
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