

## Pastor's Desk

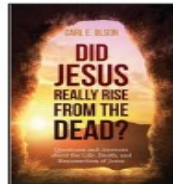
**STEP BY STEP:** Confrontation with truth is wiser than concealing it. Peter confronted his audience with the truth about the choice they had made in the past: "They dismissed the Holy One and preferred the release of a murderer" (Acts 3:14). Can we face the truth about the bad choices we have made in the past? St. John confronts his readers about their knowledge of Jesus, insisting that "the way we can be sure of our knowledge of Jesus is to keep his commandments" (1 Jn 2:3). Can we face the truth about our own knowledge of Christ? Is our knowledge recognizable in our actions? Conversion is the natural result of confronting the truth about ourselves. Conversion of heart can indeed be difficult because there is nothing harder to see than the naked truth; but remember, there is nothing safer than following the truth. The three readings this weekend call for conversion. All of us need to change for we are all wounded within: bitter from weariness and sick within. Fr. Albeen.

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?

### The Truth of the Resurrection

Using a popular question-and-answer format, Carl Olson examines the historical evidence concerning Jesus's controversial fate. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, prepare to be challenged by the logical arguments in this provocative and insightful book.



*"This book argues convincingly that the Resurrection actually occurred and that all the arguments against its historicity have fallen flat."*

—Karl Keating, Catholic Answers

Read on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



**FORMED** THE CATHOLIC FAITH, SWISS DESIGN

**Deadline for Fr. Frank Cosgrove tour to Austria, Germany & Switzerland is April 25.**

**Where:** Salzburg, Munich, Vienna, Lucerne & Lichtenstein

**When:** June 23 - July 4, 2018

**Cost:** \$4,600 Air-Fare & all included

To Register, please contact Proximo Travel 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com) or contact Fr. Cosgrove at 601-481-5700.

## CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Apr. 18 - 5:15-7:00 p.m. Parish Dinner-FLC**  
(Salisbury steak, potatoes, field peas, salad)
- ◆ **Apr. 19 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sharing Christ Program.**
- ◆ **Apr. 20 - 6:00-7:30 a.m. TMIY in the FLC.**
- ◆ **Apr. 22 - 5:00 p.m. Mass for Confirmation.**

## Religious Education "Behold, children are a gift from the Lord."

**Breakfast with Jesus** activity fair will be held this **Sunday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.–noon** for all children preparing to receive **First Holy Communion!**

A special children's Mass will be held for all 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders **May 6 at 10:30 a.m.**

Get *SHIPWRECKED* and *Rescued by JESUS* on the Island of **VBS on June 18-22!**

**Many crew members are needed in order to offer VBS** for pre-k -4<sup>th</sup> graders for the full week: 4 more teachers, 4 more assistants, 2 music program coordinators, 2 babysitters, decorators, and kitchen workers. Contact Mary Catherine now at [mc.george@stfrancismadison.org](mailto:mc.george@stfrancismadison.org) to volunteer.



**11th grade Confirmation:** Sunday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** we will have Service Circle presentations this is a required meeting. Each candidate needs to bring one parent and their sponsor to our meeting in the **FLC gym from 6-8 pm.**

## Yahweh's Youth (YY) & Faithful Followers (FF) 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

**WOW!** No WOW! this week due to Parish Dinner!

**SENIORS** – Save the Date for **May 20** for the Class of 2018 Senior Appreciation Mass and Reception at **5 p.m.**

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
2018 Sacraments

Confirmation, Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday Mass 5:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion,  
Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Mass 3:00 p.m.



**Save the date**  
**Sunday May 6, 2018**  
**11:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**join us for our**  
**Annual Cajun Fest.**



## ST. ANTHONY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Scramble sponsored by Dyatech will be held on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. We just checked the weather and it looks like it will be a beautiful, sunny Spring day! We still have availability for teams. **Registration begins at 11:00 AM** with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Please contact Kristian at [kbeatty@stanthonyeagles.org](mailto:kbeatty@stanthonyeagles.org) or call St. Anthony at 601.607.7054 if you would like to register a team. See you on the course!

## M&M Bible Study Group

M&M Bible Study Group will begin a new course: "Discovering Our Ancestry: Acts of the Apostles" on Wednesday, April 18. The sessions are held in St. Francis Family Life Center. The Acts of the Apostles make up a significant part of our readings during the Easter Season and will continue for eight weeks each Wednesday from 9:15 to 11:15. All ladies of the parish and your friends are invited to participate. Thank you and we hope to see you!

