

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Some great symbols in our time are the Coca Cola sign, the Golden Arches of McDonalds, Nike, Google, and Mickey Mouse. The most well know symbol in the world is the cross.

Our Crucifix here at Sacred Heart is a result of this community's love for our Catholic Church. It signifies the sharing of our God given gifts and talents. Thank you to Charlie Lochner and all who had a part in this beautiful creation. The back of the cross is inscribed with the following words "This crucifix is lovingly dedicated to all the children of the world, especially the unborn and unwanted who have found eternal life and perfect love in the arms of Jesus."

The Catholic Church is 2012 years old. Since then, there has been three main meanings to the crucifix. First is Christ already in Heaven, which is the glorified Christ. Second is Christ Suffering, which is connected to pain and agony. Third is Christ suffering, which leads to our salvation. When I look at the crucifix, I see nails, a crown, love, hope, a friend, and resurrection.

NAILS: Nails repair broken things. They strengthen weak things. Think about this: nails on the cross repair me, my shattered spirit, my weak faith, and my shaky relationships.

CROWN: When Abraham was sacrificing his son Isaac on the altar, God stopped him. Abraham spotted a male ram. His horns were stuck in a thicket (bushes or branches) prior to being sacrificed. This is a prediction of the crown of thorns Jesus wears before he is sacrificed.

LOVE: The Crucifix expresses Love. The Gospel of John says it best, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus, out of love, laid down his life for us. Now, if we are sorry for our sins and ask Jesus to forgive us, then our sins are forgiven. That is Love.

HOPE: Being forgiven for our sins gives us hope for eternal life. Imagine thinking that when we die we just go into some black hole. That would mean that whatever we do here on earth has no effect on us after we die. Hope says this: I am Catholic. Being Catholic is the best way I know to be with God after I die. When I gaze upon the crucifix, I see hope.

FRIEND: The crucifix tells us we have a friend. Up there on that cross, Jesus is between God and humanity. He goes to bat for us. He is our representative and advocate. We go through Jesus to get to God.

RESURRECTION: Resurrection happens to you and me in our daily lives when we contact Jesus. Have you ever prayed? Have you ever struggled with a sin? Ever tried to quit swearing, gossiping, or lying? That is how we, as mere humans, are resurrected in our daily lives.

POPE LEO: Pope Leo the Great said, "Through the cross the faithful receive strength from weakness, glory from dishonor, and life from death.

CONCLUSION: From now on, when you gaze upon this crucifix, see the Glorious triumph of love and salvation. See a friend. See new-life. See resurrection. See the hope of living with God forever in Heaven. Happy Easter!

<p>April 1, 2012 \$8,662.05</p> <p>Last Year \$7,229.95</p> <p>Property Improvement \$2,079.10</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Mass Readings</p> <p>Monday April 9 Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a 5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15</p> <p>Tuesday April 10 Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18,20,22 Jn 20:11-18</p> <p>Wednesday April 11 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35</p> <p>Thursday April 12 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a5-9 Lk 24:35-48</p> <p>Friday April 13 Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2.4.22-27a Jn 21:1-14</p>	<p>Saturday April 7 5:00pm</p> <p>Sunday April 8 9:00am For the People of the Parish 11:30am</p> <p>Monday April 9 9:00am</p> <p>Tuesday April 10 9:00am</p> <p>Wednesday April 11 9:00am</p> <p>Thursday April 12 9:00am + Shan Satterfield</p> <p>Friday April 13 9:00am</p>
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EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Natalia Westfall	Earl Hopp	Mrs. Catherine Kucharzak	Archie M. Gibson
Anna Kelly	Helen & Emery Jadack	Leo Dresnek	Remy Williams
Jonas Yochum	Jim & Princess Marsh	Paul Gittlein Sr.	Henry Jung
Dorothy DeWalt	Ed & Beana Stelmacher	Louis R. Caywood	Gyome Ferland
Irv Lang	Alex, Cindy & Diana Crapps	Alex & Eleanor Victor	Gladys Jung
Joanne Sullivan	Herb & Annie Ruder	Friends & Relatives of the Krupa Family	John & Agnes Nemeth
Harold Martin Sullivan	Henry Molepske	Friends & Family of Carla Krupa	Nield Buitrago
Dorsey Hutchinson	Clarence Molepske	Norma & Emmanuel Lampl	Phillips Family
Mary Valentine Sullivan	John Molepske	John Dennis O'Connor	Sara M. Fox
Dan Erzen	Doug Molepske	Guy & Melba Simpson	Larry Huff
Gail Erzen	George & Genieve Schachle	Aaron Grinnell	Mickey Hall
Marguerita Sullivan	Clara & Charles Riley	Bertern Curry III	Eric Hall
Gramma Cecilia Laney	Genieve & Bud Roth	Lloyd & Mary Cole	The Levesque Family
Ralph J. & Marie Ferro	Bill & Florence Felenchak	David Crapp	The Martin Family
Robert W. Scott	Leo & Nettie Briskey	John Brown	Zimlich Family
Lucius A. Biggs	Michael & Margaret Lajcsak	Kimberly Brown	Grangaard Family
Florence, Irene & Diana	Linda Augustyl	Zenaida Naveros	Olga & Mike Dekreon
Barbara Warden	Al Gallegos	Madonna Brummer	Clyde & Doris Sturdevant
Tony Waffen	Joan Wolf	Ben Dale	Lona Lyons
Bro. Rapheal Willike , FSC	Bobby Earl Pace	Isabelle Gibson	Paul Joseph Rose
George & Anna Hronkin	Baby Girl Makens		John William Garrett
Joseph & Jeanne Rossi			
Rita Delgado			
Berthamae & Monte Gaffney			

COMING EVENTS

April

- 10 Knights Meeting 7:30pm
- 14 OLV Auction Menard Sports Center
1st Eucharist Class 3-4:30pm
- 15 Final Faith Formation classes
Knights Breakfast
- 21 1st Eucharist Retreat/Rehearsal 9am-1pm
- 29 1st Eucharist Celebration 11:30am

May

- 5 Cinco de Mayo dinner—Fundraiser for ACTS
6:00pm

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our celebration of the resurrection brings us new joy and hope! Throughout Lent, your support of Operation Rice Bowl has helped offer hope to millions of people around the world who benefit from the work of Catholic Relief Services. For six weeks you have prayed for the people of Madagascar, fasted in solidarity with the people of India, learned about the challenges in the lives of people in Vietnam and El Salvador, and given sacrificially to create economic opportunities in Zambia. Their struggles—and the efforts of CRS—are far from over, but you have made a difference.

Please return your Rice Bowls to the church or office as soon as possible.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
All kinds of pasta
Beans—canned (not green)
rice, flour, sugar,
grocery bags

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2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS FUNDRAISER

I am coordinating a week long service retreat this summer in Dillingham for the 2013 Confirmation class. The teens have to raise funds in a short time to cover food and transportation. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to reach out to one of our Alaskan communities to learn and serve. Please support them with prayer in their efforts or place a donation in the collection basket - with a note that it is for their retreat. We are also in need of Alaska air miles to help transport the youth to Dillingham. Please call the office if you can assist. Thank you. —Fr. Scott