

ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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Parish Office Phone: 637-8374
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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Pastoral Team

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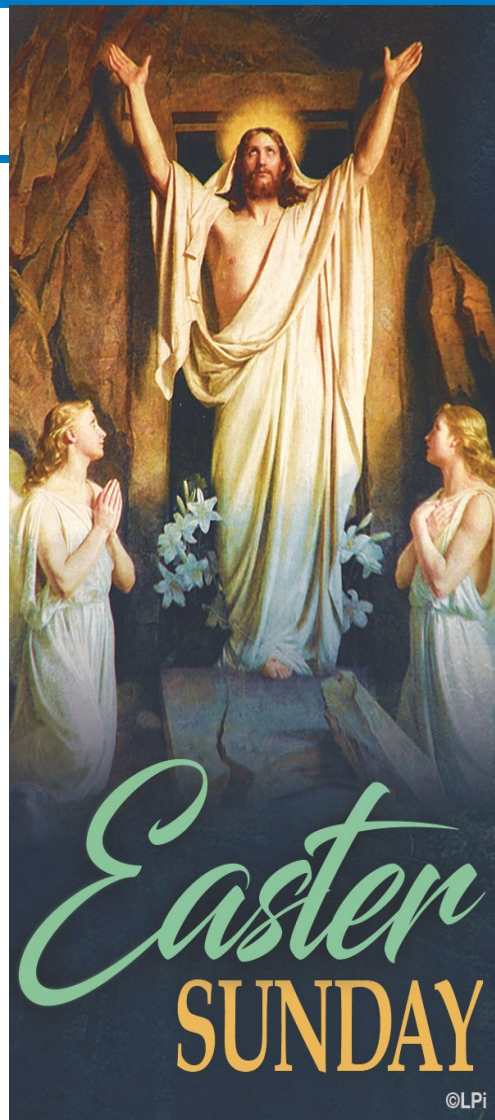
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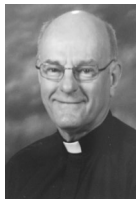
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Team Talk

By

Fr. Allen



A definition for the word “catholic” is universal. The Catholic Church is a universal church spread throughout the world, embracing so many varied cultures, traditions, and languages. I experienced this diversity while attending the 2018 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in March. Most of the Masses and Prayer Services were tri-lingual, in Spanish, Vietnamese, and English. Even the Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick was bi-lingual, in English and Gaelic. There was a Multicultural Exhibit with displays of religious artifacts and stories of saints from countries in North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. This shows that the message of Jesus Christ has been and continues to be a powerful one going beyond history and geography.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Carolyn Woo, former CEO of Catholic Relief Services. In part of her talk, she shared the five things she learned from her leadership of this global charitable organization. First, there is so much suffering in the world from persecutions, landmines, and other acts of violence. Second, there is transcendent goodness in the world. This is displayed when victims do not seek revenge but work to overcome evil in all its forms. Third, human ingenuity is remarkable as people are so strongly dedicated to solving problems that face us. Fourth, we are the answer to somebody’s prayer. Without even knowing it, we can be like angels to others when we reach out to help them. Fifth, God promised to not leave us orphans. We must cultivate a way to feel God’s presence in our lives no matter in what circumstances we find ourselves. I believe these lessons are important ones for all of us to ponder.

From April 9 to 20 the Pilgrimage to Spain and France will take place, another experience of the universality of the Catholic Church. The Prayer Petitions you have written will be included at all of the six Masses I will be celebrating. I ask you to pray for our safe travels as our group will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Today we join with all Christians in celebrating the most solemn of days, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we once again sing “Alleluia”, we proclaim that he truly is the Son of God, the Light of the World. We extend our congratulations to those who receive the Sacraments of Initiation and gladly renew our Baptismal Promises. Wishing every St. Richard parishioner a Blessed Easter!

Save the Date

Our annual parish picnic with St. Edward will be on Sunday, 29 July at Johnson Park. Please mark your calendars!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon.	Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 p.m. PC
Tues.	Finance Council - 5:00 p.m. PC
Wed.	Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. VH
Fri.	Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

Christ is Risen! Today begins that fifty-day season that leads up to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was made known to the Apostles. It is also a time celebrated as a “Great Sunday.” One of the sights you’ll see during this time is the Paschal (Easter) candle lit for weekend Masses. It is a reminder of our baptism, whereby the light of Christ is to be kept burning (theologically and sacramentally, that is). How has our sacrifice of giving been a light shining for God to see? May the risen Jesus be a model example of life after death and for our longing for the gift of eternal life, ALLELUIA!

