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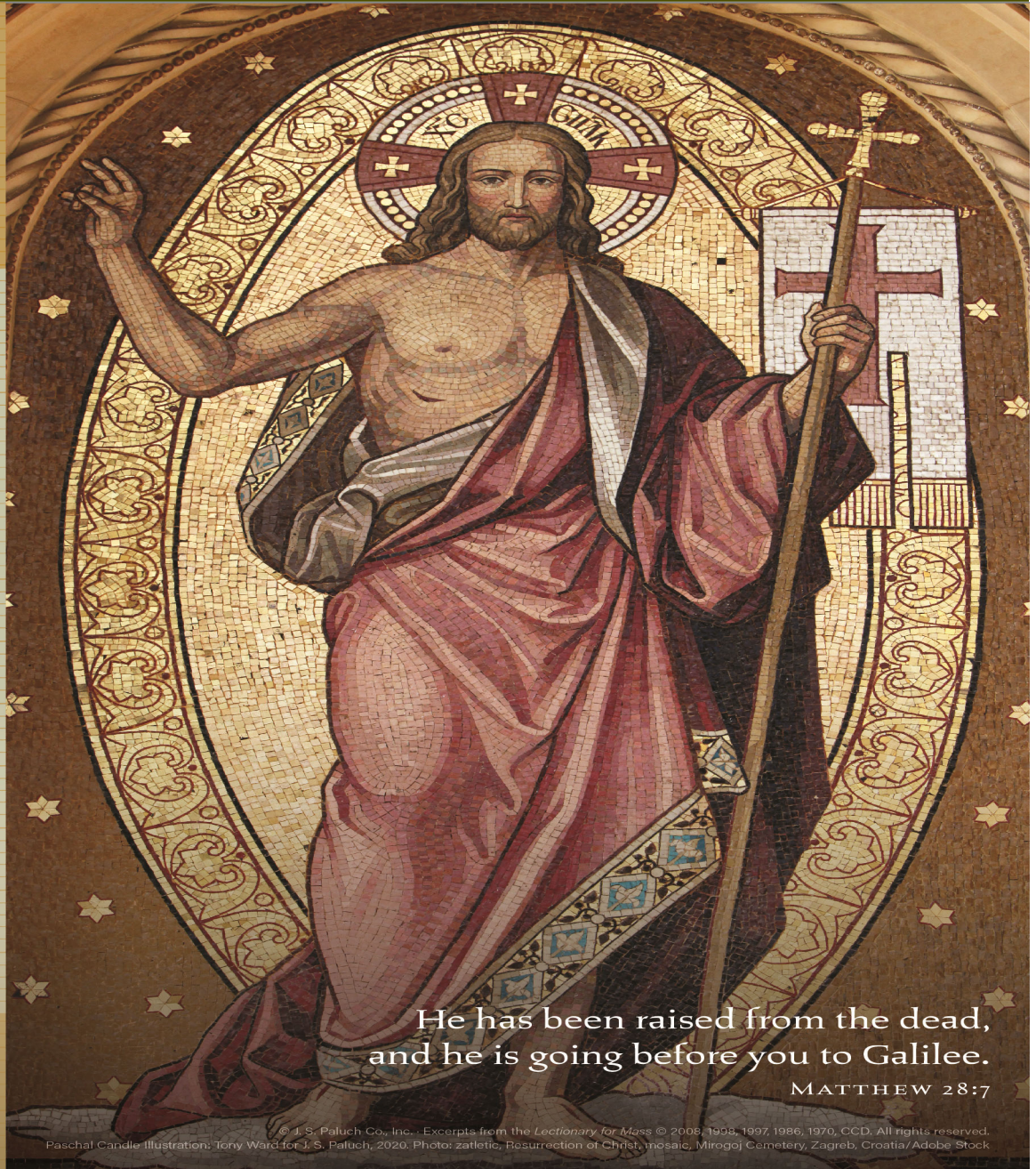
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Easter  
Sunday



He has been raised from the dead,  
and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

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## **Mission Statement**

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to live His Gospel by answering daily, "Yes, here I am Lord". Strengthened by the sacraments and trusting in God's saving grace, we joyfully commit ourselves to sharing our gifts for the continual renewal of our parish and the Maplewood community.

**From Deacon John:**

**EASTER SHOWS FAITH, HOPE & LOVE... IN TANGIBLE WAYS:**

**FAITH—We can place our faith and trust in Jesus:**

As St Paul says *“If Christ did not rise from the dead then your faith is in vain.”*

Enough so we can see God face-to-face for eternity.

