

St. Mary's Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Pope Francis tells us we cannot promote God's mercy until we have known it firsthand. Is there a time when you knew clearly that you did not deserve forgiveness or goodness or kindness or a second chance, and it was, nonetheless, given to you freely and generously? I can think of several significant experiences that fall into that category. Hopefully, when we experience another's mercy, we learn how to show mercy.

In the gospel today the apostles experience Jesus' mercy. These were the men who saw themselves as Jesus' friends. With Peter they had proclaimed that even if they had to die, they would not deny Jesus. They didn't do so well with that proclamation. During Jesus' passion and death they all ran away and hid out of fear. They abandoned Jesus.

Now here we are "on the evening of the first day of the week" and Jesus appears to his friends. Without chiding them or humiliating them or reprimanding them or even reminding them, Jesus offers them peace, promises them the gift of the Spirit, and gives to them the power to forgive sins. He trusts them. He is steadfast in his love. He graciously and gratuitously gifts them. That's mercy!

Let's use this opportunity to reflect on how we have received mercy and how we show mercy. If we are disciples of Jesus, we need to learn this.

Sister Carol

Holy Hour We will resume meeting for a holy hour on Monday evening, April 9.

Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 7 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Sue Schlumbohm
Sun Apr 8 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte
Sat Apr 14 4:00 p.m. Richard and Angela Knott
Leonard and Sally Rieman
Sun Apr 15 10:00 a.m. Dorothy and Cyril Sterrett

Communion Services

Fri Apr 13 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,089.00 Loose \$1,283.00
Children \$160.54 Total \$3,532.54
44 envelopes returned = 21%
Easter to date: \$6,890.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for April 14 & 15, 2018

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert
Cantor: Jenny Roby
Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker
Lector: Jason Swartzlander
E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley
Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve and Kelly Yarnell
Greeter-West Door:
Cantor: Kevin Vance
Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker
Lectors: Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,
Tricia Herrmann and Hank Schroeder
Servers: Luke Denecker, Issabella Stechsulte,
Kendal Giesige

Readings for April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

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Pastoral Council nominations are coming soon! Start talking with the people you'd like to nominate. Presentations will be made on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. Nominations will be made on April 21 and 22. Serving on the Council is a great opportunity to get to know your parish better!

Thank you to all who took responsibility for ministries during Holy Week. **Thank you** to Mike Meyer for setting up and guarding our Easter fire. **Thank you** to Amanda Woolley, Hank and Carol Schroeder for tending to the Easter Vigil reception. **Thank you** to Rhonda Maag for creating yet another delicious and beautiful cake for the reception. **Thank you** to Beth Yarger and all the volunteers who helped host the Red Cross blood drive.



Parents of second graders, remember that Father John is celebrating a teaching Mass for you this Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. Please gather in the church. Bring your questions if you have some. This is the time to find out what you've always wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

Remembrance Supper Those who have in recent years lost their spouse in death will be gathering Thursday evening, April 12, at 6:00 o'clock for supper and sharing.



Confirmation We have heard from Bishop Thomas that our next celebration of Confirmation will be Saturday, March 23, 2019, 11:00 in the morning, at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.



Our LED Project The replacement of all our lights with LED fixtures and bulbs is now complete. I hope you notice the extra brightness. I hope too we notice the savings in electricity.

If you are looking for a deeper understanding of Easter and the Resurrection, try these on line presentations:
Google "YouTube, Bishop Robert Barron on the Meaning of Easter"
"YouTube, Bishop Robert Barron on the Resurrection of Jesus"
"YouTube, Bishop Robert Barron on Why Is the Resurrection Credible?"



Server Class: Derek Swartzlander will be teaching a 2 day server training class. Your child must be able to attend both days and also observe twice with an older server. There will be many dates to choose from to complete the observations in the month of May and June. The dates of the training are: April 18th from 7:30-8:30 p.m., and May 2nd after May crowning until 8:30 p.m. This is for fourth graders and older.

The mission trip to Booneville, Kentucky, is scheduled for June 8-10. Some have asked if we might add a day so that we can get more work done. You have an option. You can drive down on Thursday, June 7, and come back on Sunday, June 10. Or you can drive down on Friday, June 8, and come back on Sunday, June 10. We will carpool as usual. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. The number of participants is limited to twelve.

EPIC Why did the Crusades happen? What is the Inquisition? How did the Reformation come to be? These questions are all part of our family history. Knowing our history strengthens faith. We are ready to begin a 20-session study of Church History. EPIC is a quick journey through 2000 years of history. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the main entrance by or before April 22 so that materials can be ordered. The cost of the study materials—participant book, time line, summary bookmark—is \$30. The parish will pay half. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning May 3.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Parents Meeting.

Jr. High: Next class is April 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

God Squad: Next class is April 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.