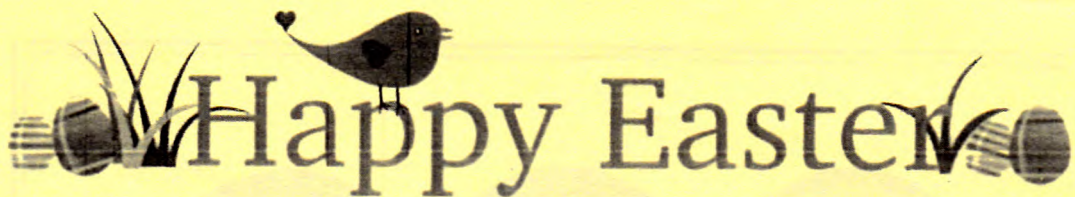




EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 16, 2017

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church



Happy Easter

Thanks to everyone who helped make Lent and Holy week such a success again this year! The choir, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers, organizers, decorators, the cooks and all the helpers for our post-vigil celebration – everyone who contributed to a memorable celebration of Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord. We couldn't do it without all your combined efforts!

Thanks very much,
Fr. Jim

EASTER FLOWERS – The list of loved ones remembered with Easter flowers is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Please return your rice bowls to the basket by the doors into the sanctuary.

THE EASTER EDITION OF THE WORD AMONG US is available in the back of the church. It contains the Mass readings from Easter through Pentecost along with daily meditations.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 22nd and 23rd :

Saturday Wine & Cheese – Eileen & Mike Davey

9:00 AM -- Eileen & Perry Broughton 11:00 AM -- Pat & Corky Fleck

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY - We have limited copies of a corrected/updated directory. If you didn't get the 2016 edition, now's your chance. See Mark Myers!

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: \$8,077.00 Thanks!

When Christians are asked the meaning of Easter, they refer to the resurrection of Jesus. It is the day for telling the wondrous story: Mary Magdalene saw the stone move away, Peter went in and saw the wrappings on the ground, and the beloved disciple saw and believed. The faith of contemporary believers builds on their testimony. It is our festival of life, for the boldness of God's love snatched victory from the jaws of death. Our memories and rituals unite us with that event which was so disconcerting, marvelous and liberating.

Sunday after Sunday, and especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once-upon-a-time event. We bless and share a meal that shapes us as the Body of Christ. We sing alleluias and say the good news still takes flesh in our world. We color eggs and enjoy feasts without need of a rational explanation. The pull to dress finely may be marred by commercialism or a drive for status, but we know our winter has passed and new life is here. In these and in so many other ethnic customs, we renew life just as we renew our baptismal commitment. More correctly, we rest in awe before the One who renews life and provides the possibility of commitment.

The reading from Colossians highlights still another dimension of this day. Implicit within all these celebrations, there is a sense of future. We can be intent on "things above rather than on things of earth." Easter is the promise of the endtime. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Resurrection of the Lord.* Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Psalm 118/
Colossians 3:1-4/ John 20:1-9.
- Monday: *Monday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 2:14, 22-23/ Psalm 16/
Matthew 28: 8-15.
- Tuesday: *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 2:36-41/ Psalm 33/ John 20:11-18.
- Wednesday: *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 3:1-10/ Psalm 105/
Luke 24:13-35.
- Thursday: *Thursday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 3:11-26/ Psalm 8/ Luke 24: 35-48.
- Friday: *Friday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 4:1-12/ Psalm 118/ John 21: 1-14.
- Saturday: *Saturday within the Octave of Easter.* Acts 4:13-21/ Psalm 118/ Mark 16:9-15.
- Next Sunday: *Second Sunday of Easter.* Acts 2:42-47/ Psalm 118/ 1 Peter 1:3-9/
John 20: 19-31.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



**“This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.”**

Easter is a celebration of new life! All creation joins in the celebration. Each Spring we rejoice in the new life of nature bounding forth after the long winter. Christians echo nature in celebrating the ‘new life’ of God’s presence bursting forth among us through the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is raised from the dead! But not only is Jesus raised from the dead, we are too. At Easter we celebrate the “new life” we receive through faith and baptism. Indeed, our celebration becomes significant to the degree that we personally recognize this “new life” within us, those fruits of the Spirit’s presence in our own hearts: charity, joy, peace, patience.

At Easter we humbly ask God for the grace to open our hearts more fully to the Risen Jesus. In opening our hearts we become more and more God-like for we radiate the very presence of God through our charity, joy, peace and patience.