

# ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

## Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

### Welcome to St. Richard Parish

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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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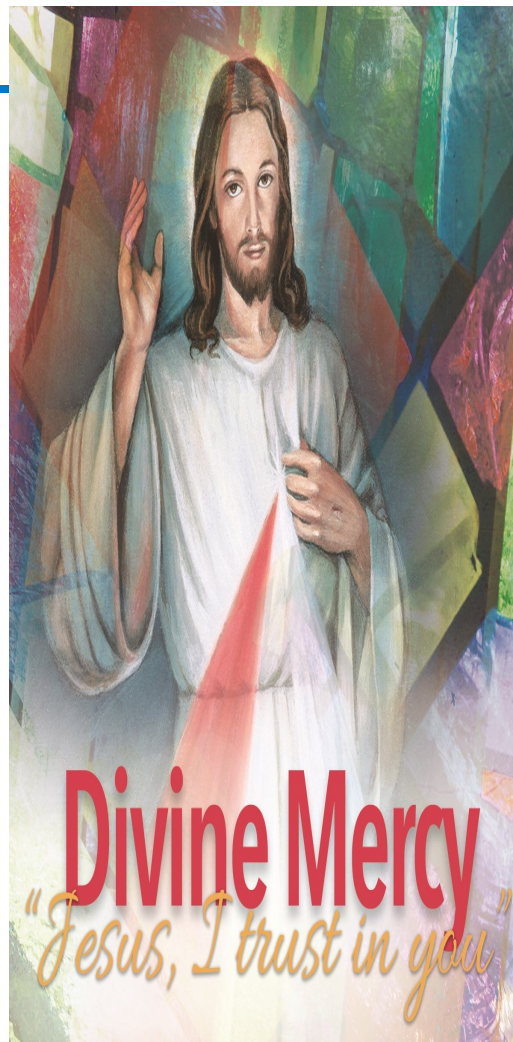
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## Team Talk

By

Greg Petro



### WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE!

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” Those words still echo in my ears when I attend Mass on Easter morning. They are the words almost shouted by an energetic and joy-filled Lutheran pastor at a sunrise Easter service many years ago that I attended. His enthusiasm was contagious that morning and everyone in attendance was singing at the top of their lungs, praying so joyfully and smiling from ear to ear. There is no happier time to be in a worship space than on Easter morning!

I wonder sometimes why I can't feel that way at other Masses during the year. After all, I know intellectually throughout the whole year that Christ has risen and that He has conquered sin and death forever. I just don't seem to feel the depth of that joy at other times like I do on Easter morning. So I ask myself: what difference does it make in our day to day lives that Jesus has risen from the dead? In other words: what does it mean when we say that we are an Easter people?

For me, it means that no matter what, the future is already certain. It means that Jesus is making all things new, making everyone and everything good and beautiful for eternity. No matter how bad things may be, in the end all will be well because Jesus loves us and has given everything for us.

Through Christ my heart knows no boundaries now – love is ever expanding as far as the eye can see, as deep as the ocean and as high as the shining sun.

This hope, love and certainty about the future affected me as a young man on an Easter morning 37 years ago. On that Easter morning I put a small wedding engagement ring into a plastic Easter egg, put that brightly colored egg into an Easter basket and gave it to my then girlfriend Jeri Levonian. My heart was racing with excitement as I gave her that little basket. We had just attended that Easter sunrise service I previously mentioned. I'll never forget the look in her eyes and the hug I received after she opened up that Easter egg! We were in love, the future was certain as far as we were concerned, and we believed that in the end all would be well because of our love for each other.

Brothers and Sisters: Jesus loves us with a love that is faithful and never ending. He has died for us and through this divine love He has risen from the dead. Love has conquered all, even sin and death. We are an Easter people!

#### This Week in Our Parish

Tues.	Senior Social - Noon - VH
Wed.	Communion Service- 8:00 a.m. Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. VH
Fri.	Communion Service- 8:00 a.m.

### Stewardship Report

Peace be with you. The Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on this Second Sunday of Easter—a special time established by St. John Paul II in 2000 to remind us of the gift Jesus gave us in his dying for us on the cross. For that sacrifice, we praise God. It is also a time when we hear from doubting Thomas, who did not believe it was Jesus raised from the dead. Have we ever doubted our commitment to sharing the cross of Jesus? Have we nurtured our gifts and returned them with increase?

