“Turn out the lights. The party’s over!” The first time I ever heard that saying, I was in high school, and the basketball team was about to soundly defeat the other team that we were playing. That’s when the “Pep” Club turned it into a cheer. On the way home, I had a lot of time to think about that saying because the game was quite a distance from home. I surmised that what the cheer meant was that all the excitement was now over, and it was back to everyday life!

I imagine that was what a number of people thought after Good Friday, with regard to Jesus. To put it bluntly, they thought it was “THE END.” Since Passover was complete, they all headed home! But not Jesus’ friends, they were wondering how to go on from here. The ladies knew that they still had to anoint His body, but after that, they would join the others in questioning what they should do next.

The ladies found nothing when they went to the tomb, because Jesus wasn’t there! Jesus wasn’t in that place of death. They then remembered the scriptures, which told that He must rise from the dead! Alleluia!

What about you? What did you think when you heard the story of Christ’s resurrection? Did you just hear the story of Christ’s physical resurrection or was there something more? If we take a moment and think back to all of the stories we’ve heard about Christ healing others, how many times did He tell us to rise? In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus told the paralytic to “Rise, pick up your mat and walk;” in Matthew’s Gospel, He told the tax collector to rise and “come follow me.”

As you can see, Christ’s resurrection was also about helping us rise from the dead. Jesus wants us to rise from the death caused by sin, selfishness, greed, laziness, hate and hurt, so that we may never die, but eternally live!

Christ didn’t rise just for Himself. He rose for us so that we might be free—free to follow His way in our lives! “Turn out the lights. The party’s over!” I don’t think so folks, because the “Party” has just begun! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Fr. Marty
**OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE**  
**April 13/14, 2019**

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**Diocesan Appeal**

- **Our Goal** $80,075.00
- **Pledged to Date (189)** 58,303.21
- **Received to Date** 56,609.21

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**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, 4/21**
- Easter
  - 8:00 a.m. - Mass
  - 10:00 a.m. - Mass
  - 11:00 a.m. - Knights of Columbus
  - Easter Egg Hunt

**Monday, 4/22**
- 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. - Overeaters’ Anonymous
- 7:00 p.m. - Women’s Open AA Meeting

**Tuesday, 4/23**
- 6:30 a.m. - Men’s Early Morning Tuesday Group
- 1:00 p.m. - Quilting
- 7:00 p.m. - AA & Alanon Meetings
- 7:30 p.m. - Charismatic Group
- 7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday, 4/24**
- 10:30 a.m. - Scripture Study

**Thursday, 4/25**
- 1:00 p.m. - Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. - Yoga

**Saturday, 4/27**
- 10:00 a.m. - Alanon Meeting
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Confessions & Adoration

**Sunday, 4/28**
- Catholic Home Mission’s Collection Parish Outreach Collection
- 11:00 a.m. - Senior Brunch

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**Please remember the following individuals in your prayers, who are experiencing serious health problems/issues:**

- Roseann Anderson
- Anna Blake
- Fr. Sid & Carol Bruggeman
- Cari Cobler
- Terry Cook
- Dawn Ferris
- Agnes Fila
- Cookie Gilroy
- Rich Glover
- Anita Graf
- Dave Houdek
- Earleen Moore
- Larry Palacz
- Evelyn Rech
- Bill Reher
- Allen ‘Duke’ Rein
- Teresa Scarborough
- Ted Schlick
- Fr. Louis Sellam
- Joanne Vodehnal

Please let us know if you, or an immediate family member, are experiencing a serious health issue and wish to be included on this list. To add or remove a name from this list, please call the Parish Office at 384-0532.

**Dishes!** If you brought a salad or dessert for a funeral dinner, please stop by the North Breakout Room to pick up your dish. Thank you!

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**Religious Formation**

- **Senior Mass & Brunch**, April 28, 10:00 a.m. Mass, with brunch immediately following in the Jubilee Center. Seniors and their families are invited to attend.

- **Higher Ground**: Our diocesan summer program for youth is now accepting applications. If you are about to complete your sophomore, junior or senior year in high school, Higher Ground has a program just for you! Please call Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 for online registration instructions. The cost of the week is $195, which includes a t-shirt. If you are a registered member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, we will pay half of the registration fee ($97.50) for you to attend. Financial assistance is also available based on need, through the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office. Non-refundable round-trip bus fare is $95. The registration deadline is May 15, 2019. The 2019 schedule follows:
  - **Higher Ground**
    - Fr. Robinson, Crawford
    - Camp Norwesca, Chadron
    - WK 1: May 26-31, 2019
    - WK 2: June 9-14, 2019
  - **Higher Ground II**
    - Fr. Robinson, Crawford
    - High School Students (this includes graduating seniors) are also encouraged and invited to attend June 2-6 (Sunday through Thursday evening), from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost for the week is $25.00 per student, with a maximum charge of $60.00 per family. What’s more, we need a number of adult volunteers to assist in the classroom, help with snacks, supervise the lunch hour/recess, and host the four person team for an evening meal. Please contact Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 to register and to volunteer your help!

