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Barbara Weber, Liturgy Committee Chair

I.D. Cleveland, Community Life Chair

David Vernon-Website Maintenance

Joan Scharf, Bulletin

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**Worship Opportunities**

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**
5:00 p.m. at Holy Family

**Sunday Masses:**
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family

**Weekday Masses:**
Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m. at Holy Family

**Tuesday & Thursday**
8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

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**A Reflection From the Administrator’s Desk....**

**April 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunday...Alleluia He is Risen!**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! A sacred violence has been unveiled. Indeed, violence against the innocent, the powerless and the nobodies of our world was unveiled in the resurrection of Christ.

When Pilate asked the crowd, who do I release for you, “Not this man,” they shouted, “but Barabbas!” (Barabbas was an insurrectionist) (John 18:39-40 NAB). In this response, Jesus encounters the final rejection, loses his dignity and becomes powerless. The last words of Jesus on the cross were: "It is finished." (Jn 19:30) The crucifixion is the accomplishment of the unveiling of the violence, power, hatred, betrayal and the oppression of this world. What is to follow is the courage ushered in by the new life of Christ’s resurrection. Think about it! The crucifixion, the giant stone rolled on the grave and the guard who stood sentry; none of it could not stop the resurrection. Instead, the stone was rolled off, the guards were asleep, and angels stood as witnesses. What a victory? The post-resurrection influence of Christianity and the awakening of a new form of mental clarity could have not been possible without the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is an enigmatic event that cannot just be ignored. In sum, the resurrection reveals that life is stronger than death, love is greater than hate, and mercy overcomes judgment. When we gather at the bed of a dying parent or loved one, the resurrection reminds us that the sufferings, pains, and difficulties of this life are transient, though painful for sure, they do not have the last word and cannot represent the final experience.

*God is good all the time; all the time God is good!*

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*Fr. Linus Umoren*
THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Easter Sunday, April 16, Alleluia He is Risen!
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart–Elizabeth Marie Preis
9:00 a.m. NO PSR Classes or YES meeting
10:00 a.m. Mass @ Holy Family

April 17 Monday within the Octave of Easter,
No Mass

April 18 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter,
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart–Sacred Heart Women’s Club members living and deceased
7:00 p.m. Women’s club meeting in the parish center

April 19, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter,
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Holy Family
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

April 20, Holy Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart–Ken Hofstetter

April 21, Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Holy Family

April 22, Holy Saturday within the Octave of Easter,
Vigil of Palm Sunday
5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family–

April 23, Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart–Sandra Steele Russell
9:00 a.m. YES meeting
10:00 a.m. Mass @ Holy Family

A Big THANK YOU to our Choir
Thanks to Kris Morice, Choir Director and her merry band of celestial voices for the wonderful music during the Triduum and the Easter celebration. As always you were awesome!

The Little White Books for Easter are available in the back of church on the table. Come continue to spend time with the Lord in six-minutes of daily prayer and reflection.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) Annual Event
The appeal continues as we strive to meet our goals. If you have not pledged yet, please prayerfully consider your stewardship. The CSMA supports the ministries and agencies whose scope of services cannot be duplicated by individual parishes. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use the one in the pew. Our parish goal is 40 households and $4,300. Please be as generous as you are able. No gift is too big or too small.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2017

Sacristan:
Call to Worship: Please check the schedule
First Reading/Petitions:
Second Reading:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Gift Bears: MaryAnn Kloesterman, Morgan and Randy Ladyman

Parish SUPPORT
Please prayerfully consider your own stewardship and pray for the financial well being of Sacred Heart Parish

April 2, 2017
General Collections
Envelopes (31) $1,173.00
Loose 395.00
Building Maintenance (4) 410.00
Total General Collections $1,978.00

Special Collections
Candle donation $ 0.00
Easter Flower Donations (14) 265.00
Total Special Collections $ 265.00

Total of general and special collections $2,243.00

Thank you for your generous support of our Church

Women’s Club News…
Meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. All women of the parish are invited. This months hostess’ are Betty DeRousse and Shirley Mallett.

