



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Our Lady of Snows Shrine



April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic
8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic
Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic
No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to
5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass
Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after birth of the child

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Can one “fathom” a mystery? “Fathom” derives from an Old English word meaning “outstretched arms;” eventually it referred to the length from fingertip to fingertip of arms opened wide. As a verb, it means to probe or penetrate in order to understand. Granting the impossibility of ever coming to fathom the Resurrection fully, I like the image of trying to reach out and put my arms around this great mystery—or, better yet, to have the risen Christ put his outstretched arms around me, drawing me into it more fully. Which brings us to Thomas. He is the original person who tried to fathom the risen Christ, insisting that if his friends in the upper room wanted him to believe what he could only think of as nonsense, he needed to touch the wounds of the risen Lord. Jesus didn’t seem to have much of a problem letting him. We never learn whether Thomas did touch Jesus or not, but every second Sunday of Easter we are told this story about Thomas and the risen Lord. It encourages us to fathom the mystery that is our faith, to learn to penetrate it by confessing Jesus as Lord and God, then allow this belief to flow out into our daily activities, reaching out to embrace others.

Don’t you think when Thomas left the upper room that day he knew that the Resurrection was not something to keep to himself? That his whole being was filled with the warmth and light absorbed from being in the presence of the risen Lord? Is it possible that this can happen to us?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 1, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$ 2,520.00
Plate \$ 669.00
Total: \$ 3,189.00

Week of Mar. 25 \$ 1,793.00
Week of Mar. 18 \$ 2,042.00

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 2,020.00
Plate \$ 484.57
Total: \$ 2,504.57

Week of Mar. 25 \$ 1,783.00
Week of Mar. 18 \$ 1,032.00

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of April 14-15th
Homebound: Annette Schreiber
Nursing Homes: Wayne Leiker

Ministry Schedule for the The 3rd Week of Easter

St. Dominic <u>Apr. 14th~ 5:30 pm</u>	St. Francis Xavier <u>Apr. 15th~ 8:00 am</u>	St. Dominic <u>Apr. 15th~ 10:30 am</u>
<p>COMMUNION Larry Tanking Alberta Tanking Linda Arnold Pat Doyle D’Ann Decker</p>	<p>COMMUNION Larry Larkin Mike McClaskey Merlin Nelson Damon Putnam Ray Zeller</p>	<p>COMMUNION Mary Patterson Keri Bausch Dave Schmitz Gail Schmitz Susan Schirmer</p>
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<p>GREETERS / USHERS Rick Heinen Katie Heinen Rick Heinen Larry Tanking</p>	<p>GREETERS / USHERS Larry Reilly Marceta Reilly Larry Larkin Ed Hrenchir</p>	<p>GREETERS / USHERS Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Ralph Herbers Chuck Schlaegel</p>

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 2nd Sunday of Easter~ Divine Mercy Sunday

SATURDAY, April 7th~		
St. D	5:30 PM	Rob Boardman (D)
SUNDAY, April 8th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Constance Slattery (D)
OLS	1:00 PM	
St. D	10:30 AM	For All Parishioners
TUESDAY, April 10th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Virginia Albright (D)
WEDNESDAY, April 11th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	Special Intentions
THURSDAY, April 12th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Bud Williams (D)
FRIDAY, April 13th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	Vocations

3rd Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, April 14th~		
St. D.	5:30 PM	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY, April 15th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Jim McClaskey (D)
OLS	8:30 AM	
St. D	10:30 AM	Dan Mehringer (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Apr. 9-15	Mandala Family
Apr. 16-22	Linda Crabill, Sheila Springer
Apr. 23-29	Robin Sides
Apr. 30-May 6	Kara Hoffman
May 6-13	Becky Grollmes, Clara Child

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

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God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich

Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC

RelEd:

- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, April 11th
 - RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, April 18th
- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RelEd:
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, April 8th
 - RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, April 15th

HIGH SCHOOL:

- High School RelEd Classes, April 11th, Meet at St. Francis
- High School RelEd Classes, April 18th, Meet at St. Francis

RCIA~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Class Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic: Ministry-Spirit in Action. Please bring a dessert or salad to share.