- **Registration for Totus Tuus (Vacation Bible School)**, now through May 24. Blessed Sacrament will be hosting Totus Tuus the week of June 3-7 (Monday through Friday) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students currently enrolled in grades K-8 during the 2018-2019 school year. Lunch will be provided. High school students (this includes graduating seniors) are also encouraged and invited to attend June 2-6 (Sunday through Thursday evening), from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost for the week is $25.00 per student, with a maximum charge of $60.00 per family. What’s more, we need a number of adult volunteers to assist in the classroom, help with snacks, supervise the lunch hour/recess, and host the four person team for an evening meal. Please contact Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 to register and to volunteer your help!

- **Higher Ground Middle School Retreat**: Higher Ground is offering a program for middle school students this summer. Week 1 is July 7-11, 2019 and Week 2 is July 14-18, 2019, at Camp Maranatha in Maxwell. The theme of this retreat is “Belonging,” and it will be for those middle school youth who have just completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the spring of 2019. Activities include: prayer, reconciliation, food, fun, fellowship, service projects and celebration of daily liturgy. The cost for the week is $195.00 (which includes a t-shirt). You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the retreat. Parents are asked to attend the closing Mass and picnic. Higher Ground is accepting registrations and payments online. To register for this retreat, please go to www.gidiocese.org/yya. If you are a registered parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Parish, we will pay half of the $195.00 registration fee ($97.50) for you to attend. The registration deadline is June 1, 2019, so register now. You’ll be glad you did!

**Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt**: Sunday, April 21, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, in the field outside the Northeast classroom doors. Meet on the lawn by the Rectory and Preschool playground immediately after Mass.
**Blessed Sacrament Preschool** has openings in the M/W and T/TH 3 year old classes. There are also openings in the T/W/TH and M/T/W/TH afternoon 4/5 year old classes. For more information, or to register, please contact the Preschool Office at 308-384-2086 or the Church Office at 308-384-0532.

**2019 Women’s Spring-A-Ling:** Tuesday, April 30, Blessed Sacrament. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served by Country Catering at 6:00 p.m. Unite for an evening filled with friends, faith, and a guest speaker who will share how she uses her seamstress skills to assist families during their most difficult times. Kim Ziegler, with NICU Angel Gowns, will share the story of how beautiful burial gowns are created from donated wedding dresses for angel babies. Donations of old wedding dresses are greatly appreciated. Tickets are $15.00, and can be purchased in the Parish Office no later than April 23.

**Parish Thrift Store**

4th & Eddy Streets  
Gross Sales, April 12, 13 & 15 - $905.84

Store Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Donations are accepted when the store is open.

**BAG SALE** – Last Friday & Saturday of every month.

**We are really in need of donations.** Any kind of donation would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer, please call 398-3443.

**Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity’s Faith Build of Home #99:** Saturday, April 27, 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 1010 E. 9th St. Blessed Sacrament parishioners will work alongside people from St. Leo’s and Abundant Life churches. Anticipated work is framing. Tools provided. Must be 18 or older, or 16 with a notarized consent. The Blessed Sacrament group will also provide the main dish for lunch for approximately 30 people. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Area. For more information, please contact Marty Markvicka at 308-390-3988.

**EVENTS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE**

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Sunday, April 28. Schedule: 12:30-2:00 p.m.- Lunch at St. Mary’s Cathedral Square; 2:10 p.m. – Busses depart St. Mary’s to Blessed Sacrament Church; 2:45 p.m. – Eucharistic Exposition at Blessed Sacrament; 2:45-3:30 p.m. – Confessions at Blessed Sacrament; 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:20 p.m. – Begin procession to St. Mary’s Cathedral; 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Confessions at St. Mary’s Cathedral; 4:30 p.m. – Benediction at St. Mary’s Cathedral; and 5:00 p.m. – Holy Mass (Bi-lingual) at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt. Everyone welcome! Sponsors: The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Grand Island Pro-Life Office.

