

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
Pre-registration for the class is required;
call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
wedding date. Contact Fr. Allen.

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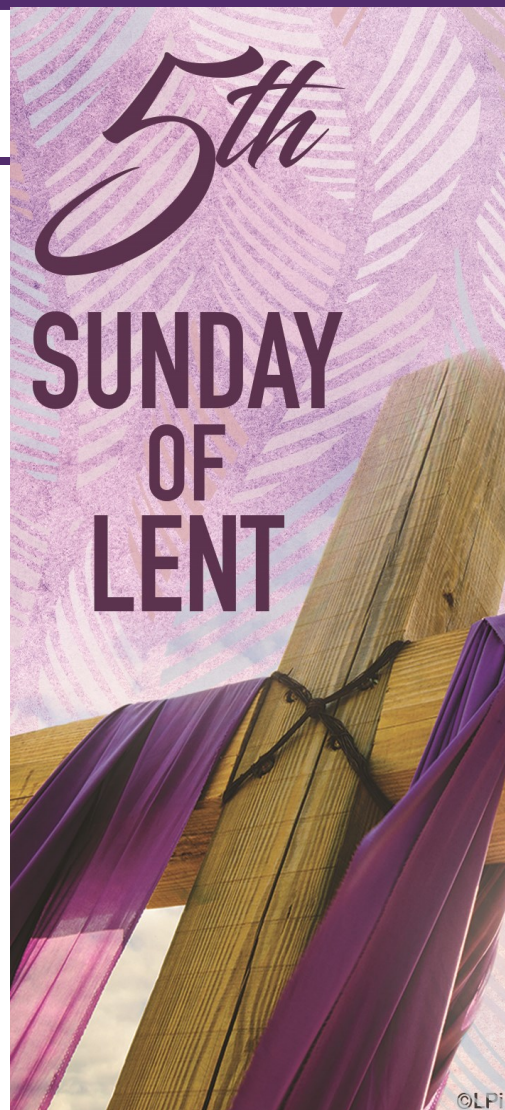
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Team Talk

By
Chris Koleske &
Ann Wehnert



How Is the Date of Easter Calculated?

Easter is a moveable feast, which means that it does not occur on the same date every year. So how is the date of Easter calculated? The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. We know Easter must always occur on a Sunday because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover.

The Church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones which would mean the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone you live in. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21, even though it can occur on March 20. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter.

Still, Easter isn't celebrated universally on that date. While Western Christians use the Gregorian calendar (the calendar that's used throughout the West today, in both the secular and religious worlds) to calculate the date of Easter, the Eastern Orthodox continue to use the older, astronomically inaccurate Julian calendar. Many Christians believe the date of Easter is determined by the date of Passover. The reason the Council of Nicaea set up a formula for calculating the date of Easter was to separate the Christian celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the Jewish celebration of Passover. Some Christians in the early fourth century were calculating the date of Easter according to the Jewish calendar while others believed it needed to be calculated separately. The Council of Nicaea agreed with the latter group. While Easter and Passover were related historically—as noted above, the Last Supper occurred on the Passover—and theologically, the Council declared the connection between the two holidays ended with the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Why? Because Christ is the new Paschal Lamb, of Whom the lamb sacrificed at Passover was just a sign or symbol. That symbol found its completion in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Thus, the continued celebration of the Jewish Passover has no theological significance for Christians because Christ is our Passover Lamb.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our next blood drive at St. Richard will take place on
Monday, 23 April
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

This Week in Our Parish

Tues. Pastoral Council - 6:30 p.m. VH
Wed. Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 p.m. at St. Edward
Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m. at St. Edward
Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m. C
Thur. Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. VH
Fri. Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

"Create a clean heart in me, O God." This excerpt from Psalm 51 is sort of an inventory of lives. What is it in me that dirties my heart? What is in my heart's inventory that needs to be taken off the shelf and cleaned, recycled, disposed? In a nutshell, God is not interested in what we share, it's what we keep to ourselves and not cleaned and shared with others. Last week's financial stewardship was \$10,949 in envelopes (68 entries), \$341 in anonymous gifts to God, and \$255 towards our Building Fund. Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure in appreciation for the generosity of what God has given to us - Jesus crucified and soon risen to new life in God.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution by Mary Wyant
Did you know that you may be able to make a donation directly from your IRA to your parish or other favorite charity and get a tax advantage at the same time? This tax break, called the "IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)," has been available in the past, but only year-by-year. Congress made it permanent in 2016.

If you're over age 70 ½ and have an IRA, you probably know that you're required to take a "Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)" every year. You also know that your RMD is taxable income. The QCD allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity and have it count toward your RMD, tax-free. You don't have to itemize deductions to take the QCD. Even if you do itemize, you may get a better tax benefit by taking the QCD.

