

The Lewis County Catholic Times

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The Gospel is from St. Luke 24:35-48. Our Lord's glorious resurrection is the crowning miracle of his sojourn on earth among men. It is the foundation and cornerstone of our Christian religion. His death on Calvary proved that he was really human; his resurrection proved he was also divine. During his public life he had claimed to be God. Had that claim been untrue God the Father could not have raised him from the dead. By his death he made atonement for the sins of the world — "he nailed them to the tree of the cross"; by his resurrection he opened the gates of death for all men and made them heirs to the eternal life.

We need hardly delay to prove the fact of the resurrection of Christ, for without it there would have been no Christianity, no Christian Church. In the story of the appearance which precedes today's Gospel, we are told how two of Christ's disciples were so depressed and disorientated by his death that they were giving up all interest in the dead Master and were returning home at the first opportunity (the Sabbath, Saturday, had intervened and they could not travel on that day). The Apostles were no better since Good Friday. They had remained behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They had no hope left. They too would have left Jerusalem that Sunday were it not for the story brought by Mary Magdalene that Christ's body had been taken from the tomb. When the risen Christ appeared to the ten Apostles (Thomas was absent) they thought he was a ghost, so far were their thoughts from a possible resurrection.

When the truth sank into their minds, however, they became changed men. After Pentecost day they fearlessly proclaimed to the Jews, of whom they had been frightened, that Christ whom those same Jews had crucified, had risen and was now glorified by the Father. Thousands of Jews in Jerusalem had come to believe in Christ, because they were convinced he had risen and was the Messiah and the Son of God, as he claimed to be. The four Evangelists testify to the truth of the resurrection and we have the exceptional witness of St. Paul whose radical change of life can have only one explanation — he saw the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Of the fact of the resurrection we can



have no doubts; Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for almost two thousand years. A more important point for consideration today is what this resurrection means to us. "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1 Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the founder and foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and his resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. He is the "first fruits," the earnest of the full harvest that was to follow after our earthly death. We shall all rise again, in glory if we have been faithful during our time on earth, in a less pleasant state, if we have not followed Christ here below.

Human life has always been the great enigma for philosophers down through the ages. The resurrection of Christ, which causes and guarantees our resurrection, is the one and only explanation of that enigma. If death were the end of man, with all his gifts of intellect and will; if the grave were to enclose forever this noble being whom God has raised above all other earthly creatures and has endowed with super-mundane gifts and aspirations, then indeed man's sojourn on earth would be an inexplicable enigma. But the gifts God gave to man were not simply to help him to make a precarious living and enjoy a fleeting happiness,

interspersed with much sadness, for sixty, seventy or even a hundred years. No, they were intended to last for eternity and to reach their real fruition in eternity. With St. Paul then, we may well sing out today: "O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting?...thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15 : 55-57). Yes, Easter time is a time of rejoicing for every true Christian. It is a time for Alleluias, for praising and thanking God. Our happy future is within our reach. Our eternal happiness has been won for us by Christ and is within our grasp, if only we hold fast to the true faith of Christ, taking the rough with the smooth, going through our lesser Gethsemanes and Calvaries as Christ went through his great ones. If we do this we can hopefully await the angel who will roll back the stone from our grave one day, and allow us to enter into the glory of the eternal Easter in heaven.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.
Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

**(See Weekly Schedule for any
changes to times or location!)**

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school
Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
or 304 476-8819

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements for the Lewis County
Catholic Times must be submitted by
4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to:
secretary@spchurchweston.net.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Robert Fealy (Cleveland Clinic), Barbara Ables, Nick Bakas, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Anita Droppleman, James Shaver & Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's dad and step-dad), Ed Hubbs, Jeff Linger, Fr. Leo Lydon, Frank Lydon, Sam McLaughlin (Matt's brother), Becky Markley, Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Emma Pascasio, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, , Shane Rowan, Garry Lynne Shearer, Grace Turner (Fred Turner's mother), Sonny Walker, George Whelan, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Tim Rinehart, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Bobby Summers

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday after Easter

"I am the Good Shepherd. . .I lay
down My life for My sheep. . .but
the hireling flees because he is a
hireling, and has no concern for the
sheep" (Gospel).

Jesus organized the visible Church along
the lines of a sheepfold. St. Peter, first shep-
herd of the visible Church, depicts Jesus as the
invisible "Shepherd. . .of your souls" (Epistle).
He tenderly remembers all that Jesus suffered
for us "Sheep going astray."