Our death is not our end, but our passport to eternal life with God.

That is God's plan for you.

What happened in the past, gives us hope for the future.

**HOPE—In the midst of problems we can look forward to better times:**

**Easter is God's gift to us.**

Jesus is victorious

Healing overcame pain

Goodness overcame evil

Love overcame hate and fear

Grace overcame sin

Light overcame darkness

Risen life overcame death.

**Hope allows us to look forward to the future when life is transformed.**

**LOVE--How much does God love you?**

Enough that Jesus died on the cross for you.

Enough that the Father raised Jesus back to life to be with us.

Easter is our proof.

**His love for you continues TODAY.**

Christ has died...Christ is risen...Christ will come again.

Enjoy Easter-time.

Enjoy fresh flowers, the sound of birds, watching trees turning green.

Look for the goodness around you.

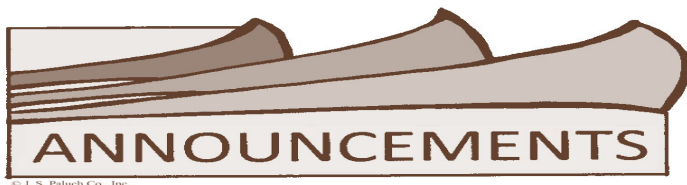
Look forward to when social distancing will change to gathering together.

Thank God for all.

**I THANK GOD FOR YOU.**

**Easter blessings to all,  
Deacon John**





The Spring Green Social for the Maplewood Community scheduled for April 19th is **CANCELLED**.

More information to follow about rescheduling.

**HELP WANTED** St. Luke's Men's Guild is looking for someone to clean up McMahon field (at Dale & Bellevue) on a regular basis. You will be compensated for your time. For more information, please contact Tim Day at 314-781-2776.

### Marriage/Family Life Update.

"The Archdiocese of Saint Louis Office of Marriage & Family Life is dedicated to preparing couples for a joy-filled sacramental marriage with all the beauty and graces it offers. To service this mission during this time social distancing and gathering restrictions due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Marriage Preparation classes from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be presented as live webinars during the month of April. The class dates and times remain the same as published on the archdiocesan website <https://www.archstl.org>.

### CREATE A FAMILY PRAYER SPACE AT HOME

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer, and bless it with your peace and presence.

Bless all who seek you here.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. Your parish may have something you can take home and use. You can find the find the readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

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*Easter*  
Memorial  
Flowers

*Joe Amend  
Harold & Madelen Biggers  
Bonnarens Family  
Don Bouvatte  
Mary Busch  
Etha Davis  
LaDonna Davis  
Ruth Gustafson  
Harvey R. Hammann  
Myrtle & Otto Hamman  
Richard Hamman  
Adele & Orville Kloeckener  
Richard Konersmann  
Kurt Martin  
Stanley & Ula McClure  
McFarland Family  
Mary & Henry Muth  
June Seady  
Alberta Thigpen  
John Thigpen  
George & Mabel Watson  
Nancy & Tony Watson  
Paul Watson  
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### Schedule For The Week

**Sunday, April 12** Easter Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Mass-Suspended

**Monday, April 13**  
10:30 a.m. Senior Exercise-Cancelled

**Tuesday, April 14**  
7:00 p.m. Choir-Cancelled

**Wednesday, April 15**  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Parish Hall Walking-Cancelled

**Thursday, April 16**  
9:00 a.m. Small Faith-Cancelled  
9:30 a.m. Quilting-Cancelled

**Friday, April 17**  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Adoration-Cancelled  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Parish Hall Walking-Cancelled

**Saturday, April 18**  
4:00 p.m. Mass-Suspended

4:15-4:45 p.m. **CONFESSIONS—with Fr. Pete St. Luke's Parish**

**Sunday, April 19**  
8:30 a.m. Mass-Suspended

### **Weekly Offering**



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Online Giving at:  
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#### March 21st/22nd:

1st Collection: \$2,415.00 2nd Collection: \$341.00  
Online Giving: \$1,212.00

#### March 28th/29th:

1st Collection: TBD 2nd Collection: TBD  
Online Giving: \$902.25

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:** I want to remind you that collections remain essential to the continued operation and existence of our parish and our mission. Thank you to all who use online giving. THANK YOU TO 3 PARISHIONERS WHO BEGAN ONLINE GIVING LAST WEEK. It helps so much during times like this, snow days and vacation times. It is EASY to sign up for online giving on the internet at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357). You may make one-time payments or set it up for automatic payments—it is very flexible. Otherwise, please mail or drop-off your contribution. Many expenses continue.

