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Parish Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday - 9 am to 3 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

Confessions available upon request after Mass

**3rd Sunday
Of Easter
April 18th**



8:30 am Mass at St. John's
10:30 am + Pat Stubblefield
by Cathy Haas and Family

Monday, April 19th

8:00 am Mass at St. John's

Tuesday, April 20th
8:30 am + Clara Nell Whitehouse
by Ed and Ginger Condon

Wednesday, April 21st

8:00 am Mass at St. John's

Thursday, April 22nd
8:30 am + Jerry Hertel
by Cale and Diane Wayne

Saturday, April 24th, 4th Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm Mass at St. John's

Sunday, April 25th, 4th Sunday of Easter
8:30 am Mass at St. John's
10:30 am Health of Florence Workman
by Dave and Bonnie Trenkle

Parish Support

April 11th
Sunday Envelopes.....649.00
Auto Bank Deposit.....320.00
Extra. Maintenance.....75.00



Have you ever paid much attention to what was on the menu for dinner in the upper room when Jesus appeared to the disciples? "Half-baked" is an expression which means "not well thought out" or "daffy." Consider the thinking of those disciples who heard about the Resurrection of Jesus must have thought this was some "half-baked," crazy idea that someone concocted. How could it possibly be that Jesus of Nazareth whom they

witnessed as crucified and buried, could now be making an appearance, not as some "ghostly apparition" but as one who could be touched and eats in their presence? Sound "half-baked?" Have we become so accustomed to the "idea" of the Resurrection, that we miss the "incredulity" of those first disciples who experience him first hand...or better, first "hands and feet?"

The Gospels are filled with stories about Jesus sharing meals. Each story tells us something more than that he was hungry. Some of them illustrate his observance of Passover (Lk 17:35); others depict him as a dinner guest at the homes of Simon the Pharisee or Jesus' friend Martha. Today's Gospel opens with two disciples reporting how they recognized Jesus "in the breaking of the bread." The story recounts how Jesus ate with the disciples in order to reassure them.

Why did they need reassurance? Because they were terrified when the risen Jesus stood in their midst. The Gospel paints a tender scene. Jesus first comforts them with words of peace. Then, *in order to prove that he is not a ghost*, he asks to eat with them. Like so many other "appearance" stories, this account lays bare the incredulity of the disciples. It shows that they had little comprehension of who Jesus was and what he had undergone. So "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and he gave them a great deal to chew on.

Jesus is not only the center of their amazement, but he is also the focus of their instruction. Like a patient teacher, he goes over once again the lessons he had taught them earlier during his public ministry, the meaning of which they obviously had not grasped at the time. Now, in the light of the resurrection, he explains how he has truly fulfilled the aspirations of Israel, even though he has fulfilled them in a way that the people could never have imagined.

It is easy to identify with the disciples. We too get so caught up in the details of everyday life that we fail to recognize the risen Lord in our midst. Who does not hope to hear the simple words of loving familiarity: "Have you anything here to eat?"

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, April 25th

Lector Ann Umland
Servers Katie and James Kennedy
EMHC John Yeagle
Ushers Ed Condon and Tom Harpenau
Greeters Jason and Melissa Kennedy

Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes
Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick
Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert. Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Jean Fehrenbach, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Mary Hirsch, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle, Veronica Zeitler.



Hi! My name is Levi Slaminko. With my family I attend Mass here at Sacred Heart Church. I am part of the Religious Education Program of the Parish. I come to Church to learn about God and grow in my faith. Mrs. Lawrence is my teacher. In

addition to all that I am learning about Jesus and the Sacraments, I am a student at Fisher Grade School. If that is not enough to fill up my time, I also care for the chickens on my family's farm. I have learned chickens lay eggs! What am I supposed to do with all these eggs. My family suggested I try to sell some. So I am offering my Church Family farm fresh eggs. They will be available in the back of church for \$3.00 a dozen. I get my brother Isaac to help me. I guess that means I have to share some of the money with him. I'll ask Mrs. Lawrence about that.

Thank You. *Levi Slaminko*

Received from: Holy Family Parish School

Dear Fr. Henning,
On behalf of Holy Family Parish School, I would like to express my appreciation for your continued financial support. It is through the generosity of people such as yourself, that we are able to provide an environment in which our students are able to witness the true meaning of stewardship.

During Catholic Schools Week this year, our students wanted to show their appreciation to those who allow us to provide an opportunity for them to grow in body, mind and spirit. Please see the enclosed token of their appreciation.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Stacie M. Gianessi
Principal

N.B. A donation from the Bellflower Memorial Account was sent to the Holy Family School Scholarship Fund.



Coming this May - May Crowning and celebration ceremony for departing parishioners. **May 9 following Mass**



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4/23**

"Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

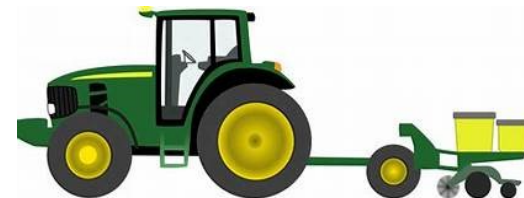
(Genesis 1:29,)

A Farmer's prayer

As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning.
I taste the goodness of your creation and
smell the crispness of new beginnings.
I sense you beside me, my good shepherd
watching over me as I care for the farm.
I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my
work.

I feel blessed to walk in the long lived rhythms
of sowing, feeding and reaping.
Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit.
Give me strength and health when I feel tired
or weary.

I release my anxious thoughts to you,
Knowing that you hear my prayer.
Please bless my farm, my home, my family.
Please bless the work of my hands.
Please remind me each morning
To give thanks to you anew, my Lord and
Savior. Amen.



3rd Sunday of Easter

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He said to them,
"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them,
"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things."