Talk to your tax or financial advisor to see if the QCD might be a good tax strategy for you and how to take it. One important thing to know is that the distributions must be made directly to the charity by the financial institution that has your IRA. Once the RMD has been paid out to you, or even transferred to your non-IRA account, you can't take the QCD.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said each Wednesday of Lent at 5:30 p.m. with a simple soup supper to follow. This Wednesday, 21 March, will be "Reenactment of the Stations" presented by Our Lady of Grace Academy at St. Edward. A soup supper will follow in Schaefer Hall.

Penance Service

The final city-wide Penance Service during this season of Lent is at St. Lucy on Tuesday, 20 March at 1:30 p.m.

Men Can Cook

Yes! It's back!! All men from St. Richard and St. Edward who THINK they can cook are invited to an informational meeting on 19 March at 6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. We are looking for 13 teams of chefs. This is a fundraiser for both parishes. Who will be the next "Gordon Ramsey"? If you have any questions please call Bill Mutchler at 554-0147.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

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Sunday, March 18

9:00 a.m. † Delores Ricchio

11:30 a.m. † Jean Fischer

Monday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 a.m. † Lucille Majewski

Thursday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; Day of abstinence

8:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

Saturday, March 24 -

4:00 p.m. † Joyce & Paul Emmons

† Damacio Gonzalez

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

11:30 a.m. † John & Mary Orr

Family Choir/Easter Choir

This year we will have two rehearsals for our 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. We hope you will consider joining us! Anyone is welcome to join. We accept children, adults, seniors, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and everyone. Because we will only have two practices, this is a great opportunity to join a choir if you are unable to make a regular commitment. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, 25 March at 10:00 a.m. (in between the two Masses), and our second and final rehearsal will be on Holy Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wehnert at awehnert@gotasec.com.

A.C.T.S. Youth Ministry News Easter Vigil Lock-In

Please join us for the seventh annual Easter Vigil Lock-In. All teens in grades 6 thru 12 are invited to participate in this unique experience. Teens will meet in Vogel Hall between 9:30—11:30 p.m. on Saturday, 31 March for a night of supervised activities including fellowship, games, prayers, and small/large break-out sessions. Food and beverages are provided but each participant is asked to bring a snack to share with others. The vigil will end with Easter sunrise Mass held at the lakefront at approximately 6:31 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Participants must be picked up no later than 7:45 a.m. at the Mass site. For more information please call Eloy at 664-3111.

Stations of the Cross—A journey you'll never forget. Each Friday of Lent the stations will be led by A.C.T.S. teens at St. Patrick at 6:00 p.m.

Fish Fry—One more chance to get some delicious fish on Friday, 23 March at St. Patrick. Lunch dine-in or carry-out is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner dine-in or carry-out is from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from this very important fundraiser support the A.C.T.S. Youth Ministry 2018 Mission Trip.

Open Gym Wednesdays at St. Patrick Cristo Rey Hall on 21, & 28 March from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. A permission slip is required and times may change without notice. Stay up to date by visiting www.actsracine.org

Matthew Kelly Bus Trip

Do you want to become a better version of yourself? How about the best version of yourself? Don't miss Dynamic Catholic and Matthew Kelly's largest event in Wisconsin on 23 June at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller High Life Theatre. Matthew Kelly, *New York Times* bestselling author and internationally acclaimed speaker, will inspire you to live every day with passion and purpose. St. Paul Parish has a limited number of spots available for their bust trip. Tickets are available at the St. Paul Parish Office for \$40 each (price includes ticket and bus). For more event details, please visit DynamicCatholic.com/ Milwaukee or call 859-980-7900. Get your tickets before they're gone!

Lenten Cluster Collection

There is still time to pick up your can bank to help support the Welcome A Stranger project. The St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Guadalupe Conference would like to raise \$13,000 annually for attorney fees to help undocumented parishioners with immigration matters. Please help support this very important ministry.

2018 Calendar Raffle

03-04-18 \$50 - Frank & Bettyanne Pellizzari - Racine

03-05-18 \$25 - Elena Koleske - Franklin

03-06-18 \$25 - Mary Kelver - Arvada, CO

03-07-18 \$25 - Brian and Janie Noe - Kenesaw, GA

03-08-18 \$25 - Anita Atkinson - Racine

03-09-18 \$25 - Suzi Coe - Racine

03-10-18 \$25 - Sue Kirchoff - Racine

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society will sponsor their annual Spring Bake Sale on 24 & 25 March. We encourage anyone who enjoys baking to do so. Please bring all bakery items to Vogel Hall before the 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses. The bake sale will be over when all items are sold. Thank you very much for your participation in this upcoming event.

St. Vincent de Paul Meal

St. Richard will sponsor the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal on Tuesday, 27 March. Sign-up sheets and pans are available on the table in the back of church.