Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers) St. Maurice (Bellegarde) St. Anthony (Storthoaks)



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March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord!

Mass Schedule

Mon, Apr. 1-NO MASS

Tues, Apr. 2-NIO MASS

Wed, Apr. 3-NO MASS

Thurs, Apr. 4, 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Fri, Apr. 5, 9:00 a.m.—First Friday Mass/Eucharistic Adoration +Holy Souls by A Parishioner

> Sat, Apr. 6, —First Saturday Devotions 8:30 a.m. Confessions/9:00 a.m. Rosary/Mass Reconciliation/Healing in Families by A Parishioner

> > Sat, Apr. 6, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks) +John Revet by Charles/Anita Hention

Sun, Apr. 7, 9:00 a.m. (Bellegarde) Pro Populo

Sun, Apr. 7, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers) +Laurie Boettcher by Chase/Jaelene Boettcher

Liturgical Ministries (Redvers) To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact Carol Poirier (452-8397).

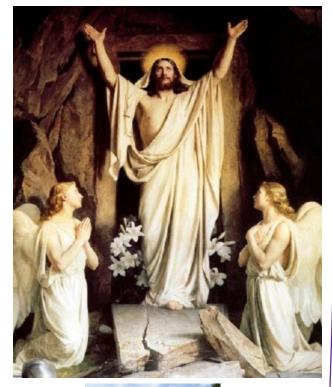
Sunday, April 7, 10:45 a.m.

Hospitality Ron/Janelle Martin

Lectors Elmer Doell/Carol Poirier

> Collection Con Carriere Emile Magotiaux Linden Poirier Nathan Poirier

Communion Real Wolensky





Redvers Pastoral Council Chairperson Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282 Parish Hall Bookings Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868 Caretaker Coralie Wolensky



Bellegarde Pastoral Council Chairperson Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



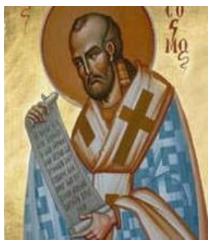
Storthoaks Pastoral Council Chairperson Richard Chicoine: 449-2231 Parish Hall Bookings Monique Dumaine: 449-2237 March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday—Resurrection of the Lord!



<u>Catholic Women's League Scholarship (CWL)</u>—Our Lady of Fatima CWL, Redvers, is offering a \$300.00 scholarship to a 2024 High School Graduate who is intending to pursue post-secondary education this fall. <u>Applicants may contact President Angela Gervais by text at 306-577-7049 for more details.</u>

The Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom, one of the greatest <u>Early Church Fathers</u> of the 5th Century, was born around 347 AD. St. John became a monk and was ordained a priest to serve the Church in Antioch where his eloquent preaching on the Sacred Scriptures earned him the title of "Chrysostom," meaning golden-mouthed." In 398, Chrysostom was called upon to assume the responsibilities of the Patriarch Archbishop of Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey).



St. John Chrysostom's call to repentance and moral reform won him the enmity of the nominally Christian Empress who had him deposed and exiled on false charges. But his preaching and intrepid boldness inspired the hearts of the people of Constantinople who held him in great affection. His devotion to the written Word of God was matched by a love of the Eucharist and of divine worship. St. John Chysostom, who died under the harsh conditions of his exile in 407, will always be remembered as one of the greatest of the Early Church Fathers and one of the greatest preachers of all time.

Let all Pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward. Let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late.

For the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first. Yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first. He rewards the one and is generous to the other. He repays the deed and praises the effort.

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward. You rich and you poor, dance together. You sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day. You who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith! All of you receive the riches of his goodness!

Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom. He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.

When Isaiah foresaw all this, he cried out: "O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world." Hades is angered because it is frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and lo! it discovered God. It seized earth, and, behold! it encountered heaven. It seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead! For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and power for ever and ever!

Amen!