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**COVID 19**  
CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE

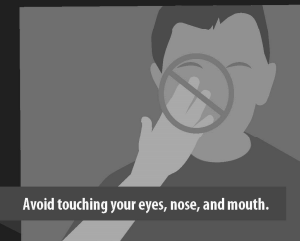
## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



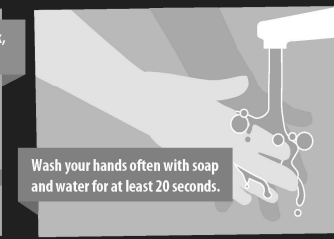
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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### Stewardship

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To Him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!*

Matthew 24:34 ; Revelations 1:6

During Holy Week we relive the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ. Today He is risen, and His glory and power are revealed to us. As Christians, with heavy hearts, we hear this story every year, and it never gets easier to grasp why God the Father would send His only son to die for us. How great is His love that He would do this? The resurrection of Jesus should reinforce our love for the Lord; that we may glorify Him and live the legacy of Jesus. Love one another as He has loved us; this is the easy part of the story...God has taken care of the difficult part. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and God will know that you love Him. Alleluia!!

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever. Psalm 118:1*

Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones!

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Mary Bankston

Nikki & Todd Bircher

RJ & Suzee Irwin

Deacon John Flanigan

Becky Konersmann

Laura Miller

Ken Amend

### Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm Sunday Mass: 8:30am

Daily Mass: 8:00am

Confessions: Saturday's from 3:15 pm-3:45 pm,  
or by appointment.

SVDP Food Pantry: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00am

### Ministry Schedule-Suspended

**Saturday EM's:** *Suspended until Masses resume*

**Saturday Lectors:**

**Saturday Servers:**

**Saturday Usher Captain:**

**Saturday Gifts:**

**Sunday EM's:**

**Sunday Lectors:**

**Sunday Servers:**

**Sunday Usher:**

**Sunday Greeters:**

**Sunday Gifts:**



### Hope and Healing

"There is no grief like the  
grief that does not  
speak."

Henry Longfellow.



Monday, April 12, 8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 13, 8:00 am

For the people of the parish

Wednesday, April 14, 8:00

For the people of the parish

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For the people of the parish

Saturday, April 17, 4:00p.m.

For the people of the parish

Sunday, April 18, 8:30a.m.

For the people of the parish

### Please Pray For:

**Eileen Lencz, Jim Haislip, Alice Hezel, Gary Gray, Ellen Simmons, Chuck Ellermann, Mona Tillman, Heidi Barks, Madelyn McClure, Paul Rygelski, Mary Johnston, Ed Langhammer, Jim White, Everleigh Lauber, Jack & Pamela Warner, Pam MacDonald, Nancy Maurer, Linda Amend**

Terry & Ron Kippenberger (family of Rita Kippenberger)

Lisa Massack (sister of Joshua Capstick)

Jamie Jackson (Granddaughter of Annabelle Moran)

Pam Brown (former parishioner)

Tony Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)

Sr. Barbara Paul (former parishioner)

Jan Pilla (daughter in law of Eddie Pilla)

Nick Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)

Carl & Susan Case (brother and sister in law of Pat Curtis)

Mary Lucas (friend of Al & Maureen Daniels)

Drew Becker (son of Paul Becker)

John Biondo (brother of Maria Gray)

Deimeke Family

Sylvia Squires (former parishioner)

John Graves (brother of Karen Bish)

Lisa Hanley Blake (daughter of Celene Hanley)

### PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Col. Peter White, USAF, son of Jim & Lucy White  
Senior Chief Matthew J Paul, USN, son of Maria and  
Gary Gray**

**William Patrick Flynn, USN, son of Patrick &  
Michelle Flynn**

To add your loved one's name (s)  
contact Eva at the rectory. 314-645-3307 or email at  
icmaplewood@gmail.com

### CONFESSIONS—with Fr. Pete

Available at St. Luke's Parish

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. Project Rachel/Project Joseph offers free, private, professional counseling for anyone who is suffering because of an abortion experience. Call Project Rachel/Project Joseph at 314-792-7565 to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation.

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