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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Who will roll



away the stones?

Morning Church!

Easter Sunday: the day an empty tomb glorifies and ratifies
the Divine Covenant of ever-lasting love.

World-wide Christians gather to celebrate the Divine Emptiness that is the fullness of a promise kept and to welcome new members into our Catholic community at the Easter Vigil. Here, at St. Stephen, we welcomed Jacob Matthew Wagoner and Ethan Martin, as they joyfully celebrated Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Agreed. Easter celebrates the empty tomb of the Risen Christ, yet, amid all the joyous songs and the return of Alleluias everywhere in the liturgy, some tombs are still full and in need of our attention and response.

The living tombs of our sisters and brothers....

~ of Ukraine and Russia, and of the Palestinian Hamas terrorists and Israelis who are entombed in a violent, two year war, whose collateral damage will endure for years to come...

~ those harassed every day in our socio-political circles because of gender inequality, ethnic or systemic racism; those made to feel less, powerless and alone, demonized, entombed in human darkness

~ the abused or neglected, those who huddle in the dark and dank corners of society and the Church as The Unwelcomed, The Untouchables, or The Reviled.

Many who are entombed cry out to us to roll away their stones
so that our sisters or brothers can enter the fullness of New Life.

None of us were present for the first Easter. We were not eye witnesses to Christ's Resurrection. We are here *now*. We have within us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. (Eph. 1:19-20) Our Baptism ratifies that truth.

We are here now and we are called to witness to Christ's Resurrection and do so by freeing our sisters and brothers from their tombs of others' inhumanity, abuse, shame, fear, judgment, prejudice, political racism, vitriolic speech, or gender bias.

We are the disciples entrusted with The Risen Christ's message and mission, to free all who are entombed in self-imposed darkness or darkness forced on them by others.

As we celebrate Easter, way too many among us are being misjudged, crucified and then entombed by human darkness. Will *you* roll away their stones?

In CommUNITY,

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🕯️ HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word ~

How will free yourself and others for New Life in Christ?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Seen

For Easter Day

You had not imagined
that something so empty
could fill you
to overflowing,



















and now you carry
the knowledge
like an awful treasure
or like a child
that curls itself
within your heart:

how the emptiness
will bear forth
a new world
you cannot fathom
but on whose edge
you stand.

So why do you linger?
You have seen,
and so you are
already blessed.
You have been seen,
and so you are
the blessing.


There is no other word
you need.
There is simply
to go
and tell.
There is simply
to begin.

~ Jan Richardson

31	Easter Sunday, 9a NO Family Faith Formation
APRIL	
02	Communion Service, 12:15p
 03	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
 07	2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
 08	Ladies Guild, 5p
 09	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
 10	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
 14	3rd Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
15	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Center ~ 1:00p-6:30p 
 16	The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Assoc., 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
 17	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
18	Wise Ones, 1p 
 20	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
 21	4th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
 24	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
 28	5th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
30	Communion Service, 12:15p



*We welcome,
Jacob Matthew Wagoner &
Ethan Martin VanHorn
to our
St. Stephen Faith Community!*

 Mass Intentions	
31	Mass for St. S parishioners Kelley McQuade (50th Bday)
07	+Mary Burnham
14	+Linda Murphy r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
19	+John G. Collins

Birthdays & Anniversaries



04 Fredy Carmona, Jr. Gus Habowski	11 Osvaldo Martinez Keith Stringer
05 Marcellino Trinidad	12 Jose Ledesma
06 Natalie Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
08 Melisa Bustos Jennifer LaCashio	26 Michael Hadfield 27 Dianne Crawford
09 Alberto Nava Osvaldo Bustos	28 Luis Rodriguez 30 Liza Go-Harris
10 Richard Jones	Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette
05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



...to all who helped in the Holy Week & Easter preparation & our liturgies...to Jacquie Darcey, for her leadership in the prayerful meditation of the *Women of Jerusalem* and our women who lead us in this Good Friday prayer...

