



In the Gospels often it is a minor detail which gives us the key to the meaning of the author in a particular passage. Luke's account of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples in today's gospel is a case in point.

The readings of the Easter season center on the life of the early Christian apostolic community. Their response to the reality of the presence of the Risen Lord is the foundation of our faith. They are our eyes and ears as witnesses to the greatest event in human history—the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. We see the despair and frustration of Good Friday melt away as the events of Easter Sunday take hold in their spirit.

The author of the Gospel bends over backwards to show us the reality of the Risen Lord. Yet he does this in such a clear, simple way that we can almost overlook the point he is making. Jesus asks, *Have you anything to eat?* And the narrator continues, *They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence.*

What a delightful way to tell us in a few short words all any Christian needs to know about the resurrection. These few deceptively simple words contain the whole truth of the paschal mystery. The author is telling us that the Risen Lord is not a ghost who is nothing like his

former self. He eats a piece of fish. Jesus is real. Somehow he is different and yet the same. He is still human. Death is defeated. Our world can never be the same. Jesus eats some food with the disciples. It is a small, symbolic act which says volumes about the Christian faith.

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our response to this simple act is a rededication to the call to discipleship. The followers of Jesus of every age must put themselves in the shoes of the disciples as they face the Risen Lord. Their faith is our faith; their joy is our joy. If we truly have been in the presence of the Risen Lord then our lives can never be the same.

As disciples of Jesus we look at life from a different and revolutionary perspective. We have seen the Lord eat and drink. The rest of humanity must know of this unusual event. We are like the disciples who were *incredulous for sheer joy and wonder*. Like the early apostolic community our joy is reflected in our lifestyle. Jesus said that the world would recognize his disciples by their love for one another. Our response is to share our food and goods. Our lives must be centered on the Sunday breaking of the bread. We proclaim the Risen Lord through good works, compassion for one another and worship.

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DAILY MASSES - Monday through Friday - as scheduled.

Saturday: 7:00; 8:00 (Rosary following the 8:00 Mass) 4:30 p.m. This afternoon Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Sunday: 7:30; 9:00; 10:15 Guitar Mass; 11:45 Sung Mass

Evening Before a Holy Day: 6:00 p.m. This Mass will fulfill your Holy Day obligation

Holy Day: 6:00; 8:45; 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Friday: 7:00; 8:00; 8:45 CCW Mass

Confessions: Saturday; 3:00 to 4:00; 7:30 to 8:00

Evening Before a Holy Day: 5:15 p.m.

Thursday before First Friday: 4:00 to 5:00; 7:30 to 8:00

Baptisms: Every second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

CCD Classes every Sunday during school at 9:00 a.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: There is never a monotony about gratitude; each occasion is precious. But I have been called upon so many times and for so many reasons at St. Patrick's to voice my thanks, that it is humbling.

At this time I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Fred FENILI, our parishioners, and owners of RAIN AWAY GUTTER Co., 910 Westwood Avenue, Joliet, for installing new gutters, downspouts and soffits on the rectory and convent. This professional work has been done by them at cost, thus saving the parish a few thousand dollars.

May God reward them with spiritual and temporal blessings.

The following letter was received from Bishop Blanchette: "Dear Vytas: Frank Laule sent me letters from his 7th grade CCD class. They are praying for my recovery. Kindly tell them to pray that I will be faithful till the day God calls me."

St. Patrick's Bell, which we would like to repair if we can raise \$7,000.00 through gifts, was cast in 1847 by Stueckhel Bell Company of St. Louis, Missouri, according to our parish records. It was recast in 1903. Since April 15, 1979, the following people have contributed to ST. PATRICK'S BELL FUND: Anonymous, Mrs. Mary Jontes in memory of John and Maria Jontes, the Robert Kinney family in memory of Mr. Robert Kinney Anonymous and Mr. John Lewman in memory of Miss Agnes V. Clark. As of today, we have \$1,968.94 in the Bell Fund. If you have some extra \$, waiting for "just the right cause", this could be it! May you be blessed to respond!

I wish to thank each and every parishioner who helped make our Easter collection one of the best. It is wonderful to behold the parish loyalty of a nucleus of people. God bless all of you for the part you play in the parish.

