

Spiritual Insight: Fr. Michel N'DO
In his article entitled, —The Triumph of Goodness, Father Ron Rolheiser writes: —The stone which rolled away from the tomb of Jesus continues to roll away from every sort of grave. Goodness cannot be held, captured, or put to death. It evades its pursuers, escapes capture, slips away, hides out, even leaves the churches sometimes, but forever rises, again and again, all over the world. Such is the meaning of the resurrection. Brothers and sisters, the resurrection of Jesus is not only a moment in history—it is a divine pattern woven into the very fabric of our lives. The stone rolls away not just from Jesus’ tomb, but from the countless tombs in which we find ourselves: the tombs of exhaustion, depression, shame, illness, betrayal, grief. In each of these, we often feel like life has stopped, like nothing more can happen, like we have reached the end. But Easter says otherwise. Easter says: The end is never the end when God is involved. Brothers and sisters, resurrection is not loud or flashy. It comes quietly, and we do not always recognize it when it arrives. Just like Mary Magdalene mistook the risen Jesus for a gardener, we too can miss Him, because resurrection does not erase the wounds—it transforms them. The Risen One still bears the scars. But now, the scars no longer speak of death. They speak of love endured, of pain redeemed, of life that cannot be overcome. And perhaps this is the most helpful part of the Easter story: not that Jesus rose once long ago, but that He keeps rising. He rises in those who feed the hungry, who forgive enemies, who sit beside the suffering without running away. He rises in every heart that refuses to give in to despair. He rises in our deepest selves whenever we choose to trust again, to believe again, to love again—especially when it costs us. To believe in the resurrection is to believe that goodness is more stubborn than evil, that light is more enduring than darkness, and that no tomb is strong enough to keep God out. So, this Easter, let us not just celebrate the empty tomb. Let us ask ourselves: Where is the stone being rolled away in my life right now? What graves do I need to leave behind? And where might I be called to help roll away the stone for someone else? Wishing you and your loved ones a grace-filled and joyful Easter. May the Risen Christ meet you exactly where you are—and lift you to new life.
With Easter joy, Fr Michel N'DO

Praise and Worship Night: Let’s gather together Thursday April 24 from 7-8pm at St. Mary’s in West Point — We’ll have Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Musicians Hannah Kiesling and Father Taylor Leffler who will lead us in prayer, song and praise. All ages welcome—bring your whole family!!

HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!! I want to wish each of you a jovial Easter filled with the promise and hope of new life! Thank you to everyone who participated in the liturgies of Holy Week. While pondering the mystery of the Resurrection, we may not understand the depth of its grace, but we are called to experience its truth each and every day. Throughout the magnificent fifty days of Easter I pray that you will take time to recollect the truth of the empty tomb and the Risen Lord working in your daily life. **–Fr Weeder**

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April 20, 2025 — Easter

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SSPP Weekly Budget
Expenses: \$3,423.46
Received: \$1,382.00
SJ Weekly Budget
Expenses: \$2,091.15
Received: \$1,096.00

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This Week's Office Hours—Dodge
Mon Apr 21, Tues Apr 22, Thurs Apr 24
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Carol Ortmeier
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Weekly Budget Expenses: \$8,927.08
Weekly env: \$1,072 Maintenance: \$110
Children: \$19 Fuel: \$250 Easter: \$1,400

Liturgists April 26/27		(First Communion)
Sat 5pm SJ	9am Dodge	10:30am SJ
Greeters: Mark Brester Justin Evert	Gene Franzluebbbers family	Amira Cech/Dottie Blum
Lector: Deb Wegner	Dee Eikmeier	Kyle Brichacek & Kelsi Corder
Servers: Hayden Kampschnieder Harper Mastny	Colby Anderson Gage Anderson	Karter Brichacek
Gifts:	Dan & Brenda Wisnieski	Rick & Diane Cech
EMHC Deacon Bill	Steve & Joan Ruskamp	Laurie Schlautman
Kelly Brester Vernon Bourek	Danielle Ortmeier	Meredith Crogan Karen Baumert