For the weekend of Palm Sunday, 25 March we received \$3,567 in envelopes (41 entries), \$400 in anonymous gifts to God, \$75 towards our Building Fund, and \$375 from our online giving program, WeShare™.

Last week's financial stewardship (Easter Sunday) was \$6,785 in envelopes, \$663 in anonymous gifts to God, \$126 towards our Building Fund, and \$960 from our online giving program, WeShare™. May this continued season of Easter keep our hearts without doubt in how and what we share to help carry the cross of Jesus.

### 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.

### Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Server Schedule

Can't find your printed copy of the schedule or forgot to pick it up at church? You can now view the schedule for the current month on our St. Richard website on the Ministries page.

### 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.


### Container Gardening for Every Landscape

Melinda Myers, nationally known gardening expert will share ideas for creating beautiful container gardens suited to a variety of growing conditions, sizes, and styles of gardens and landscapes. Presentation is at SC Johnson Golden Rondelle Theater on Tuesday, 10 April from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6. Admission is free.

### Men Can Cook

We are still in need of a few talented chefs for one of the most popular events of the year. If you are interested in participating, please attend the interest meeting on Monday, 9 April at 6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. Men Can Cook takes place on Sunday, 20 May.





### Save the Date

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

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

### Mass Intentions

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

##### Sunday, April 8

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

##### Wednesday, April 11-St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

##### Friday, April 13-St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

##### Saturday, April 14

4:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

##### Sunday, April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Delores Ricchio

11:30 a.m. † Art & Dorothy Hansmann

### 2018 Calendar Raffle

03-25-18 \$50 - Ellen Toutant - Racine

03-26-18 \$25 - Curtis Spang - Racine

03-27-18 \$25 - Joan Potenziani - Racine

03-28-18 \$25 - Riley Noe - Jacksonville, FL

03-29-18 \$25 - Candi Cremer - Racine

03-30-18 \$25 - Joan Hoaglund - Racine

03-31-18 \$25 - Theresa Schinkowitch - Racine

### Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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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.

### Come Follow Me

St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, is offering a Summer Action Retreat for young men in grades 7 thru 9 from 18—21 June.

The retreat is designed to give participants an opportunity to have an enriching, team building, faith-based experience. Come Follow Me will reflect on the spirit of St. Francis—the role of service, community living, and personal prayer with Jesus in order to learn to love like Him. The cost is \$50 per student and transportation from Milwaukee is available. For more information please contact the Admissions Office at 920-753-7570 or visit their website at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreats](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreats).

### Spring into Action!

Start cleaning out your closets and gather up the clothes you're no longer enchanted with. St. Richard will sponsor their annual St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive. Let's stuff that truck! Bring your clothing donations to church on Saturday, 21 April and Sunday, 22 April. The truck will be in the parking lot before all Masses. Thank you for your repeated generous response to this collection.

### Did You Know???

- There are 4 steps to donate blood: medical history, mini physical, donation, and refreshments.
- The entire process will take approximately one hour.
- The actual blood donation process only takes five to seven minutes.

### 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!**

### 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.

### Altar Society Spring Bake Sale

Many thanks to everyone who baked all the delicious treats. The total profits from the sale was \$1,320.50. A big thank you to the ladies who staffed the sale and all the parishioners who made purchases. Your support enables the Altar Society to carry out its mission of service to our parish.

### Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children.

### Parents and Guardians: Get Involved

Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as other children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children.

### Sharing Sunday

Next weekend is Sharing Sunday. Please bring any non-perishable food items you wish to donate. A few special needs are fruit cocktail, pasta sides, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, and tuna fish. Last month the pantry was open 12 days, served 135 clients—260 adults and 175 children, gave away 257 bags of groceries for a total of 3,588 pounds of food. Monetary gifts are always appreciated as the pantry buys over \$200 worth of perishable items each week. If you choose to write a check, please make check payable to St. Richard and put "food program" in the memo line or you can place cash in the locked boxed behind the last pew on either side of church. Your generosity is much appreciated.