

# ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Over a Century of Service to the Lord 1899 to 2021

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# Schedule of Services/Mass Intentions

April 5 - April 11, 2021

Mon. 4/5 - No Mass

Tues. 4/6 - 5:30 pm +John & Fern Weichman

Wed. 4/7 - No Mass

Thurs. 4/8 - 5:30 pm +Mary Catherine Estes

Fri. 4/9 - No Mass

Sat. 4/10 - 6:00 pm +Lois & Cindy Dvorak

Sun. 4/11 - 10:30 am + Mary Shald

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

For St. Boniface will be one half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment.

#### **Events/Meeting**

April 5 - KC Meeting @ 7:30 pm

April 12 - 4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 in O'Neill

- Christian Mothers Meeting @ 5 pm

April 8 - Alpha Marriage Class

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	Sat. April 10 6:00 pm	Sun. April 11 10:30 am
LECTOR	Jay Addison	Justin Estill
ЕМНС	Sarah Addison	Becky Estill
SERVERS	Cecelia Addison	Jameson Estill
ORGANISTS		
USHERS	Volunteer	Volunteer
CLEANING CREWS		

### March 28, 2021 Collection

Total	\$2345.34
Catholic Relief (2)	15.00
Easter	50.00
Loose	962.00
Envelopes (17)	\$1318.34

## **Remember in your Prayers -**

Kirstine Chvala, Lee Ann Maher, Garrett Scholz, Kate Steinhauser, John Hladky, Lois Schaaf Coralie Thomas & Kenny Fessler

May God's healing hands
Bless them..





# **UPCOMING LITURGY SCHEDULE**

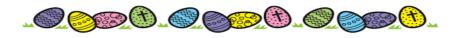
This may not be in bulletin every week but as I have room....

# <u> April 17 -</u>

Lector - Terry Murphy
EMHC - Jeff Dvorak
Server - Cameron & Mason Kaup
Usher - Volunteer

# April 18th

Evelyn Paxton Ralph Olberding Kaige Krieger & Drew Schmaderer **Volunteer** 



## **CHRISTIAN MOTHER**

Rosary - Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 5:10 pm
Sundays - @ 10:10 am
Next meeting - April 12 in the Church
basement @ 5 pm
Next funeral/function: Group 1

#### **KC NEWS**



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April 12 - 4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 in O'Neill

#### ~~ DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES ~~

Jan Kunz ~~ ~~ 924-3803/340-2303 ~~ ~~

**CCD Classes -** Normal schedule/Circle of Grace

April 7—8th grade Retreat

#### **ATTENTION**

**Effective Immediately:** St. Boniface Christian Mothers are resuming serving funeral dinners with the following restrictions: -

- encouraging family only
- the family will be responsible for the food for the meal (meat, salads, buns, beans (opt.), etc.)
- parishioners are welcome to provide desserts ONLY. Contact Connie Weichman (402) 340-4132 for

### Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,

Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter to all of you and your families.

All the gospels recall that on the second morning after Jesus was laid in the tomb, Mary Magdalene and other women were the first to arrive at the tomb to care for Jesus's body, but his body was not in the tomb. It would be a strange account to concoct. Why? Scripture scholar James Dunn says, "As is well known, in Middle Eastern society of the time women were not regarded as reliable witnesses: a woman's testimony in court was heavily discounted. And any report that Mary had formerly been demon-possessed (Luke 8:2) would hardly add credibility to any story attributed to her in particular. Why then attribute such testimony to women—unless that was what was remembered as being the case?" (Jesus Remembered).

The account of Mary Magdalene as the first witness of the empty tomb was born of a powerful, consistent oral tradition among the earliest disciples. This is not the oral tradition of rote memorization, the sort that memorizes parables, prayers, teachings, and laws, which was also part of first-century Judaism. This is autobiographical memory, in which stories of personal experience are passed on, often colored by the emotional interpretation of those who experienced the events, which shapes the details recalled in the passing on of the accounts. All of those present remember and recount that Mary was there first.

The absence of the body does not necessarily mean that Jesus was raised. There are more ordinary explanations that come to mind: the disciples went to the wrong tomb and the body was somewhere else; they lied about the missing body; or someone stole the body and hid it.

Yet if Jesus's body had been available, it makes sense that those who opposed the teaching of Jesus's resurrection would have found it, or produced it had they stolen it, to the derision and embarrassment of the disciples. If the body had indeed been taken by Jesus's disciples or they had gone to the wrong tomb, the reality of Jesus's body itself would have come to light and the location of his dead body would have put an end to the claims of resurrection. Indeed, his tomb might have become a pilgrimage site, a place of veneration of a great teacher and prophet killed by the Roman authorities.

In John's gospel, Mary Magdalene reports the empty tomb to Peter and the other disciple. The two of them run to the tomb. "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." The juxtaposition here captures the initial confusion of the empty tomb. The other disciple, also known as the Beloved Disciple, "saw and believed," while Peter and Mary "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

The Beloved Disciple alone initially recognizes the spiritual meaning of the empty tomb, but his understanding will soon be the foundation of the whole church, spurred by later encounters with the risen Lord. The resurrection of Jesus became the central message of the new community of disciples.

The early Christians knew that "they put him to death by hanging him on a tree" and they knew where Jesus's dead body was laid. When Mary Magdalene and the other disciples encountered the empty tomb, it became the first piece of evidence that "this man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance." Later, these witnesses would eat and drink "with him after he rose from the dead." Only one last task remained: to bear witness that the empty tomb, the end of Jesus's story, was just the beginning.

Once again, Happy Easter! Ad multos annos, Fr. Bernard Starman Pastor

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - THERE WAS A HOLY LAND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY. THERE WILL BE A FEW ENVELOPES MARKED FOR THIS BY THE BULLETINS. OTHERWISE PLEASE USE A REGULAR ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON THE FRONT TO RECEIVE CREDIT.