This years executive board is:
Chair: Liz Vernon Co-Chair: Sherry Godfrey
Secretary: Karen LaCroix Treasurer: Joan Scharf

Many Thanks to Linda Martin who served for many years!

Mark your calendars…
The Spring banquet will be May 16th. The $10 fee will be collected at the time of your reservations. The meal will be catered by Bully’s in Columbia again this year! More details to come. Liz Vernon, Chair

Coming soon….Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. This includes our own Belleville Diocese. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggles we face right here in Southern Illinois. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.
SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David and Sandy Anderson, Kim Arnold, Lindsey Arnold, Donita Baldwin, Betty and Larry Blair, Jill Boker, Lydia Boyer and family, Branson-Kelley Family, Gina Brendley, Jolene Carroll, Marie Chaudet, Barbara and J.D. Cleveland, Betty and Don DeRousse, Frank Dowd, Hannah, Jerry, and Marilyn Dycus, Lisa Elfrink, Delaney Fitzgerald, Charles and Joan Frederick, Michael Golightly, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Fr. Jerry Heckenberger, James Hight, Jerry Hight, Toni Hopkins, Linda Johnson, Earnest Jordan, Jan and Norma Karstetter, Donna Kaufman, Shirley King, Hailey Kofron, Arlene Kruse, Karen LaCroix, William LaCroix, Randy Ladyman, Steve Lawlor, Michele Martin, Lisa McDonald, McWhorter family, Floyd Metz, Barbara Moore, Kady Myers, Parker, Bill Pennock, Lillian Phillips, Betty Pierson, Clinton Proffer, Penny Bratzel-Reeves, David Ryder, Bill and Mary Schmid, Nina Smith, Julie Stanger, Fr. James Thomas, Susan Thompson, Vince Kwiatkowski, Evermore Grace Wagner, Vickie Wendel, James Whipple, and Rick Wilson. Please remember teenagers and their overwhelming challenges. *If you know of someone that needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Joan Scharf know as soon as possible.*

Please remember our Service Men and Women protecting our freedom!

Tressa Tucker  U.S. Air Force  Sister of Jake Weber
Hunter Kelling  U. S. Navy  Son of Holly and Travis Kelling

*Mass Intentions are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, those who have special needs, or any special occasion. The recommended offering is $10.00. Put your intention and money in the collection basket or send it to Janet at the parish office, 124 South Third Street, Dupo, Illinois 62239.* Available NOW!

Hospital Visitations-Due to the new privacy laws most hospitals are not notifying Father Linus of parishioners who are in the hospital. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and wish for Father Linus to visit, please leave a message on his telephone at 618-337-4548 with the name, hospital, and room number (if you have it).

Home Visitations and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Linus at 618-337-4548 or leave a message for Marilyn Elfrink with Janet at the parish office (618-286-3224)

Hall Rental-For hall rental information please contact Kathy Koebbe at (618) 286-3329. You can view the Parish Hall Policy and print out the Rental Agreement by visiting our website at www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org and clicking on Hall Rental.

♫ Happy Birthday to ♫ You….Happy ♫ Birthday ♫ to you….happy♫

birthday ♫ dear….April 16th  17th  18th
Joan Frederick  Phyllis Gould  Sara Buechler
Sonny Pratt  Stephen Brummer  Lindsey Pyle

Happy Anniversary to…April

18th  19 years  Travis and Holly Kelling
18th  64 Years Alleluia!  Clinton and Irma Proffer
22nd  Raymond and Melanie Curtis  13 Years
23rd  Russell and Vanessa Buechler  34 Years

May the Lord’s blessings shine upon you. From your Faith Family.

DuKare…Continues!!

In these trying times organizations like DuKare are crucial in assisting families who are struggling. If you can help they are in need of Macaroni and Cheese, chicken and tuna helper, fruit, and jelly. There is a basket in the Cry Room for your donations.

