

The PREP Word

April 2024

He is Risen

Easter Tide

Easter is the “Feast of feasts,” the moment when the Kingdom of God enters into our time (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168–1169). Jesus’ Death on the Cross and his Resurrection after three days shows us that death is not the end of our story.

The 50 days between Easter and Pentecost is a special and joyful time. Churches are adorned with banners and flowers, the **paschal candle** burns brightly, we sing joyful music, and we hear readings at Mass from the Acts of the Apostles.

Every Sunday is a “little Easter.” At Mass, we experience the Risen Christ in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We watch as the Body is broken and the Blood is poured for us just as it was on the Cross. We then receive the living Christ in the Eucharist.

Jesus showed us that by surrendering to God’s will, new life can come from suffering and death. Hope, which is born of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery, means that if we focus on Jesus Christ and offer our suffering to God, we will change, grow, and rise up to new ways of living as God intends.

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL 7–

- PREP Classes 10:15–11:45 am
- Parent Presentation 11:00 am

APRIL 21–

- PREP Classes 10:15–11:45 am

APRIL 27–

- LEVEL 2 First Holy Communion Retreat (8 AM–12 PM)

APRIL 28–

- Last PREP Classes 10:15–11:45 am

MAY 3–

- LEVEL 2 First Holy Communion Rehearsal 5–6 pm @ Church

MAY 4–

- First Holy Communion Begins at 10:00 AM (LEVEL 2 & Sacramental Catch Up)

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross commemorates Jesus's passion and death on the cross. On Sunday, March 24th our Level 8 and Level 5 students with the help of Mrs. Linda Petsu and Mr. Mike Kowalik presented the Stations of the Cross to our parish & PREP community. Thank you to Taylor and Evelyn for reading our Stations and Piper, Natalie, Kimberly, Aubrey and Olivia for performing each station. Also, thank you to everyone who was able to join us in preparing for Easter.



Parent Presentation

We had an unscheduled Parent Presentation by Deacon and Mrs. Sanders in March, which was attended by Level 7 and some of their parents. There was a video which introduced the bishop of our diocese, Bishop Alfred Schlert, along with some of our priests, deacons and seminarians, and answered many questions on vocations. Our final Parent Presentation is during our next Prep class, on April 7th, and features Daniel Osle (Diaconate candidate). The topic will be the Easter Season and how we can strengthen the family, let God in and lean on the parish community for support. We are an Easter People!! Alleluia

CRS Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services is calling on Catholics across the United States to show their love for our sisters and brothers around the world by participating in the annual Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl. Alms gathered through CRS Rice Bowl primarily go toward hunger and poverty alleviation programs in countries where CRS operates, however 25% of those funds stay in the diocese where they are collected. CRS Rice Bowl grants are given to local organizations that prioritize ending hunger and poverty in their communities.

Please consider donating by returning your envelope/collection box to PREP on or April 7th!

