

He Is Risen!

April 20, 2025

Easter

April 20, 2025- "Exalt, let us exalt!" Christ is Risen!

While at times it may seem we're living in a world immersed in "death" or at least the danger of it that should not minimize our rejoicing on this day! For it is this day that we remember Christ is the VICTOR over Death, Christ has CONQUERED Death! And that is what we celebrate, that the He has come ultimately to liberate us from sin and death. Even though we struggle against such things in this world, Christ is Risen and that is our great hope!

One of my favorite parts of the Easter Liturgy is the Service of Light at the beginning of Easter Vigil Saturday Night. When the Church is all in darkness, and the single light of the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the light of Christ breaking into the darkness of our world, the darkness of sin and death, and that light is used to light all the other candles. Then after this great illumination we sing the Exultet. It is an ancient hymn of Christianity. While its exact origin is uncertain, there is evidence it has existed since the fourth or fifth century.

It is always very moving to me to be able to sing the Exultet. The joy in it that is chanted out of the darkness is striking to me every year! It would be a good spiritual practice to look up the words of this beautiful triumphant hymn and to meditate on some of the words. I could write a whole series of columns just on this hymn alone! For this hymn speaks to the depth of the triumph and the joy in Christ's victory, of His Resurrection. That His saving work far surpasses the Original Sin. It even goes on to refer to the sin of Adam and Eve as "O happy fault" because it brought about "so great, so glorious a Redeemer" that the sin of Adam was "destroyed completely in the Death of Christ." The Tremendous hope, that our sins, our faults, our failure, our failure is infinitesimal is NOTHING in comparison to Christ and the saving work He has wrought! That even the darkest of darkness, in the end shall pass and shall be swallowed up in the Victory of Christ!

To close, here are a few words from the text of the Exultet

"This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones...

...O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!...

...This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness....

...The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord...

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

-Fr. Kevin

20 de abril – "Enaltecemos, Exaltemos!" ¡Cristo ha Resucitado!

Aunque a veces pareciese que estamos viviendo en un mundo inmerso en la "muerte" o en los peligros de ella, ¡no debe minimizarse el regocijo de este día! Ya que recordamos que ¡Cristo es la VICTORIA sobre la muerte, Cristo ha TRIUNFADO sobre la muerte! Y eso es lo que celebramos, que ha venido para liberarnos del pecado y de la muerte. Aunque luchemos contra tales cosas en este mundo, ¡Cristo ha Resucitado y eso es nuestra gran esperanza!

Una de mis partes favoritas de la Liturgia Pascual es la Misa de Luz al comienzo de la Vigilia Pascual del sábado por la noche. Cuando la iglesia está en total oscuridad y la única luz es la del Cirio Pascual – símbolo de la luz de Cristo irrumpiendo en la oscuridad de nuestro mundo, en la oscuridad del pecado y la muerte, y esa luz se usa para encender todos los otros cirios. Luego, después de esa gran iluminación, cantamos el Exultet, también llamado Pregón Pascual. Que es un antiguo himno del cristianismo. Si bien su origen exacto es incierto, hay evidencia de que ha existido desde el siglo cuarto o quinto.

Siempre me ha emocionado mucho cantar el Pregón Pascual. ¡La alegría de cantarlo en la oscuridad me sorprende cada año! Sería una buena práctica espiritual buscar el texto de este hermoso himno triunfante y meditar en algunas de sus palabras. Podría escribir una serie completa de columnas relacionadas ¡sólo a ese himno! Porque habla de la profundidad del triunfo y gozo en la victoria de Cristo, de su Resurrección. Que su obra salvadora supera con creces el pecado original. Incluso, continúa refiriéndose al pecado de Adán y Eva como "¡Oh feliz la culpa!" que mereció "tan grande, tan glorioso Redentor" que necesario fue el pecado de Adán "que ha sido borrado por la muerte de Cristo". La tremenda esperanza que nuestro pecado, nuestras culpas, nuestro fracaso, es infinitesimal, no es NADA en comparación a Cristo y a las obras salvadoras que ¡ha traído! Que incluso a más oscura de las tinieblas, al final pasará y ¡será tragado en la Victoria de Cristo!

Para cerrar, acá algunas palabras del texto del Pregón Pascual:

Esta es la noche en la que por toda la tierra, los que confiesan su fe en Cristo, son arrancados de los vicios del mundo y de la oscuridad del pecado, son restituidos a la gracia y son agregados a los santos...

... ¡Qué asombroso beneficio de tu amor por nosotros! ¡Qué incomparable ternura y caridad! ¡Para rescatar al esclavo, entregaste al Hijo!

... Esta es la noche de que estaba escrito: Será la noche clara como el día, la noche iluminada por mi gozo....

...Y así, esta noche santa ahuyenta los pecados, lava las culpas, devuelve la inocencia a los caídos, la alegría a los tristes, expulsa el odio, trae la concordia, dobllega a los potentes...

¡Feliz Pascua! Cristo ha Resucitado! ¡Aleluia!

– Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club

May 12 at 6 p.m. (notice date change)

Night Road

by Kristin Hannah

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

June 9 at 6:00 pm

Naomi and her Daughters

by Walter Wangerin Jr.

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

Quilt Raffle

The people who attended the meal after Stations of the Cross, had the opportunity to put their name in for a chance to win a quilt.