On Catacomb walls, early Christians de-
lighted to draw pictures and to wrote explana-
tions of the perfect understanding and love
between the Good Shepherd and His sheep,
such as that which exists between the "Father"
and "Me."

We are not only fed through the visible
guidance of His Church, but also through
the invisible grace of the Sacraments, especial-
ly "in the breaking of bread" (Alleluia Verse).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confrater-
nity of the Precious Blood

Camp Bosco Huttonsville, West Virginia July 2018

(4 weeks to choose from)
July 1 - 7, July 8 - 14, July 15 - 21,
July 22 - 28

Grades 3-12

Cost is free for parishioners of St. Patrick
Church. Registration forms are in the
bulletin and the vestibule. They must be
returned to Fr. DeViese before May 7.

*Erin Turner will be working at Camp Bosco
this summer!*

Married? Getting Married?

The Marriage and Family Life Com-
mittee of the Pastoral Council invites
you to learn more about the Creighton
method of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning, or NFP, is
an important aspect of marriage that
celebrates the gift of life and openness
to life within marriage, while giving cou-
ples the option to delay conception
within the parameters of Church teach-
ing. *It is not "Catholic birth control" or
the out-moded "rhythm method,"* but a
comprehensive program for under-
standing how our bodies work, and how
God calls us to bring forth life within the
union of Holy Matrimony.

Join us for a free NFP seminar on
Saturday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the
school cafeteria and meet Kathy Hirkala
of the Upper Ohio Valley Fertility Care
Center who will offer an introductory
session to familiarize couples with the
method and Church teaching.

Please call the parish office at 304-
269-3048 to register.

Pursuit—Family Night Tour 2018

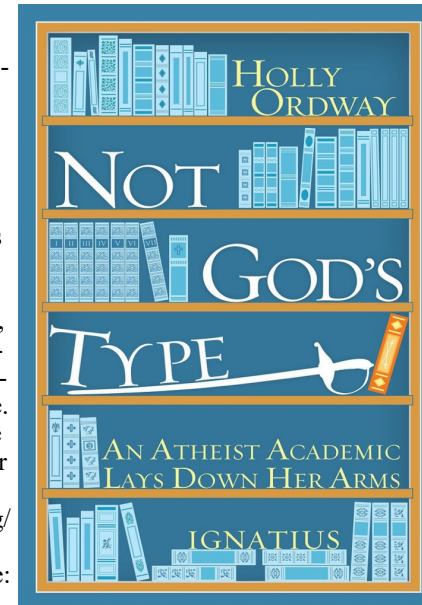
Unchanging (*Hebrews 13:8*)
Sunday, April 15—6pm

Pursuit is a free evening that provides a
great opportunity for middle school and
high school students and their parents to
experience a fun and faith-filled evening
together. Tell your friends, family, tell your
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Superheroes are
taking over
Vacation Bible
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June 18-22, 9 a.m.
to noon

Altar Server Boot
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July 16-20



More info to Come! Stay Tuned!

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— April 14

Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by
Junior and Veronica Brumley

Sunday — April 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:45 Confessions
9:30a Mass for Deborah Garton Butler by Opal Garton
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass for People of the Parish
Good Shepherd Sunday

Monday — April 16

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15a Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton

Tuesday — April 17

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15a Mass for †Lee Corley by Rue and Diana Thomp-
son

Wednesday — April 18

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for †Edwin and Mary Mullady by Kari Sims

Thursday — April 19

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

NO MASS

Friday — April 20

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15a Mass for †Lilian Cardinal by family

Saturday— April 21

Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish

Sunday — April 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:45 Confessions
9:30a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass for †Jacqueline Kulbago Herchl by Judith
Woodruff

Third Sunday after Easter

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

4/16 Feria of Paschaltide
4/17 St. Anicetus, Pope & Martyr
4/18 Feria of Paschaltide
4/19 Feria of Paschaltide
4/20 Feria of Paschaltide
4/21 St. Anslem, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

Mass Intentions

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than
flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a
special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass
Intentions can be placed in a "Mass Intention" envelope and
placed in the collection basket or dropped off to the parish office.
Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you
would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a "first
come, first serve" basis.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Servers: Ian Droppleman, Ian Riffle, Jayna Jerden
Reader: Deanna Pascasio
EMHC: Tom Ruppert, John Weber, Pam Thopson, Mike and Anna Lee Determan
Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Servers: Erin Turner, Payton and Jordyn Aman
Reader: Jenny Garton
EMHC: Judy Foster, Butch Cain, Steve Corley, Marissa Aman, Paul Derico
Cantor: Jeremy Garton

Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass if you are schedule for a ministry.

