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MARVELOUS LIGHT

I don't know if your Lent has been as difficult as mine, but I am most certainly ready and quite joyful and this Easter morning's arrival. I started Lent ready to go. I had my plan of what I was going to fast from, how I was going to increase in my prayer life, and how I would give out of my comfort zone financially to help others; but it wasn't even a day into the 40 days that I found myself floundering about and failing at almost everything that was part of my plan. It was quite humiliating, and I felt somewhat like a failure. As I recalled the words I had heard multiple times on Ash Wednesday at the services I had provided music for, I was reminded that half of the battle is picking ourselves back up and continuing on even when we fail and fall flat on our faces. This Lent was one that currently holds the record (as far as I can remember) for the number of times I had to remove my face from the muck and mud of failing at my Lenten practices. If I'm being truly honest, I would like a re-do of the past 40 or so days, but at the same time I don't know that I would want to change anything about them either.

It is in the midst of our personal struggles and temptations that we are able to grow and encounter the Lord. Just as we heard a few weekends ago with the story of the woman at the well, Jesus comes to meet us exactly where we are and expects nothing from us other than who we are at that moment. It is those moments of darkness where we having fallen face first into the mud that we are able to more fully experience the glory of the resurrection and the new life in Christ that we received at our baptisms.

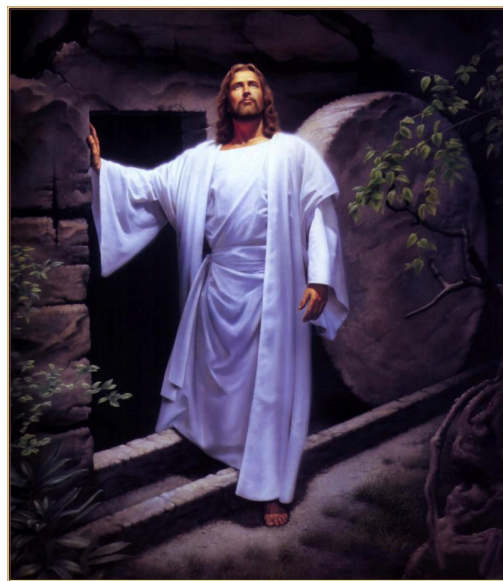
A few weeks ago, I was leading music for a Mass and have been reflecting on the words of one of the songs pretty much ever since then. It is a fairly simple song and one that I first encountered when I worked at Catholic Youth Camp in Western KY. The particular version I sang at that Mass started with the words:

*"I may be down, but I will rise.
It may be dark, but God is light."*

As I was reflecting on these words and reflecting on my Lent this year, I was reminded of the simple truth found in those words. I may have been knocked down by the devil multiple times over the last month or so, but that doesn't mean that I will remain down. I will rise just as Jesus did on the third day, following what everyone at the time thought was the end. In

addition, the times when the darkness seems to close in on us and surrounds us is a time to remember that God is LIGHT, and in order to overcome the darkness we must seek Him!

I look at the Gospel for today and I can't help but think that Peter and the rest of the apostles were in a very dark place following Good Friday and the crucifixion. I'm talking serious darkness here. They weren't even the ones who went to check on Jesus' tomb first. They had seemingly given up all hope. It took Mary Magdalene going to the tomb and finding it open to spark the interest of Jesus' closest followers. Upon their hearing of the state of the tomb they ran to see for themselves, but they were still hesitant. The beloved disciple stopped at the entrance to the tomb even though he had beaten Peter in the 'race' to the tomb. Peter then enters the tomb and finds



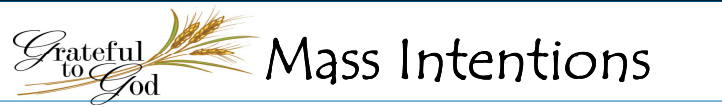
He has risen

Luke 24:13-35

there is no body and that the burial clothes were left alone inside. It was at this moment that the beloved disciple finally enters the tomb. This is the beginning of the realization of Peter and the apostles that what Jesus had foretold about His resurrection was actually true.



