



FOR I KNOW THAT MY  
*Redeemer Lives*

JOB 19:25

Dear Friends and Families of St Stephen,

Climbing out of a major pandemic and into a Russian invasion into Ukraine challenges us again to keep the faith and never lose sight of Easter glory. Disciples of Jesus were challenged in every age to keep our hands to the plow and look ahead to the glory of heaven. As disciples we are heaven bound. This does not mean to bury our heads in the sand for we can't see the light and stay focused. To remain heaven bound while bombs and viruses surround us is to keep hope alive. It is to keep the Easter narrative a living vibrant story of eternal hope.

I was blessed to represent all of you with a visit to two other Hungarian Catholic communities in the Midwest. First, I made a visit to Our Lady of Victories in St Louis, Mo. I had a wonderful lunch with Father Brian Harrison, OS and toured the church facility and Hungarian Cultural Center. Second, I travelled to St Emerick 100 anniversary in Cleveland, OH and installation of their new Pastor, Fr Richard Bona. These two visits were Easter moments of building bridges to a wider Hungarian Community to keep Hope alive in the Hungarian Catholic Community in the United States. Further, Fr Jim Heyd has made several overtures to reach out to our brothers and sisters as the Archdiocesan liaison to the Pro-Life efforts. And speaking of hope and Easter Joy let's look no further than our beloved Fr Al Skerl! He never took his hands off the plow and keeps calling us and the sick to Easter Glory.

Let's offer a very special thanks to the many donors this past year that kept us very alive in the faith. A few in particular really "stepped up to the plate" with generous offerings. May the Risen Lord so inspire us again to give generously from the heart.

Despite our troubles, pandemics and invasions don't ever give up to keep Hope alive. This is our Easter tradition and heritage.

- Holy Week ceremonies:***
- ***Thursday, April 14th - at 7PM***
  - ***Good Friday, April 15th - at 7PM***
  - ***Holy Saturday, April 16th - at 7PM***
  - ***Sunday, April 17th, Easter Mass at 10AM.***

Rev. Edward J Cronin, Rector

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