April Rosary Leaders:

Wednesday: Veronica Brumley
Saturday: Margaret Blake
Sunday: Jeremy Garton

April Lines: Mary Wagoner

April Funeral Greeters: George Garton and Judy Foster

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	114
Sunday:	186
Latin Mass:	65
General:	\$3413.8
Loan:	\$406
School:	\$277
Latin Mass:	\$435.14

Upcoming Special & Second Collections

- May 19 & 20: Peter’s Pence

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an “active” member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Catholic tuition” rate at St. Patrick’s School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.



Knights’ News

Annual Seminarian Support Raffle
\$1800 in cash prizes!

- 1st Place - \$1000
- 2nd Place - \$500
- 3 Place (3 Winners) - \$100

\$5.00 donation per ticket.

Tickets available in the parish office or by contacting Brad Curtis at 304-904-4735. Drawings will take place at the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention in May.

The Vocation Chalice Program

This program is to encourage families to pray together for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The program will help to cultivate an increased awareness of God’s plan for our lives and to help cultivate a positive environment to foster future vocations within our parish and Diocese.

The Knights of Columbus and Fr. DeViese are deeply committed to increasing awareness of how critical is it that more young people begin to turn their hearts away from the distractions of the world and to follow God in a more radical way. By God’s grace, we pray that He will raise up from among the youth of our parish a new generation of priests and consecrated religious that will seek to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Diocese and throughout the world!

Families may inquire about signing up for a week with Jim Gildein: Jim.Gildein@kofc.org

Chalice Schedule

- Sunday, April 15 - John and Diane Collins
- Saturday, April 21 - Francis (Junior) and Veronica Brumley
- Sunday, April 29 - Eric and Barbara Paugh Family

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday

4:55p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:20p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

5:45p Benediction

Friday

(When students are present.)

9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30a Benediction

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed

Thank you to everyone who has given generously to the backpack food program throughout the years. This school year alone, over \$1,900 has gone to help the 67 children who receive the food donations. We have teamed up with the Lewis County Family Resource Network to purchase items at a discounted price to help make our funds go further. The FRN will not place another bulk order before the end of the school year and our supplies are getting low.

Food donations can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the vestibule of the church. Items needed are individual meals, mac and cheese and other pastas, soups, snacks, breakfast foods, pudding and gelatin, fruit and granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, cookies etc. Items should be individually wrapped.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to St. Patrick Church and marked for the backpack program. They can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off to the parish office.

You’re Invited

Who are the Catholic Daughters? We are women of Faith under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, glorifying the Lord, and serving others!

Our goal as Catholic Daughters is to provide a variety of opportunities that allow our members the freedom to take part in activities that are appealing and that fit with our busy lives. We strive to enhance our spiritual lives and to express our Catholic faith through our social interaction with other Catholic women and to serve our parish, community, and country.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month (Aug through May) in the parish meeting room at 6pm. Our next meeting is April 16.



Holy Hour for Vocations

Sunday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Church, Weston

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 (in the school) for CCD and Adult Religious Education.

Scripture Readings

April 16 - April 22, 2018

Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Ps
119:23-24, 26-27,
29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps
31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b,
8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30
-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-
3a, 4-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Ps
66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn
6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Ps
117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/Ps
116:12-17/Jn 6:60-
69

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12/Ps
118:1, 8-9, 21-23,
26, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn
10:11-18



Are you Getting Rid of Old or Broken Rosaries?

We are collecting old and broken rosaries for Fr. Tim Grassi. He will repair and send them with a Franciscan graduate taking a mission trip next year.

Please place all rosaries to be donated in a paper or plastic bag and drop them off at the parish office, or put them in the box in the vestibule marked, *Rosaries for Fr. Grassi.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

15 Sun: 6:00 p.m., Pursuit Family night, cafeteria

16 Mon: 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room

22 Sun: 6:00 p.m., Holy Hour for World Day of Vocations

28 & 29: Gifts from the Holy Land, vestibule

29 Sun: 6:00 p.m., Confirmation class

May

6 Sun: 9:30 a.m., First Holy Communion Mass and May Crowning

8 Tue: 6:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting, cafeteria

19 Sat: 6:00 p.m., Recognition of Graduates

20 Sun: 12:30 p.m., Confirmation Mass
21 6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room

Dawkins is Wrong! The Fastest Growing Religion is Atheism

Posted by Anthony DeStefano on Friday Apr 13th, 2018 at 12:20 AM

Atheism is more than an ideology — it’s a religion of hopelessness, cynicism, and unhappiness.