V.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: On behalf of our parish we offer our congratulations to Miss NANCY CARROLL, of St. Patrick's parish, and Mr. TIMOTHY KINSLEY, who will be joined in marriage on Saturday, May 5, at 11:30 A.M. Nuptial Mass. May God bless their union with many years.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Last Sunday, April 22, our collection amounted to \$4,081.30. We also received \$438.00 for the Easter Collection (total Easter collection up to today is \$8,398.00). May God reward your generosity.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Communal anointing of the sick will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, May 5, at 1:30 P.M. This sacrament is for the elderly, sick and infirm. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and pray with these members of our parish community. CCW will serve light refreshments in the gym following the service. If there is anyone who needs a ride, they may call Marie Reddy, 727-1247 or Loretta Crawley, 744-1145.

ST. PATRICK'S SPRING LUNCHEON

St. Patrick's Council of Catholic Women Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on May 10th at Dimas' Restaurant, West Jefferson Street. The social hour will start at 12:00 followed by dinner. The menu consists of sliced beef - \$4.95 or 1/4 baked or fried chicken for \$4.25. This includes tax and gratuity. Please make your reservations by May 7th with Ellen Seeman - 729-4473. Entertainment will be provided by Mary Maher, program chairman. Each lady is asked to bring one flower.



MASSES FOR THE WEEKMONDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 Robert F. Kinney -
Mrs. Richard Boylan
8:00 Clifford Larson -
Mrs. Clifford Larson
8:45 Eugene Ryan -
Mrs. Eugene Ryan

TUESDAY, MAY 1

7:00 Lew Rogers -
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knarr Jr.
8:00 Mary Louise Garavaglia -
Ed, Joe and Tony Denovellis
8:45 John Jontes -
Mrs. John Jontes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

7:00 Purgatorial Society
8:00 Sarah Glade -
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kohl
8:45 Raymond J. Walsh -
Dr. and Mrs. William Limacher

THURSDAY, MAY 3

7:00 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boland -
Anna Kinn
8:00 George Orr - The Riehl family
8:45 John Gorski

FRIDAY, MAY 4

7:00 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kane
8:00 Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Bagnoli -
Family
8:45 C.C.W.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:00 Cathy Ann Ciccotelli
Mr. and Mrs. Gino Ciccotelli
8:00 Marguerite Maher -
Family
4:30 John Kennick -
Mrs. John Kennick and Joanne

SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:30 Josephine Surinak
9:00 For the parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:15 Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Buldak -
Special Intention
11:45 Frank Korovec -
Mr. and Mrs. Don Brandolino

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR THE WEEK

Rose Gabel, Joyce Hutten, Marie Westbrooke

FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS

Thursday 4:00-5:00; 7:30 - 8:00

FUND DRIVE - SECOND COLLECTION MAY 6MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL.....MONDAY 7:00
PRE-BAPTISM WORKSHOP.....WEDNESDAY 7:00
FIRST COMMUNION MEETING
FOR PARENTS
FACULTY ROOM.....THURSDAY 7:30
REACH.....FRIDAY 6:30

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Publication:
Richard Querio and Susan Usetti
Geoffrey Hall and Melinda Getson
Third Publication:
Tim Kinsley and Nancy Carroll

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH

Annual Spring Buffet at the Knights of
Columbus Hall Wednesday, May 2 - 11:30 -
1:30 p.m. Tickets sold at the door.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE NO. 93

Annual card and bunco party - St. Anthony
Church Hall - Sunday May 6 - 2:00. \$1.25.

ST. ANTHONY'S HALL 113 N. OTTAWA ST.

Card party - April 29 - 2:00 p.m.
There will also be a raffle.

COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS

Once again the College of St. Francis is
inviting all of you to "A Night at Lourdes".
There will be a procession, prayers, and
blessing of the sick as at Lourdes, France.
The rosary will be recited in 5 different
languages. The evening will begin at 6:00
on Sunday, May 6, at the Lourdes Grotto
in the rear of the campus, and conclude
at approximately 8:00. The sick, elderly
and invalid are the special guests of
honor for this evening. If you know of any
of the above mentioned people, bring them
along with yourselves for the special night.
If there are any questions, please call
Sue Malaichuk at 740-3415.

OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIPWEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS

In response to Pope John Paul II's call
for emphasis on Catholic Marriage and
family life, the Office of Divine Worship
and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission invite
all couples celebrating their 25th, 30th,
35th, 40th, 50th or more wedding anniver-
saries to attend a special Mass to be
celebrated by the Bishop in St. Raymond's
Cathedral on June 10, 1979 at 2:00 P.M.
To register, please call 838-7098 and
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