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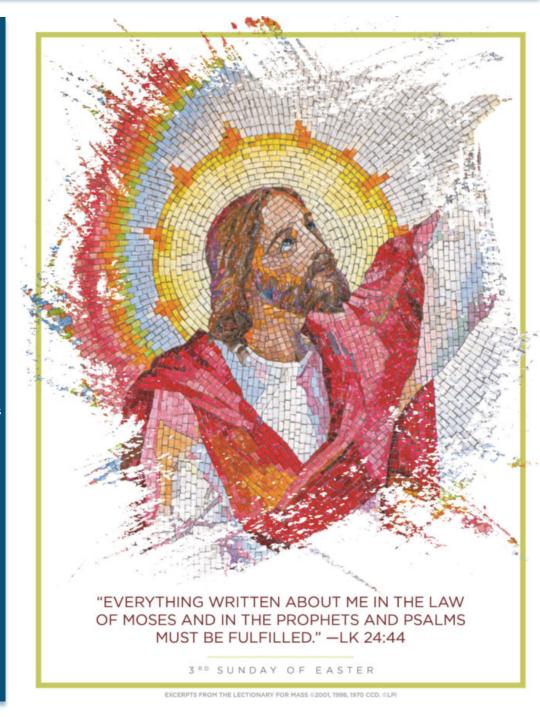
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Monday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Deadline for content in the weekly bulletin is noon on Mondays

# WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

## Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

# WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday –Friday: Mass 8:00 a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -7:50 a.m.)

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m.

The Daily Mass and
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass are
broadcast on our YouTube
channel. Go to our parish
website homepage to find
the direct link.

#### Monday, April 15th Tuesday, April 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Angie Werner by Dan & Tracy Christen

6:00 p.m. Finance Council Wednesday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Linda Powell by Diane Wittmayer

8:30 a.m.—7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Rosary Club

6:00 p.m. Youth Religious Education

Thursday, April 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Ilene Wolf by Martin Wolf

Friday, April 19th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Lawrence Fullington by Jeanette Mapes

Saturday, April 20th

4:30 p.m. Mass: Father Kenneth Phillips by Alice Leonard

Sunday, April 21st

8:30 a.m. Mass: For the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass: †Gerry Dutton by Dan & Tracy Christen

†: Indicates deceased

## Gospel Meditation

#### April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the



Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to rethink the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too! — Father John Muir ©LPi

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#### Saint of the Week

St. Paul the Apostle (c.4-c.64) was named Saul of Tarsus before his conversion. He was born to a devout Jewish family who followed strict Pharisaic traditions for generations. He spoke Greek and was formally educated in Jewish culture, scripture, and traditions. As an adult he worked as a tentmaker as well as an enforcer for the Jewish leadership in their efforts against new Christian converts. He is known to have taken an active part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr, and considered himself to be a shining example of Judaism.



Saul's conversation to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, "a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'" (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversation because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul's letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us!

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of

Prayer for Vocations



#### **APRIL 7TH, 2024, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Jaren Benson, Dane Brunner, Charlotte Creighton, Von Haman, Janessa Langager, Mason McCarthy, Kaylin Mega-LeCavalier, Crosby Miller, Frances Olson, Norbert Pattathil, Lincoln Schmitt, Everly Smith, Jackson Vettel

Congratulations to all of you!

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains that the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? SVdP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. (701) 833-1269

#### Mass Ministry Schedule for April 20th & 21st

|                         | Saturday 4:30 p.m.          | Sunday 8:30 a.m.                   | Sunday 10:00 a.m.                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Rosary Leader           | Joe Palkovick               | Marie Keller                       | Barb Johnson                            |
| Greeter                 | Bob & Christine Greene      | Diane Wittmayer<br>Carolyn Johnson | Arlene Fiedler<br>Cathren Deckert       |
| Altar Servers           | Camden Lee<br>Paul Kalamaha | Calvin Olson<br>Dexter Olson       | Emmit & Ella<br>Vickerman<br>Ev Donavan |
| Lector                  | Amy Lee                     | Perry Olson                        | Ann Balk                                |
| Eucharistic<br>Minister | Lou Ann Fleck               | Lisa Krogman                       |   |
| In-Home Ministry        | Deacon Stephen Young        |                                    |   |
| Scrip Sales             | Katy Larcombe               | Melissa Olson                      | Paula Rudser-Stolba                     |

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new
Mass Ministry volunteers!
Contact Jill in the parish
office or fill out the form on
our website by clicking the
sign-up form link above the
ministry schedules.



# LITTLE FLOWER

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH 8:30 A.M. - NOON

> Menu: French toast, scrambled eggs, muffins, biscuits & gravy, sausage, coffee, and orange juice

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A small group from Little Flower parish is traveling to this event in Bemidji, MN and has room for a few others to join them. The event, co-hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Diocese of Crookston) and Bishop Daniel J. Felton (Diocese of Duluth), will lead up to the main Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July in Indianapolis, and is a great opportunity to hear the same presenters including Bishop Robert Barron (Winona-Rochester) and Father Mike Schmitz (Duluth) as well as attending Sunday Mass at Itasca State Park. For the complete schedule and information on how to register go to https:// crookstoneucharist.org. The cost to attend the 2day event is \$40 plus Ticketmaster fees. There is limited space in one of the vehicles and two doubleoccupancy rooms available at the Country Inn & Suites (at the event center) with this group. For more information, please contact Linda Aleshire at lindamaleshire@gmail.com.

#### ST. LEO'S KC BREAKFAST ON APRIL 28

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, April 28 in the St. Leo's Church Basement from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Biscuits and gravy, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. Free will offering will support the Priest Retirement Fund. Everyone is welcome!

# Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: Elementary Teacher, High School English Teacher, High School Physical Education Teacher and a Varsity Football Coach. For more



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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a hero and give blood at the KC Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 23rd. The blood drive will be held in the basement of St. Leo's from 1pm-6pm. To sign up, call Jim at (701) 837-6200.





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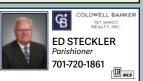
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