John Schafer is the winner!!!

Thanks to Denise Sprain for donating the quilt!

Coffee and Rolls

May 4

Everyone is welcome!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$834

Offertory \$168

Easter flowers \$113

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Liturgical Ministers

**April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter
First Communion**

Lector : Cindy Richtsmeier, Katelyn Porter

Usher: Richard Bloom, Jim Brandt, Mike

Mausser, Gary Bonewitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Sprain, Lisa Kielty

Money Counters: Jodi Uthe, Jessica Schipper

Altar Servers: Sergio Rogel, Alex Harms

Sacristan: Jo DeVries

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Last Day of Religious Education is April 30

Bible School will be held May 27 - 30

First Communion will be held April 27

*Please keep Jace Harms and Nora
Fistler in your prayers as they prepare
to receive the Eucharist.*



Jesus said: "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do it to me." If in my name you give a glass of water, you gave it to me. If in my name you receive a little child, you received me. I was hungry, I was naked, I was homeless, you did it to me. So this is what Jesus came to teach us: how to love one another. Not big things, small things, but great love.

Thirsting for God daily meditations Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
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Liturgical Ministries

April 27th, 2025 – Abril 27th, 2025

Mass—April 27th, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Emma Svob
Ushers: Madonna Weiland, Ryne Magner
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Patton, Ruth Ann Kelch
Money Counters: Millicent Fielding, Sue Basye
Altar Servers: Bella & Alondra Duran, Yamilla Fuentes
Sacristan: April Schoning
Linens: Sue Basye

Spanish Mass—Abril 27th, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Margarita Dominguez, Carmen Garcia
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Lisbeth Garcia, Geovany Marquez
Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabriela Garcia
Monaguillos: Liam Rodriguez, Sergio Dominguez, Maria Barradas
Sacristan: Brenda Diosdado

You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

Happenings Week of April 20th, 2025

Monday/ April 21st / Abril 21st

1:00 PM Say Your Name Grief Group – Library

Tuesday/ Martes April 22nd / Abril 22nd

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles –April 23rd / Abril 23rd

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 PM – Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – April 24th / Abril 24th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)
5:30 PM NO MASS
6:00 PM Adoration

Friday/ Viernes – April 25th / Abril 25th

Sunday/ Domingo April 27th / Abril 27th

FIRST COMMUNION

10:30 AM – Mass
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

IS GOD GOOD?

IS CHRISTIANITY GOOD?



APRIL 22, 2025

6:30 PM

WINDSOR THEATRE

ALL ARE WELCOME

JOIN THE PASTORS OF THE FRANKLIN
COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION.
COME WITH QUESTIONS:
IS GOD GOOD?
IS CHRISTIANITY GOOD?



STEWARDSHIP TREASURY

SUNDAY APRIL 13th, 2025

REGULAR	\$ 1,291.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 349.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.



LENTEN GIVING CUPS

Please turn in your
“Coffee Cups” LAST CHANCE!
All Donations will go to
Catholic Charities



LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE APRIL 30th

First Communion will be held on
April 27th.

Graduation Mass will be
May 18th.

HE IS RISEN





Baptism

May God bless them,
washed in the waters of baptism
Diego, Maritza and Martin Flores
parents **Martin & Janet Flores**
They were baptized at St. Patrick



In Remembrance
Mike Scallon and Keith Kramer
whose funeral and burial were held at St. Mary

St. Mary – St. Patrick

FLOWER BASKET SALE



\$22

Bridal Veil
Fuschia
Impatiens – hybrid
Impatiens – Sun
Geranium – Ivy
Geraniums – Crocodile
Geraniums – zonal
Lobelia
Million Bells
Petunia – super
Petunia – double
Spider – airplane
Strawflower
Trailing snapdragon
Wandering Jew
Mixed Basket
Fern

To place your order:
* Pick up a form at the back of church or at the parish office
* Call the parish office
641-847-2329
641-456-4857
Orders due April 30 –
delivery tentatively May 4-9

Profits go to fund NCYC and Mission Trips

Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte
Janet Kurth



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:
St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

Easter Flowers



Donated at St. Patrick

Jose & Maria Alonzo - Joe & Lili Alonzo
In Memory of Julio & Jose Luis Hernandez
Millicent & Terry Fielding
In Memory of Eric Fielding
Leon & Linda Kuehner
Carl & Teresa Kuehner, James & Norma Currie,
Mary Ann Patton
In Memory of Bill Patton, The Ibeling Family
Dwight & Sherry Peterson
In Memory of Dave & Bernita Peterson,
Albert & Mable Lambertson
April Schoning
In Memory of Gary Schoning, Grandpa &
Grandma Markwardt, Ramy Leo Peters
Margy Suter
In Memory of Betty & Dave Flint

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 21		
8:30 a.m.	Doc Fetter	St. Mary
Tuesday, April 22		
8:30 a.m.	Julie Schall	St. Patrick
Wednesday, April 23		
8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Russell Bleich	St. Mary
Thursday, April 24		
NO MASS		St. Patrick
Sunday, April 27 – First Communion		
8:00 a.m.	Henrietta Keninger	St. Mary
10:30 a.m.	Duane Kelch	St. Patrick
5:30 p.m.	For the people	St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass
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