

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Have you ever asked for a sign from God? When I became distressed about being in the seminary, I prayed for a sign. "God, are you positive this is what you want me to do? If so, give me a sign." One time I said, "God, just show me one negative thing about this seminary and I am out of here." Well, as you can see, that is one sign I never received.

We have all needed a sign from God at one time or another? Some of us probably have strong enough faith that we don't often need signs. I need them once in a while and so did doubting Thomas. Thomas needed something more convincing than just words. He needed a concrete experience with the risen Lord to give his faith a boost.

Thomas doubted his faith. He struggled with believing that Christ had risen and had come back to life. That struggle led him to a profound experience with our risen Lord.

Asking for signs and doubting our faith is not unreasonable. I believe the two go hand in hand. When we doubt our faith, we sometimes need a sign. Spiritually, a sign of God's presence, can get us back on the right path.

Doubting our faith can lead us to struggle with our faith like Thomas did. As we struggle with our faith, we ask questions. We try to understand. Our hearts are more open to the Holy Spirit. That is when the signs we have prayed for may become clear. Those signs were probably there all along but we needed to slow down and be open to the Holy Spirit to see them.

Experiencing the risen Lord is a sign of God's presence and love for us. For example, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are known to feel a profound joy and love when serving at Mass. When we help others we feel wonderful inside. We experience the risen Lord when we refuse to gossip or when we tell the truth. Ever walked out of confession and felt like you were totally at peace with God?

An experience with the risen Lord can set us on fire with the love for God. Being on fire with love for God enables us to grow in faith. The reading from Acts tells us how to set ourselves on fire with the risen Christ. We must strongly believe in the resurrection. Acts says, "With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

Acts then tells us what happens when communities of believers, like Sacred Heart, experience the risen Lord. For those who believe, "Great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."

Thomas' experience with the risen Lord set him on fire. When he finally saw the nail marks on the arms of Jesus, he exclaimed, "My Lord and My God!"

Whether we pray for a sign or not, we can all experience the risen Lord. We can all set ourselves on fire with the risen Lord. Be open to the Holy Spirit and struggle with your faith. Get involved with ministry. And when you experience the risen Lord again, let that flame within you spread like wildfire.

STEWARDSHIP

April 8, 2012	\$10,875.00
Last Year	\$12,243.00
Holy Thursday	\$1,322.55
Good Friday	\$979.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 16

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday April 17

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday April 18

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday April 19

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday April 20

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

April 14

+ Earl Hopp , Emery & Helen Jadack

Sunday

9:00am

April 15

For the People of the Parish

Monday

9:00am

April 16

Tuesday

9:00am

April 17

Wednesday

9:00am

April 18

Thursday

9:00am

April 19

Friday

9:00am

April 20



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 Lampf	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	Lily Makens		John William Garrett
Joseph & Jeanne Rossi			
Rita Delgado			
Berthamae & Monte Gaffney			

COMING EVENTS

April

- 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

Welcome to the Newly Baptized and Received

Charlotte Brady	Ryan Warren
Ruby Kettering	Amanda Warren
John Gould	Michael Boyer
Desmond McCormick	Dylon Boyer
	Riley Boyer

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you for participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl! Our faith community helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. To ensure that Catholic Relief Services is able to continue providing life-saving work to these communities, please return your Rice Bowl by April 29th. Please write "Operation Rice Bowl" in the memo line of the check. Your contributions can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous support.

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 consider placing a donation in the basket for our trip or helping with Alaska Air miles. Thank you. —Fr. Scott