Dupo CBA (Community Backpack Angels)

Help the CBA feed a child who relies on school meals for daily nourishment, during those times when school is not in session. There are donation envelopes in the back of church. For more information see Karen LaCroix or Carol Kelling.
### Reflect Weekend Retreat for Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on April 28-30, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

### Next Chapter Separated/Divorced Support Group News....

Koinonia Retreat Weekend for separated & divorced Catholics (DASK) is being held Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23 at Todd Hall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL. Cost is $110 for room and six meals. Call Jean @ (314) 704-1870 or Carol @ (314) 775-1253. Additional information visit: www.nextchapter.vpweb.com

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**April 21 - 23, 2017**

**Help us to support the Bishops’ Initiative on marriage!** Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

### Holy Family's Quarter Auction

**Sunday, May 7**, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The doors will open at noon. We have over 20 vendors already committed to the event. A quarter auction is a cross between an auction (where you hold up a numbered paddle to bid on an item), a raffle (where you are trying to win a prize), home party (gathering with friends), a new way of “FUN”draising (collecting money/quarters for a charity) and it is tons of FUN! Admission is $5 and includes a bidding paddle. Tickets are then purchased for 25¢ each and are used to bid on items (1 ticket per bid on an item $19.99 or less, 2 tickets for an item $20.00-$39.99, 3 tickets for an item $40.00-$69.99 and 4 tickets for items over $70.00. Lunch will be available for purchase with pulled pork, hot dogs, coleslaw, and chips on the menu. If you purchase your paddle in advance you will be entered into a drawing for a Yankee candle basket. Fliers are in the back of church. Help spread the word by inviting your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Tickets will be on sale after Masses or you can contact Angie at 972-4634.

*Alleluia the promise of eternal salvation has dawned...we are saved by His rising! Praise be to God!*
Gibault Catholic High School Drama Department presents…  

**Curtains!**

It’s a fun musical comedy whodunit! Come laugh and join the fun. *Curtains* is a parody of 1950s "whodunit" theater mysteries, where a detective investigates a series of murders that take place behind the scenes of a fictional 1950s cowboy musical. The cast is forced to stay inside the theater while the detective unravels the mystery, getting involved with the show and falling in love in the process. Shows are Thursday – **Saturday April 20-22 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 PM** in the GCHS gym. Advanced ticket forms are available in the Gibault office.

**Pregnancy Care Center’s 34th Annual Dinner Auction**

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the McCormick Center in Belleville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Reservations due by Friday, April 15th. Call Connie at 618 277-8571 or e-mail her at PCCDinnerAuction@gmail.com

**Knights of Columbus College Council 7682 Golf Scramble...** All proceeds benefit the Newman Center Knights council and the Newman Center. The Annual Golf Scramble is Saturday, April 29th at Red Hawk Golf Club in Tamaroa, Illinois. The $60 per person fee includes lunch at noon and golf at 1 p.m. Sponsorships are available. For more information call (618) 529-3311 and ask for Dan or e-mail him at dan@siucnewman.org.

**Immaculate Conception, Columbia News...**

†**Calling All Superheroes!!!** Mark your calendars! ICS Superhero Camp is the week of June 26. We are recruiting superheroes entering kindergarten through 5th grades to fine tune their skills for the upcoming school year. Super-boys and super-girls will solve math problems faster than a speeding bullet, experiment with super powers in science, cook up “super” nutritious lunches & snacks, learn the latest superhero technology, leap tall buildings in a single bound, and fine tune their super powers. Camp will be from 8am to 3pm at Immaculate Conception School with before & after care available. Contact Mrs. Epplin @ bepplin@icsmail.org for a registration form or for more information! Registration was due by Friday, March 31st. If you are still interested please contact Mrs. Epplin.

†**Mark Your Calendars...** The African Children's Choir will be coming back for a concert at ICC on Monday, April 24, at 7p.m.

**Faith Sharing Group**

*Share-It is starting back...*the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. See MaryAnn Kloesterman for details.