**CHI Health St. Francis Skin Screening:** Thursday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m., St. Francis Conference Room #4. This free skin screening is open to the general public, and will be with Susan Corey, MD, from Grand Island Dermatology. For more information, please contact Jenny Roush, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 398-8912.

**Freedom from Smoking:** Beginning May 14, 5:00-6:30 p.m., St. Francis Conference Room #4. The American Lung Association’s “Freedom from Smoking” has been the leading tobacco cessation program for more than 25 years. The program shows participants how to quit tobacco—for good—in a small and supportive group setting. Cost: $25.00. For more information, or to register, please contact Jenny Roush at 308-398-8912. Registration is encouraged by Monday, May 13.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC NEWS**

- **Pancakes with the Priests:** Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:30 a.m., GICC Main Lobby. Enjoy a pancake breakfast with our Grand Island priests and the GICC students to help us kick off the annual Go Big Give fundraising event. Can’t make it? You can still donate to the Go Big Give campaign by visiting www.GoBigGive.org/GICC Foundation.

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**MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 27/28, 2019**

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EASTER DECORATIONS/FLOWERS
ARE IN MEMORY OF:

Henry & Lupe Aldana
All My Deceased Family
Keith Anderson
Zsigmond Bartha
Doug Beran
Bauer, Pfeifer & Bernt Families
Jerry Binfield
Andy Bohnart
Randy Bohnart
Brandy Bond
Bottger & Mallatt Families
Bowman & Greene Families
Harold & Randy Buhrman
Bunde & Rempe Families
Rudy & Delores Burda Family
Deacon Chuck Cantrell
Sister Columba Casey
Czarnick Family
Rhonda Day
Deceased Family Members
DeFreece & Kelly Families
Emilio DeLeon
George (Jr.) & Garnette Dilla
Virgie Ernstmeyer
Lori Farrell
Family of Bill & Joyce Ryan
Ed & Vicki Farritor
Georgia Ference
Fillinger & Pokorney Families
Gary, Kevin, Sandy & Jamie
Bob & Patt Glaser
Sam & Evelyn Glover
John & Erma Brittain
LaVern & Theresa Goering
Jean Goscha
Steve & Peggy Halpin
Francis Harders & Deb Harders
Janet Hays
Emma Heinzman
Dale Heinzman
Art & Irene Herman and Ruth
Fr. Frank Hoelck
Alan J. Hoffman
& Nicholaus E. Hoffman
Rosanne Hollister
Ray Houdek
Georgiann Huszti
Helen Huszti
Glen & Ronnie Hutton
Ben & Vi Jarosz
Vince & Jo Jarosz
Greg Ruzicka
Ed Klanecky & Sharon Nolte
Eldon Kluthe
Steven Kramer & Jim Kramer
Lillian Krings
Lambert Krolikowski
Ray & Ruth Kula
and May Fishler
Fr. Harry Kurtenbach
Leroy & Three Children
Lloyd Lilly
June Luce, Warren Luce & Brad Moffett
Jay Maciejewski
Larry & Monty Mamot
Ernie Matthiesen & Kenneth Hoffman
Art & Thelma McBride
Chuck & Mary Ann McBride
Kevin McDermott
Floyd & Vera McMullen, Sr.
Joe & Mary Mendyk and Percy & Anna Rein
Robert Moffet
James & Beata Moore
Vincent Moreno
Mary Muirhead
Billy Myers
Parents
Clarence & Virginia Pfeifer
Rangal Family
Tony Rischling
Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Ryan
Lois Schmitt & Cliff Runge
Virginia Schafer
Schlick & Kimminau Families
Diane Schwartz
Shirley Sibert
Dianne Sizemore & Sally Meister
Ron Skeen & Norm Hinze
Alfred & Monica Smith
Gene Smith
Smollen & Nealon Families
Robert & Margie Sorensen
Dawn Stobbe
Paul & Marjorie Streff
Tim Stueben
Those That Went Before Me
Floyd, Mary & Shanna Turek
Max & Laura Tylickowski
Emil Tyma
Mr. & Mrs. George Tvrdy
Larry Wells
Linda Wemhoff
Werth & Stegman Families
Art, Doris & Stephanie Wetzel
Maxine Sedlacek Williams
Leon & Alice Wilsey
Linda Wilsey
Lloyd Wilsey
Les & Phyllis Witmer
Gene & Alice Hoffmann
Merlin Yosten
Don Zahm
Vincent & Louise Zavala Borrego
Paul & Rosella Ziller and Bill & Maxine Rupp
Edward Ziska

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!
Happy EASTER