The refrain and bridge to the song I mentioned earlier are as follows, and I hope you will join me in taking these words to heart and making them true in each of our lives.



Collection for April 9.....TBA

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)
 Monday, April 17, St. Bridget (*Word-Communion Service*)
 8:00 AM Kurt Fried (Madelyn Fischer)
 Tuesday, April 18, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Secular Franciscans
 Wednesday, April 19, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Albert & Veronica Backmann (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, April 20, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Fr. John Brandes (Parish Staff)
 Friday, April 21, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Fr. John Brandes (Parish Staff)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, April 22, St. Bridget
 4:30 PM Taylor Tolle (Mars Family)
 Sunday, April 23, St. Austin
 + 9:30 AM People of the Parish

READINGS FOR April 23, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Mary Moen
 Lector: Peter Aubart
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Mary & Mike Regan
 Usher/Greeter: Jacque Karas, Mike Johnson, Betty Mysliwiec, Carol Wolney, Betty Anderson


Sunday, April 23, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Ethan & Madison Nevalainen
 Lector: Richard Ashfeld
 Sacristan: Alice Wortman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Denise Hochstedler, Tom Greve, Dianne Mulcare, Cece Ryan
 Ushers & Greeters: Bernice Ashfeld, Aislyn & Hannah Brogdon, Emmett Mulcare

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 17	Office Closed No Faithfully Fit		
Tues. Apr. 18	Arts & Crafts Praise Ensemble	9:00AM - 6:00PM 6:30PM	St. A St. B
Wed. Apr. 19	Faith Formation Knights of Columbus	6:30 - 7:45PM 6:00 - 8:00PM	OLV St. B
Thur. Apr. 20	NO Choir Rehearsal		
Fri. Apr. 21	Senior Luncheon Adoration	12:00PM	St. A
Sat. Apr. 22	Mass	4:30PM	St. A
Sun. Apr. 23	Mass Parent, Student, Sponsor Confirmation Retreat	9:30AM 11:30AM - 2:00PM	St. B St. A

CALENDAR CORRECTION: The Healing Mass on April 29 will be at **9:30AM** at St. Bridget. I apologize for the confusion.

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Jean Eidem, Dianne Mulcare, Rita Casserly, Jerry Gooley, Mark Johnson, Francis Japs, Dorothy Kroll, and Carl Terwey.

SENIOR LUNCH will be held in Brennan Hall at the St. Austin Campus on Friday, April 21 at 12:00 PM. Lunch tickets are \$5. Call the office by April 19 to reserve your spot.

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION, April 23 will be our Confirmation Parent, Student and Sponsor Retreat. Beginning at 11:30AM until 2:00PM with a pot luck lunch provided by the parents. It will be held at St. Austin's Brennan Hall.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on April 17 in observance of Easter. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 18. Please note: there will be no Faithfully Fit on Monday. Thank you.

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Austin Campus 4:30 PM

Sunday—St. Bridget Campus 9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

St. Bridget Campus..... 8:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Austin Campus..... 3:45-4:10 PM

(Doors of the Church open at 3:45 PM)

Seasonal Communal Services Advent and Lent

Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage and Sick

Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Membership

The Parish Community of St. Bridget welcomes your active membership. If you are new to the area or looking for a place to nurture and celebrate your faith, please call the Parish Office.

*"Sin has lost its power,
death has lost its sting.
From the grave you've risen,
victoriously.*

*Into marvelous light I'm running,
out of darkness, out of shame.
By the cross you are the truth,
you are the life; you are the way.*

*Lift my hands and spin around.
See the light that I have found,
oh the marvelous light,
the marvelous light."*

As we enter into this Easter season, I would encourage all of us to take whatever our Lent turned out to be, whether it was good or bad, and place it before the cross and truly embrace the glory of the resurrection. Let the marvelous light of Jesus Christ wash over you and bring new life into every aspect of your day, your week, your life! One last thing, during this beautiful season all of the first readings we encounter in the Masses are from the book of Acts. I am always personally inspired by reading the book of Acts as it is an opportunity to experience the very beginnings of our modern Catholic faith, let us be like the first apostles and share the marvelous light that we have found. God Bless!