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Sat Apr 20	John & Pauline Wolff & Gilbert & Margaret Brester	(5pm SJ)
Sun Apr 20	Marvin, Marie & Dale Kampschneider	(9am Dodge)
Sun Apr 20	Francis & Michael Faltys	(10:30am SJ)
Mon Apr 21	Robert W. Ritzdorf & Bob D Ritzdorf and Lois Gall	(10am SJ)
Tues Apr 22	Living & Dec'd Peter & Vlasta Vogltance family	(10am Dodge)
Wed Apr 23	Sr Georgiana & Sr Frances Franzluebbbers	(10am SJ)
Thur Apr 24	Living & Dec'd of Claire & Adella Brandt family	(10am Dodge)
Thur Apr 24	Living & Dec'd of Rudy & Josephine Kampschneider family	(5:30pm Olean)
Sat Apr 26	Francis Baumert and Bob D Ritzdorf	(5:30pm SJ)
Sun Apr 27	Ann Wolff	(9am Dodge)
Sun Apr 27	Lynn Blum and Reynold Vering	(10:30am SJ)

Dodge Calendar

Mon Apr 21 - Monday with Mary Rosary 5pm
Mon Apr 21- St Wenceslaus School—NO SCHOOL
Tues Apr 22- Morning Mass at 10am instead of 8:15am
Thur Apr 24- Morning Mass at 10am instead of 8:15am
Sun Apr 27- COF breakfast in the church basement
Sun May 4- 1st Communion & Confirmation at 10:30am Mass (NO Dodge 9am Mass)
Thur May 16-St Wenceslaus School—last day of school
Sun May 18-St Wenceslaus School—6th grade graduation at 9am Mass

BLESSED BONUS WINNER
Apr 20—\$250 Easter
Dave Parr

St Wenceslaus School Fundraiser: The school students are selling pizza vouchers, cheesecakes, cookies, HURTS donuts, enchiladas & breakfast burritos now through April 24th! There are orders forms in the entrance of St Wenceslaus.
Clothing Drive: COF court #1737 is doing a spring/summer clothing drive for St Vincent de Paul ministries through May 1st. There are drop off boxes in the entrance of both Sacred Heart & St Wenceslaus.
Church mowing: We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to mow the church & rectory yard this year. For more info or to volunteer, contact Carol at the parish office.
Memorials: \$200 to St Wenceslaus cemetery, \$100 Project Linus, \$265 Maintenance, \$1,525 to St Wenceslaus Parish all in memory of Ann Ruzek.
Pancake Breakfast: Come help COF Court #863 celebrate COF 125 years! Pancake breakfast Sunday April 27th from 8am-noon in St Wenceslaus Church basement. Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice & coffee, free will donation. Everyone invited!

Howells Calendar

Mon Apr 21 No School today
Mon Apr 21 10am Mass **at SJ**
Wed Apr 23 10am Mass **at SJ**
Wed Apr 23 7pm—KC Bingo at the social hall
Thur Apr 24 5:30pm Mass at Olean
Thur Apr 24 7pm—KC Meeting social hall
Sat Apr 26 5pm Mass at SJ
Sun Apr 27 9am Mass at Dodge and 10:30am Mass at SJ
Sun Apr 27 10:30am Mass will be First Communion—Howells
Mon Apr 28 No school for HCCS 2nd grade today
Mon Apr 28 HCCS Kindergarten Roundup

Confessions:
~~Wed 11:30am-12:30pm SJ;~~
Thurs 5pm- SJ or Olean;
Sat 4pm—SJ;
Sun 8:30am—Dodge;
(or by appointment)

Corporal Works of Mercy: Thank you to all who donated items—some were taken to Dawn at the Village Office for local people in need and some were taken to Bright Horizons in Norfolk.
P.R.E. classes: The last class for this year will be Wed. April 30.
KC Meeting: Thurs. April 24 at 7pm at the social hall.
HCCS Kindergarten Roundup: Monday April 28. For questions, please call the school office at 402-986-1689. Thank you
Coats & Jackets: A few were left at Fun Fest—they are here at the parish office.
Cemetery Mowing: If anyone cannot mow due to age or disability, please let me know—thank you. Chris—parish office 402-986-1653

Prayers for the students who will be making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the coming weeks.

“Thank You” to everyone who helped with the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, with all the preparations, decorations and cleaning.
God Bless You All

Looking for a couple more people to help with our picture directory. Online scheduling will be available, but we will have a couple of weekends (to be determined) for people to sign up in person. Also, when picture days are here, (July 30-31 & Aug. 1-2 in Howells and Aug. 4-6 in Dodge) we can use help checking folks in. Please call Carol or Chris at the parish offices. Thank you