The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Communities
 Extend Their Sincerest Sympathies
 And Heartfelt Prayers to the family of
Rosella Hoffman

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
 And let your perpetual light shine upon her

St. Dominic RelEd

Annual Spring Basket Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for the Annual Spring Basket Raffle. Tickets are available at the church entrances and from RelEd Students. The drawing will be Sunday, April 15th following Mass.



St. Dominic Altar Society Annual Bakeless Bake Sale

If you have not already done so, please consider participating in this annual event by making a tax-deductible donation to St. Dominic Altar Society. You can mail donation to the office at 115 E 5th or by placing it in the offertory basket, just be sure to label it Altar Society. Please have donations in by April 15th.

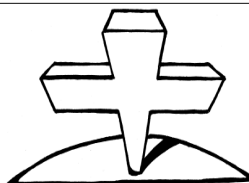
If you have changed your address, phone number or other contact information, please let us know by filling out a parish registration form available at the church entrance and putting it in the collection basket or just contact the office at 785-364-3262.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOUNTAIN OYSTER FRY

Saturday, April 28, 2018 5-7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Church

Also serving fish, chicken nuggets, homemade French fires, coleslaw and baked beans. Free will offering.



Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Marlene Carson; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvick); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Ann Glassman (Mother of Mary Wahlmeier); Vivian Gonzalas; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsing (Father of Shannon Henry); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; Ken Phillips; J.R. Pickett; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey; Virginia Ryan (Grandmother of Scott Bond); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton; Cliff Spelts (brother-in-law of Terry Ludvick); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Margaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvick); Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); Gregg Watkins; James Wecker; Max Wichman (Son of Jeanette Wichman)

We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver;, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty; and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)

Scripture Insights~

If we choose to live as Easter people, our lives will be radically transformed. This is what happened to Jesus' disciples. They went from being cowards, afraid for their lives, to bold messengers of the Gospel. The earliest Christian communities were also transformed, aspiring to live a way of life radically different from their previous one. The question for us today is whether we will allow ourselves to be profoundly transformed by the Easter message and so become revealers of God.

Today's First Reading describes the radical ideals of the first Christian community living in Jerusalem. They joined as one family, we are told, sharing all things in common so that no one was in need of anything. This sharing was no small thing, as we see, since some people sold houses and donated the proceeds. Further, we learn that the Apostles enjoyed God's favor in their powerful acts of witness.

In the Second Reading, we learn that love of God is intimately connected to the commandment to love our brothers and sisters. For those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, one cannot stand without the other.

At the beginning of today's Gospel, we see the disciples hiding in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly Jesus appears before them, showing himself alive, offering peace (the Greek word, *eirene*), breathing the Holy Spirit on them, and sending them to do what the Father sent Jesus to do—to be revealers of God in the world.

- If you could create a modern Christian community following the same principles that we read about in the First Reading, what might it look like?
- Considering the Second Reading, how have you experienced the link between love of God, love of others, and keeping the commandments? When have the commandments felt burdensome? Not burdensome? What makes the difference for you?
- In the story of Thomas' encounter with the risen Jesus, imagine that you are Thomas. What would you say to Jesus? What does he say to you?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 9th		Tuesday, April 10th		Wednesday, April 11th		Thursday, April 12th	
St. Dominic	Altar Society Meeting 6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS HS Meet at St. Francis			
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	
Friday, April 13th		Saturday, April 14th		Sunday, April 15th		Tuesday, April 17th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass		10:30 am Mass Ushers/Greeters Meeting following Mass Basket Raffle following Mass in Hall		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm Catholic Charities Bus 10-2:00 in Hall	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass Ushers/Greeters Meeting following Mass OLS 8:30 am Mass		8:00 am Mass	
Wednesday, April 18th		Thursday, April 19th		Friday, April 20th		Saturday, April 21st	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS HS Meets at St. Francis			NO AM MASS		1st Communion Vigil Mass 4:00 pm	
St. Francis Xavier		NO AM MASS Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm					

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