## Offertory Contributions



Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$ 30,000.00
Children's	\$ 52.01
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>\$ 19,383.97</u>
Total	\$ 19,435.98

**Our Second Collection next weekend Apr. 22 is for Education of Future Priest.**



Jesus came to the apostles and stood in their midst. Imagine the fear not just with His sudden appearance but knowing the fact that they had deserted Him in his hour of need. Despite this, His first words are "Peace be with you."

## Congratulations!

These individuals received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil

### Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

NEOPHYTE	GODPARENT
Chase Barmer (St. Andrew) *	Lindsay Naegele

### Baptism

The community of faith welcomes these teens and children with great joy as they become members of the Body of Christ

NEWLY BAPTIZED	PARENTS	GODPARENTS
Ana M. Reyes	Liliana Santacruz Guadalupe Reyes	Eduardo Garcia Rojas Martina Ramirez Lopez
Melanie Santiago Inclan	Martha Inclan	Tomas Hernandez Gabino Francisca Prudencio Jaimes
Camelia Reyes	Liliana Santacruz Guadalupe Reyes	Eduardo Garcia Rojas Martina Ramirez Lopez

### Baptism and Eucharist

Ann Hollingsworth	John Hollingsworth	Jennifer Colson
McKenzie Dant	John and Noot Dant	Leslie Crawford

### Confirmation and Eucharist

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR
Sydney Andrews (St. Theresa of Avila) *	KJ Jwainat
Ray Powell (St. Cornelius) *	Brian Henley

*\*(parenthesis denotes Confirmation saint)*

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Wollie Wolcott at [wollie.wolcott@stfrancismadison.org](mailto:wollie.wolcott@stfrancismadison.org) or call the parish office.

Meetings are held every Wednesday evening 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the RCIA Room and we welcome new inquirers year round. Childcare is available.

## Employment Opportunity

St. Anthony Catholic School has an opening for a full-time position in the Administration Office. The school is seeking an experienced and talented Development Director to manage marketing and fundraising activities as well as oversee special events. This position will oversee strategies to communicate and promote the activities of St. Anthony. The candidate should be able to multitask and have exceptional verbal and written communication skills. To apply, please contact Lisa Harmon at 601.607.7054 or send your resume to Lisa at [lharmon@stanthonyeagles.org](mailto:lharmon@stanthonyeagles.org).

## WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018



**Sat., Apr. 14 - SATURDAY OF EASTER**  
5:30 p.m. Mass (+) Carolyn Daigle

**Sun., Apr. 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine  
5:00 p.m. Mass (+) Sonia Calderon

**Mon., Apr. 16 - WEEKDAY OF EASTER**  
7:00 a.m. Mass SI - Joan Parson & Family  
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Tom Gerrets

**Tue., Apr. 17 - WEEKDAY OF EASTER**  
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) Joseph Gandolini  
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Joe Weaver

**Wed., Apr. 18 - WEEKDAY OF EASTER**  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
8:15 a.m. Mass - St. Anthony  
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Diane Dinkins

**Thurs., Apr. 19 - WEEKDAY OF EASTER**  
7:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Diane Dinkins

**Fri., Apr. 20 - WEEKDAY OF EASTER**  
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) Angel Martinez Galarza  
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Diane Dinkins

**Sat., Apr. 21 - ST. ANSELM**  
5:30 p.m. Mass (+) Dolores Cristina

**Sun., Apr. 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine  
5:00 p.m. Mass SI - Jan & Bruce Evans

(+) **Rest of the Soul**

**SI Special Intention**



Flowers this weekend are in loving memory of **Janice & Raymond Curtis** By The Abadie Family

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Annie Davis, John Matthew Davis, Carrie Maniscalco, Bo King, Rob Parsons, Isabella Saab, John Suedel, Ray Hansen, Judy Abdo Claudette & Willie George, Billy Martinson, Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Chris Smith, Patsy Gerrets, Mary Conner, Austin Stewart, Jessie Tynes, Ellie Liebl, Sheila Boackle, Amanda Williams, Edna Brown, Regina Stinson, Melanie Beyea, Patricia Ballentine, Aleykutty Sebastian, Mary Jane Hogan, Charles Rieckie, Brandi Ham, Luella Doolittle, Patrick Jordan, Louis Pellegrine, Estelle Hearn, Dora Thomas, John Walker, Steve Latza, Peggy Zarate, Rainey Thames, Earline Ashley, Rick Mill, Elwood Martin, and Wilma Kennedy.



**PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**  
Revell Patterson, Paul Boackle, Nathan Culver, and Daniel Machado  
Thank you for protecting our country.  
May the Lord keep you safe.



## ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN

The power of prayer is available to all those in need through the Assisi Prayer Chain. Call (225) 205-7455 or (601) 607-7062 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.