Recently bestselling atheist author Richard Dawkins sent out a tweet warning those who might be rejoicing at the “death throes” of Christianity in Europe to remember that “something worse” might be taking its place—Islam.

Dawkins was certainly right about the danger of Christianity being replaced by a different religion. But he was wrong about which religion. The fastest growing faith in the West is not Islam but atheism.

Surveys show that atheism is growing at an alarming rate across the globe. In a very short time, countries such as France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Australia will lose their Christian majorities to those who consider themselves atheists or “religiously unaffiliated.” In fact, in the United States the “religiously unaffiliated” makes up almost a quarter of the population.

Of course, atheists deny they are a religious group. They deny that they believe anything on faith, but rather, claim to accept only those theories and principles that can be established scientifically. They assert that they have no beliefs whatsoever regarding God.

But the truth is, atheism is the farthest thing in the world from simple absence of belief. Indeed, atheism is a whole system of beliefs—a system that has its own philosophy (materialism), morality (relativism), politics (social Darwinism), and culture (secularism). It even has its own sacraments (abortion and euthanasia). And this system of beliefs has been responsible for more death, carnage, persecution and misery than any system of beliefs the world has ever known.

Ex-atheist Theodore Beale succinctly summarizes: “There have been twenty-eight countries in world history that can be confirmed to have been ruled by regimes with avowed atheists at the helm...of whom more than half have engaged in democidal acts of the sort committed by Stalin and Mao Zedong... The total body count for the ninety years between 1917 and 2007 is approximately 148 million dead at the bloody hands of fifty-two atheists.”

148 million!

So no, atheists can’t be allowed to hold out their hands in mock innocence, calling what they so fervently believe mere “unbelief”—not when those same hands are stained with the blood of so many victims of atheist totalitarian governments.

But there are other things that suggest atheism is a faith, too. G.K. Chesterton once said: “When a man stops believing in God he doesn't then believe in nothing—he

believes anything." And how true that is!

To start with, atheists believe that everything in life has a purely material basis. They believe that all our thoughts, dreams, desires, passions, loves, hates, hopes, philosophies, politics, cultures, art, literature, music, and history—that all of this is purely the result of the movement of molecules in an empty and lifeless ether.

That’s not science—it’s faith. What’s more, it’s an irrational faith that serves as the foundation for all superstition.

Indeed, atheists make a whole slew of assumptions that can’t be proven scientifically. For instance, they believe that this incredibly complex universe of ours—a universe of unparalleled beauty, harmony, and order—came about all by itself, out of nothing. They believe that organization came out of chaos, that life came out of lifelessness, that consciousness came out of non-consciousness, that reason came out of irrationality.

None of these beliefs can be shown empirically. None can be demonstrated or replicated scientifically. None of them even make sense.

In fact, the statistical odds that even the most elemental kind of life could arise as the result of the random mixing of atoms in some sort of primordial “soup” are so astronomical that even scientists have trouble figuring them out. They can’t say that the odds are “trillions to one,” because that figure is much too low.

Yet despite the testimony of many respected scientists and mathematicians, atheists obstinately refuse to accept even the possibility that the universe had a “designer.” They steadfastly maintain the dogma that life on this planet had to come about by chance. Their position contradicts logic, contradicts experience, and even contradicts science, itself. Yet they still believe it.

In the end, atheists actually require more faith than believers, because their faith involves a much more significant suspension of logic and common sense. And it is this “greater” faith which probably accounts for the aggressive behavior of modern atheists.

Faith, after all, is a source of tremendous energy. It explains why atheists are so militant in their rhetoric. It explains their zealous attempts to suppress all forms of public religious expression. The fact is, atheists today aren’t just trying to defend an intellectual position—they’re attempting to spread a “religion” of their own: a religion of hopelessness, cynicism, and unhappiness. And the frightening thing is, they don’t intend to stop until they evangelize the whole world with their “Gospel of Nothingness.”

This Easter Season, Christians need to reflect more deeply on this very real threat—and remember that we are called to fight against it with every fiber of our being.

Anthony DeStefano is the author of Inside the Atheist Mind: Unmasking the Religion of Those Who Say There is No God