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Easter Sunday

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4 Seek what is above, where Christ is.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 He had to rise from the dead.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	3	8:00 p.m.	ML	Gladys Christensen	†	Easter Sunday
Sunday	4	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Easter Sunday
Sunday	4	10:30 a.m.	SH	Roman Blick	†	Easter Sunday
Tuesday	6	9:00 a.m.	ML	Marie Ann Mantooth	†	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday	7	5:30 p.m.	ML	Julie Ohl-Klein	†	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday	8	8:30 a.m.	KW	Barbara Wilhelm		Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday	9	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ray Rundle	†	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday	10	5:00 p.m.	SH	Frank Theis	†	Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday	11	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday	11	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	†	Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Immeasurable and Infinite Life This is the feast that says God will have the last word and that whatever we crucify, whatever we tragically destroy, God will undo with his eternal love and forgiveness. This feast affirms that God's Final Judgment is Resurrection, that God will turn all that remains, all the destruction and hurt and punishment, into beauty.

Without such hope why would you keep living and believing when you see that everything passes on and passes away? Everything is here and gone, here and gone, here and gone. If you haven't noticed that yet, just wait awhile. Everything passes. This becomes overwhelming for most people as they get older, and it is often just denied because it is so painful. Without such cosmic hope, we all become cynics. Yet the Christian promise is that God will replace everything with his immeasurable and infinite *life*. Jesus is the standing promise that this is the case.

What the Resurrection is saying, more than anything else, is that love is stronger than death. Jesus walked through both life and death with love, which becomes an infinite life, a participation in God himself. Surprise of surprises! This cannot be proven logically or rationally, and yet this is the mystery that we now stake our life—and our death—on: *nothing dies forever, and all that has died in love will be reborn in an even larger love*.

So, to be a Christian, brothers and sisters, is to be inevitably and forever a person of hope. . . . God in Christ is saying, "This is what will last—my life and my love will always and forever have the final word." Fr. Richard Rohr

Word of Life

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Bill Becker, Ron Ringer, Roger Ringer, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Rice Bowls

Please drop off your rice bowls at the church. We will combine your generous alms and send them off to the diocese. They will forward them to Catholic Relief Services for the diocese.

Vocations Weekend

Our diocese is planning on making the Spring Trip to Conception Seminary College on April 24 to 26th. This weekend (Encounter With God's Call) is an opportunity for high school juniors through recent college graduates (ages 16-25) to have a discernment experience at the Seminary. During the Encounter, the young men further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life.

Through the weekend, they will pray, meet, and visit with seminarians.

Our Diocese provides transportation (departing from Liberal and Garden City passing through Dodge City and other towns on the way), registration fee and meals at the seminary.

Let Fr Mark know if you are interested in going to the retreat. The deadline is April the 12th.

Watch for Changes

Bishop Vincke has given pastors the authority to make changes to Diocesan COVID restrictions. With a small group of advisors, I am trying to steadily return to a sense of normalcy. For example, expect to see Holy Water back in the fonts. Changes will be slow but we will make progress.

Ministry Schedule April 10th – April 11th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Hannah Schmidt
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler