

*THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH***SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - Holy Saturday**

9:00pm Vigil Mass [The Parish Family]

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - Easter Sunday**The Resurrection of the Lord***Acts 10: 34a, 34-43 / Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5: 6b-8 / Jn. 20: 1-9 or Lk. 24: 1-12*

8:30 Mass [Altar Rosary Living & Deceased Members]

8:30 - 11:00 Credit Union - Fenmont

11:00 Mass [The Parish Family]

1:00 Misa en Español / Baptisms

MONDAY, APRIL 5 - Monday in the Octave of Easter*Acts 2: 14, 22-33 / Mt. 28: 8-15***Parish Office Closed Today**

8:00 Mass (Patricia Buelter)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter*Acts 2: 36-41 / Jn. 20: 11-18*

8:00 Mass [Osso Family]

10:00 - 11:00 AA Support Group - Fenmont

7:00 Choir Practice - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**Wednesday in the Octave of Easter***Acts 3: 1-10 / Lk. 24: 13-35*

8:00 Holy Communion Service

7:15 BINGO - Fenmont

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 - Feast Day of St. Julie Billiart*Acts 3: 11-26 / Lk. 24: 35-48*

8:00 Mass [Rita Fritsch]

1:00 - 3:00 "ACES" - Fenmont

6:00 Arguelles + Alivis Wedding

7:00 Canon Law Class - Fenmont

7:00 Spanish Choir - Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 - Friday in the Octave of Easter*Acts 4: 1-12 / Jn. 21: 1-14*

8:00 Mass [William Sackenheim]

6:30 Spanish Prayer Group - Fenmont

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter*Acts 5: 12-16 / Rv. 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn. 20: 19-31*

11:00 - 12:00 AA Support Group - Fenmont

1:00 Verdin + Jansen Wedding

3:00 - 4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 Mass [David Schmidtz]

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - Second Sunday of Easter*Acts 5: 12-16 / Rv. 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn. 20: 19-31*

8:30 Mass [The Parish Family]

8:30 - 11:00 Credit Union - Fenmont

9:00 - 10:45 RCIA - Parish Office Building

9:45 - 10:45 PREP/RCIC - Fenmont

11:00 Mass [Alfred Parrell]

1:00 Misa en Español / Baptisms

*We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter!**The Parish Office will be closed Friday, April 2nd, at Noon and reopen on Tuesday, April 6th, at 9 AM. ~The Office***PASTOR'S CORNER**

I want to extend a sincere word of welcome to a number of people. First, welcome to those **who celebrated Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil** last night. Several, who had not previously been baptized, celebrated all three Sacraments of Initiation. Several, who had previously been baptized in another Christian Church, made a public profession of their continuing commitment to Jesus Christ and of their intention to live that faith in the Catholic Church. They were then confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. Finally, several, who had been baptized as Catholic, completed their initiation into the Church through Confirmation.

I also want to welcome **visitors** to St. Julie Billiart. We're happy you are able to be with us to celebrate the fundamental truth of our Catholic Faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." The hope founded on Jesus' victory over sin and death is a great gift needed in both our private and communal lives. We are happy to share that gift with you.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, re-establishing yourself as an active Catholic, or just have some questions about religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular, feel free to contact me (mpucke@stjulie.net, 863-1040).

Finally, I want to extend a sincere word of thanks to **Mary Richter** and all who worked with her this year in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Athletes who play team sports refer to "the next man in". That describes when one player is injured or cannot continue playing and someone else is right there to step in. Many of you know that Sr. André Burkhardt had major surgery in December. I'm happy to report that her recovery is continuing on track. She sends greetings to everyone from the Mother House in Oldenburg, Indiana. Sr. André has many years experience with the RCIA and Mary Richter volunteered to work closely with her. When it became clear that Sr. André would not be returning till late Spring, Mary stepped right in to lead the program. I speak in the name of those who participated in the program and in the name of the whole Parish when I say thanks to Mary.

<p>STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY</p>
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Make-a-Change Charity for April is the Sister Dorothy Stang's "*Her Dream, Our Hands Fund*."

Sister Dorothy was a Sister of Notre Dame De Namur the religious order of sisters founded by St. Julie Billiart, the patroness and namesake of our parish.

Sister Dorothy was born in Dayton, Ohio and entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1956. She began her ministry in Brazil in 1966. Sister was murdered 5 years ago her advocacy of the rights of rural workers and peasants.

Since her death, Sister Dorothy has been widely honored for her life and work by the United States Congress and by a number of colleges and universities across the United States. She was posthumously awarded the 2008 United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights. Books, movies, documentaries and an opera have been developed about her. And she was formally recognized by the Vatican as a modern day martyr.

The money donation that is collected will support three programs that have been established to help continue the work that Sister Dorothy cared so deeply about.. They are;

Sister Dorothy Stang Scholarship - Two \$1000 scholarships for students in Notre Dame high schools who share Sister Dorothy's commitment to understanding and caring for others, and her reverence for the earth.

Sponsor a Sister - The annual expense for a Sister of Notre Dame in Brazil is \$7,000. Help support a sister to continue to work in Brazil

Educate a new Sister from the Southern Hemisphere: A semester's tuition for new Sisters to be trained to teach and administer schools is \$500.

Don't forget that April 8th is the feast day of St. Julie Billiart. A small donation to Sister Dorothy's Fund would be a positive way to honor her.

Sister Dorothy, 73, was born in Dayton, Ohio, one of nine children. She was raised on a farm in a traditional Catholic family. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur community in 1948 and professed final vows in 1956. From 1951 to 1966 she taught elementary classes at St. Victor School in Calumet City, IL, St. Alexander School in Villa Park, IL and Most Holy Trinity School in Phoenix, Az. She began her ministry in Brazil in 1966, in Coroata in the state of Maranhao.

A citizen of Brazil and the United States, Sister Dorothy worked with the Pastoral Land Commission, an organization of the Catholic Church that fights for the rights of rural workers and peasants, and defends land reforms in Brazil. Her death came less than a week after meeting with the country's human rights officials about threats to local farmers from loggers and landowners.

Before her murder, Sister Dorothy was named 'Woman of the Year' by the state of Para for her work in the Amazon region. She also received the Humanitarian of the Year award from the Brazilian Bar Association for her work helping the local rural workers.

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Catholic Family Easter Dinner Blessing

The table is set with a white tablecloth, a bowl of holy water, the family Easter candle and fresh flowers, plus whatever else speaks to your family of the joy of Easter. It's time to feast so make sure all the food is set out.

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
(Everyone dips the tips of the fingers of their right hands into the small bowl of holy water and signs themselves with the sign of the cross as the leader prompts them.)

Leader: Loving Father, we began Lent on Ash Wednesday when we were signed with the sign of the cross and bore the ashes of repentance on our foreheads. Now we bless ourselves with the holy water that recalls our baptisms. We promise to avoid sin and live out our Faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: We are lighting this Christ Candle to remind us that You, Lord, are the light of the World. May the light which this candle brings to our home scatter the darkness of evil from our lives.
(Light the Easter candle)

Leader: Please repeat after me: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Leader: On this the day of our salvation, we thank you for redeeming us in Jesus Christ and we say:

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Leader: The Holy Communion which we received today joins us to Your Son in a bond of love and family unity. And, so we say:

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Leader: Bless our world, our country and our own family with peace. And so we say:

All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Leader: Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, before we eat our Easter dinner, we gather together here in our home as a family. Your Son has shown us the way to eternal life through His death and resurrection. We join our prayers to the prayers of families everywhere on this joyful day. With our Easter candle burning brightly to remind us of your love for us we ask you to keep us in love with each other and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection. Bless us, O Lord, and this food which we are about to receive in the Name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.