Due to early bulletin publication deadlines, collection amounts were not available but will be published at a later date. We thank our members who choose to follow Jesus through their support of this parish.

Please consider St. Richard’s in your will. It is easy to do and will help keep the future of this parish vibrant through its many ministries.

SCRIP

SCRIP gift cards will be sold after all Masses next weekend. Please help support this very important fundraiser.

Beautiful Hope

The Stewardship Committee is giving a free copy of Beautiful Hope - a book of finding hope every day in a broken world. The book is a compilation of inspiring messages from many notable people. Please take a copy from the south entrance-one per family.

Pollinator Gardens: Native plants that support pollination

How can the butterflies and the bees which are struggling be supported to survive and flourish? Learn the key plants that can be planted in your yard and gardens to provide a corridor for them. Please join the presentation at the Racine Public Library on Monday, 9 April at 6:00 p.m. to obtain information about a butterfly garden for your property and how to treat your backyard as an Earth community.

Lifelong Learning

Our final Lifelong Learning session of the year will be on Sunday, 15 April after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The movie “Wonder” will be shown in Vogel Hall. All are welcome.



EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1

6:33 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

10:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. † Mary Terselic

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

8:00 a.m. † Jean Fischer

Saturday, April 7

4:00 p.m. † Judy Isen

Sunday, April 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard Altar Society

11:30 a.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward parishes

Clothing Drive

The annual St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive will be on 21 and 22 April. Their truck will be in the parking lot before each Mass that weekend and help unloading your donations will also be available. St. Richard's has had a great response to this appeal each year. The clothing will be sold at the St. Vincent de Paul Waterford store to help fund the organization with our outreach programs in our community. Thank you for all the support you provide in your donations of clothing, food sharing, the Meal Program, the Giving Tree, and collections for crisis housing, utilities, and furniture. So many people are helped by St. Richard parishioners all year long. God Bless you all!

Did You Know???

- Each day, over 800 units of blood are required to meet the needs of patients in area hospitals.
- Less than 5% of the eligible population donates.
- **One in three** people will need a blood transfusion.
- One unit of donated blood can save **three** lives.

Save a Life/Be a Blood Donor

Cluster Parish Blood Drive will be held on Monday, 23 April from 2:30—6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. **All attempting donors will receive a coupon for four free Outdoor Water Park Passes to Mount Olympus!**

2018 Calendar Raffle

03-18-18 \$50 - Adrian & Bella Aguirre - Seaside, CA

03-19-18 \$25 - Cody & Ashley Kordus - Racine

03-20-18 \$25 - Sherry Schinkowitch - Racine

03-21-18 \$25 - Elizabeth Koll - Racine

03-22-18 \$25 - James Schinkowitch - Pewaukee

03-23-18 \$25 - Felicia Boyd - Racine

03-24-18 \$25 - Vincent Morelli - Wauwatosa

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program staffed by local volunteers to provide free preparation and electronic filing of tax returns.

If you live in Racine County and your household income is \$54,000 or less, you may qualify for free tax preparation and filing through VITA. VITA can help you get Earned Income and Child Tax Credit. Services are available until 16 April. Appointments are required. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To schedule an appointment please dial 211 for time and location.

New Member Registration

Would you or someone you know like to become a member of St. Richard's? Next Sunday is new member registration. A parish representative will be near the ramp at the front of church after all the Masses with the information you need. Welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in working and praying with others as we knit or crochet a new batch of prayer shawls, please join us on Monday, 2 April from 6:30—8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Please enter using the Grand Ave. entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Burrows at 632-7778 or email katburrows20011@gmail.com.

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's 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 bus 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!

Senior Social

The senior members of St. Richard invite you to attend the Senior Social on Tuesday, 10 April at noon in Vogel Hall. Enjoy lunch and an afternoon of cards, games, and conversation. Please bring a dish to pass or a \$5 donation.