...to our Ladies Guild who set up our Altar of Repose and prepared hospitality for our Holy Week luncheon on Wednesday...*God bless you!*

Easter Flowers



To honor or memorialize a loved one, make a donation to our Flower Fund using the envelope in the pew. PRINT your name on the front, the amount enclosed, & your envelope # on the front. PRINT the names of those you wish remembered on the back. Put the envelope in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

Aileen Cahill

*Denis & John Cahill,
The Hannan, Cahill &
Blackburn Families*

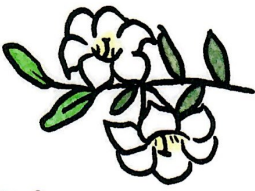
*Jane & John
Worley*

*The Worley and
Buchholz Families*

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

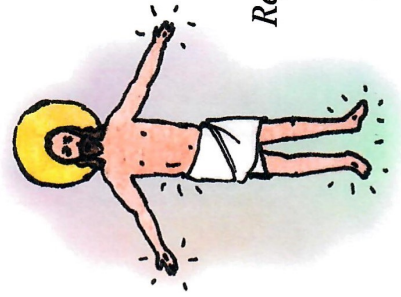


Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the tomb and found

it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



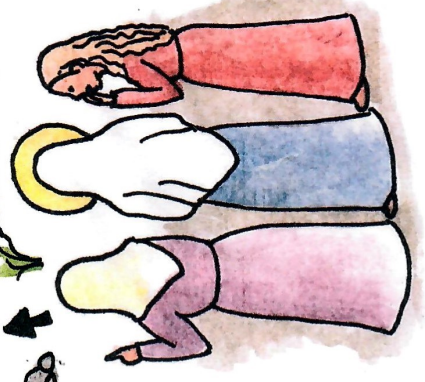
*Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!
For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia!
Has risen as He said. Alleluia!*

*Pray to God for us, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!*

Answer to the Word find: Jesus is risen!

The Kids' Bulletin

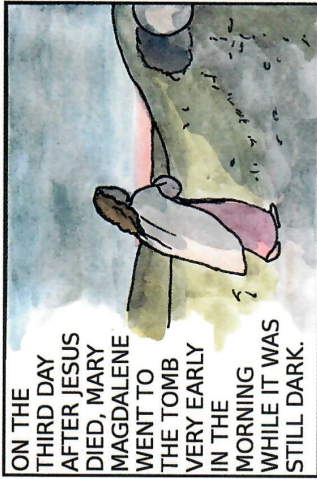
Easter Sunday
March 31st, 2024



Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone!
Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?

Easter Morning

From the Gospel of John



ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER JESUS DIED, MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO THE TOMB VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK.

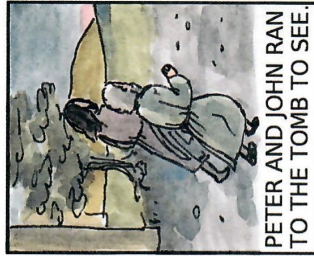


BUT FINDING THE STONE ROLLED AWAY, SHE RAN TO FIND PETER AND JOHN.



SHE TOLD THEM WHAT SHE HAD SEEN.

They've taken him out of the tomb, and I don't know where he is!



PETER AND JOHN RAN TO THE TOMB TO SEE.



JOHN RAN FASTER AND GOT THERE BEFORE PETER. HE LOOKED IN THE TOMB.

It's empty!



WHEN PETER GOT THERE HE WENT INSIDE THE TOMB.



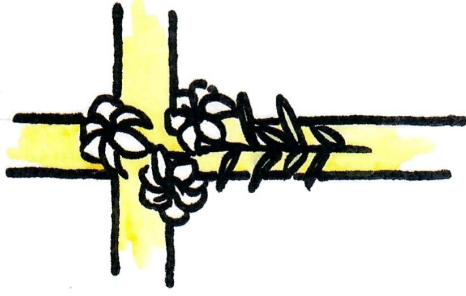
THEY SAW THE CLOTHS LYING THERE, AND THE PIECE OF CLOTH THAT HAD BEEN ON HIS HEAD WAS FOLDED AND SET IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.

He must have risen!

THE DISCIPLES WERE VERY SAD AND AFRAID AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS. ON THE SUNDAY MORNING MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO SEE AND HONOUR THE BODY OF JESUS, BUT HE WAS GONE! LATER IN THE DAY JESUS APPEARED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN TO THE APOSTLES. CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR JOY?

Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
 C L O T H S I M O N
 F I R S T C S A M A
 B E N E S O A R I D E K I
 L W E E K A R P L E T S
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 E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALENE and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY! They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded up.

Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.

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