

# ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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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Then he opened their minds to  
understand the Scriptures. And he  
said to them, "Thus it is written that  
the Christ would suffer and rise  
from the dead on the third day."

- Lk 24:45-46



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## Team Talk

By

Eloy Contreras



### Why Mission Trips Are Important for our Teens

Christian mission trips are a vital way teens, as believers, can fulfill their role in the Great Commission— to preach the gospel to all nations. And although you may have already considered a mission trip's purpose in your own life, you may not have thought about what a mission trip could mean for a teenager's life.

#### Learning Obedience

In Matthew 28, Jesus tells us to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." He doesn't say only adults should do this, or only those who feel they have the time, or only those who *want* to go. It's a blanket commandment to all believers, young and old.

If we want to teach our children to obey God, we can't leave out the Great Commission. We can't pretend it's not important or that they can skate over it in the name of convenience. No — we must honor it, and therefore, we must encourage our children to obey God's command to spread the gospel.

If a teenager is going to have the opportunity to obey the Great Commission, then he or she must have a chance to go to *all nations*. Literally every nation in the world? Probably not, but Jesus took the time to include the phrase "all nations," which definitely doesn't mean "just your home nation." He wants us to get outside of our bubble and spread His word and a mission trip is the perfect opportunity for a teenager to do just that.

#### Varied Community

Many teens interact with the same people every day: their parents, their friends, and their teachers. There's nothing wrong with consistency, but God has created a wide variety of people on this planet, and each of them reflects God in a unique way.

People in another state, for example, may reflect God's character differently than people in Wisconsin. While we certainly have things in common, we have unique cultures and backgrounds that allow us to be image-bearers in totally different capacities.

Getting to know people from different areas can enrich our teens' minds in a multitude of ways. They will appreciate God's creativity and the diversity of God's world. They will see that people live differently depending on where they are and what their society is like, and they will begin to understand (if they don't already) that material possessions are not the root of all happiness.

But perhaps most importantly, they will take part of the transformation of lives — bringing the news of Christ to a place where perhaps it has never been brought before.

#### Furthering the Kingdom

What is the heart of the Great Commission? To build the kingdom of God by sharing the gospel with those who have not heard it yet. To do that, someone has to go. Why not our

#### This Week in Our Parish

Wed.	Communion Service- 8:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds - 3:30 p.m. PC Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Harmony Club - 9:30 a.m. VH
Fri.	Communion Service- 8:00 a.m.

#### Team Talk cont.

teens?

The opportunity to physically *go to all nations* and share what Christ has done with people who may not always feel the presence of Christ in their lives — that's a tangible way that our teens can participate in furthering God's kingdom.

#### Can't they do that here, at home?

Of course they can. But the Great Commission is specific about taking the gospel *outward*, to all nations, so it seems ministering only in the home community falls short of what Jesus commanded us to do.

Next weekend April 21 & 22, Mickey Meredith, a youth from St. Richard and Dulce Contreras, a member of St. Patrick, and both active members of our Cluster Ministry ACTS, will be speaking at all the Masses to share with the St. Richard community their plans for the summer of 2018. They and other teens from our cluster parishes will be attending a mission trip in Mobile, Alabama in June and the Steubenville Conference in July. This will be an opportunity for you to support them through your prayers, encouragement and donations.

#### Stewardship Report

Scripture today tells us that Peter, the Apostle, proclaims the wonders of the Lord. We continue our way to Pentecost early in these Easter Sundays in celebration of Jesus risen and our hearts still set on serving the needs of sister and brother in the Lord. Last week's financial stewardship was \$8,040 in envelopes, \$337 in anonymous gifts to God, and \$300 towards our Building Fund. The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was \$138. Thank you for sharing the gift of treasure—a gift not given until it hurts, but until it feels good knowing we give our share in helping to keep the ministry of the parish in mind.

#### Lenten Cluster Collection-Welcome the Stranger

Thank you if you were able to help our immigrant sisters and brothers through your Lenten gift. You brought hope and the promise of new life to people who often live in fear. If you have not had the chance to give, we ask one last time to support this important effort of Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. God will bless your kindness.

#### Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive to Aid the Intellectually Disabled" after all the Masses next weekend. All donations received go to aid organizations in Racine and throughout Wisconsin who work with the intellectually disabled and their families on a daily basis. Look for the Knights with their yellow and red aprons and canisters. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



#### Save the Date

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Intentions

#### Third Sunday of Easter

##### Sunday, April 15

9:00 a.m. † Delores Ricchio

11:30 a.m. † Art & Dorothy Hansmann

##### Wednesday, April 18-

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

##### Friday, April 20-

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

##### Saturday, April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of St. Richard and St. Edward Parishes

##### Sunday, April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Earth Day

9:00 a.m. † George Jansta

11:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

### 2018 Calendar Raffle

04-01-18 \$200 - Mike & Julie Rupnow - Racine

04-02-18 \$25 - James Schinkowitch - Pewaukee

04-03-18 \$25 - Maria Sandoval - Racine

04-04-18 \$25 - Mike Fay - Racine

04-05-18 \$25 - James Cremer - Racine

04-06-18 \$25 - Suzi Coe - Racine

04-07-18 \$25 - John Polzin - Racine

#### Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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### 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.

#### Preventing Child Abuse Is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth.

**To report suspected abuse of a minor, call your local authorities or Child Protective Services.**

### A.C.T.S. Breakfast Brunch Buffet

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while helping to support the A.C.T.S. Summer Mission Trip on Sunday, 29 April from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Cristo Rey Hall. Cost of the breakfast is \$9 per person. Menu items include pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee.

### 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???

- To donate blood you must weigh at least 110 lbs and be in general good health.
- You must be at least 17 yrs. old (16 with signed parental consent).
- You are eligible to donate blood again **56 days** after your donation.

### 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!**

### In Honor of Mothers

In honor of mothers, living or deceased, you may order a rose to be placed in a large vase(s) by the altar on Mother's Day. There will be a picture frame placed by the vases with all the honored mother's names listed. Roses are \$3 each and may be ordered by calling Mary Ann at the parish office, 637-8374, by **Tuesday, 8 May** by 4:30 p.m. This project is sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee.

### Geranium Card Party

The annual Altar Society Geranium Card Party will be held on Thursday, 17 May at 12:00 noon. Raffle tickets will be available for pick-up after all the Masses next weekend. If you are able to donate a door prize or raffle prize please bring them to the parish office during office hours, Mon-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If it is easier for you drop things off when you come to Mass, place items in a bag marked card party and put them in the usher's room. Thank you!

### Human Trafficking

Help stop the buying and selling of women, men, and children for sex or labor. Learn the warning signs of Human Trafficking and how it attempts to destroy the human dignity of its victims. Become informed. Attend a presentation by Maggie Graff, board member and faith committee chair of Fight to End Exploitation on Tuesday, 24 April at 6:30 p.m. in Fr. Cox Hall at St. Paul the Apostle Parish. Please use the west entrance.

### Fundraising Banquet

John XXIII Educational Center will host their annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, 28 April from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Hickory Hall, 5844 Douglas Ave. The center helps to prepare middle and high school students to graduate and pursue further education by mentoring, tutoring, team-building, problem-solving, and family support through afterschool and evening programs. Cost of the meal is \$20 per guest or \$160 for a table. Reservations may be made by calling 898-5663. Deadline is Wednesday, 18 April.