~Alex Schindler, Director of Youth Ministry

ALUMNI MASS: To honor our esteemed alumni, we are celebrating with Alumni Masses the weekend of June 3-4th! After the 4:30pm Saturday Mass at St. Austin will be a light reception in Brennan Hall. Sunday's 9:30am Mass at St. Bridget will be followed by the parish festival -- including a host of delicious things to eat and fun things to do! And of course, all are welcome to either Mass, regardless of where you graduated. So start spreading the news to those who call one of the campuses their Alma Mater!

CAREGIVER'S RETREAT: Saturday, May 20th - 9:00 - 11:45AM at St. Austin Campus. This year's retreat will explore the emotional side of being a caregiver, presented by Anne Marie Bartlet, MSW. Pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information, call or email: Mary Majkocak - 612-521-7454 or Cindy Boggs - cboggs@ascensionmpls.org or call 612-529-9684.

PARISH MISSION PRAYER (May 15-18)

Lord Jesus, as we prepare for our parish's special time of mission, open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members cultivate an environment of welcome and hospitality, opening our doors to all who are in need of hearing the Word of God.

Bless the missionaries who will break open Your word for us with their preaching. May they be guided by the Spirit, and may their words penetrate the hardest of hearts.

Help us to welcome into our parish community all of those who feel distant from Your loving care. Show us how to be a reflection of Your love to all we meet and to offer support to those who are in despair. Remind each of us that we are CHOSEN for a specific purpose and that we each have gifts to offer to bring about Your glorious kingdom.

We ask this of You, confident that You are our Savior, and that You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST There will be a pancake breakfast following Mass, Palm Sunday, April 9 at St. Bridget Gym. Come for Mass, stay for breakfast. Adult - \$8.00
Child (ages 6-12) - \$5.00
Family (2 adult and up to 5 child tickets) \$25.00
Tickets will be available at the door.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION Our first session of the season will be on Wednesday, April 26, after the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Bridget's. All are invited to participate in this adult faith enrichment opportunity. If you can help with refreshments, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

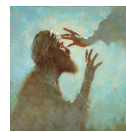
LABOURE SOCIETY - AN ANSWER TO PRAYER:



A few years ago, Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life be celebrated around the World. Thanks to those prayers, there are many aspirants eager to serve the Lord in the fullest capacity but are unable to until remaining student debt is paid. The Labouré Society exists to provide financial assistance and spiritual support to individuals who must resolve education loans in order to pursue a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. Next week-end, we have the great opportunity to hear from two of these individuals -- Anne Goedtke and Bill



Duffert -- who will inform us about this great way to participate in the advancement of the Church. A second collection will be taken, so we invite you to consider bringing a gift in support. Thank you!



HEALING MASS ON APRIL 29th: There will be a Healing Mass at St. Bridget's on Saturday, April 29th at 9:30am. This is open to anyone in need of an anointing and will be followed by a light brunch at the school gym. Please contact Sister Gert if you

need a ride.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK: Church cleaners Emmett Mulcare, Marlene Longpre, Richard Ashfeld, Julie Peterson, Alice Wortman, Jean Kochendorfer, Susan Auhn, Pat & Fred Pulling, Sandy Meyer, Carol Delzer, Frank & Mary Plant, Mary Jaeb, Mike McDonough, Laurie Spack, Ralph Wolf, Dan & Dorla Jacobwith, Becky Deming, Dorothy Berghoff, Lea Schuett. May God bless you for your time and talent given so freely. ~ Steve Schuett

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP! Did you know?



Our Heart of the Northside Festival **Silent Auction** provides a significant amount of festival proceeds each year.

Volunteers spend hours and hours putting baskets together and making them look great!

How can you help?

Now is the perfect time to be on the lookout for fun and unique items to donate to the Silent Auction. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

Plan to bid, bid, and bid some more on festival day, **Sunday, June 4!** Thanks in advance for your commitment to this important (and fun) part of our festival... happy shopping!