

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

Dear parishioners,



Last summer Deb Goldenetz, Rachel Welch, and I scrubbed and painted the living room at Dee and her son Chad's home. We chatted, of course, about faith and Holy Family Parish in Booneville and our faith journeys. At the end of the day Mike Klima came over to their home and put up new mini-blinds for them.

Sisters Marge and Angie have let us know that Dee and Chad have been in their RCIA since last summer and that both will be baptized at the Easter Vigil! How little we knew that our small act of service so touched their hearts!

Saint Francis has told us "Preach always. Use words when necessary." This is what Deb, Rachel, and Mike have done very well.

During this coming week we will be looking at the greatest message that Jesus gave us. He loves us to death!—literally! He had come to show us the love God has for us, and he held nothing back, not even his life. On Holy Thursday he called us to service, to wash one another's feet. On Good Friday he showed us what it really means to give of ourselves.

I encourage you to participate in all the Holy Week services. If we go from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without reflecting on anything in between, we miss the message.

Someone recently defined religion as "that for which you are willing to change your schedule." Do I need to shift my schedule to really enter into the Paschal mystery?

Sister Carol



P.S. We are sending Dee and Chad a crucifix from St. Mary's Parish as a gift to celebrate their entrance into the Catholic Church.

Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 8	4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family
Sun Apr 9	10:00 a.m.	Eldon (Ike) Businger
Sat. Apr 15	8:30 p.m.	Murphy/Immele family
Sun Apr 16	8:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sun Apr 16	10:00 a.m.	Jack & Lillian Weyer

Communion Services

Fri Apr 14 No Communion Service today

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,580.00	Loose	\$750.00
Children	\$37.00	Total	\$3,367.00

80 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for April 15 & 16, 2017

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz and Deb Buck

8:30 p.m. EASTER VIGIL

See bulletin board.

8:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY

Greeters: Peg Murphy and _____

Ushers/gift bearers: _____ and _____

Lector 1: Shannon Wannemacher

Lector 2: _____

E.M.: Cathy Hermiller and _____

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger, Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY

Greeter-East door: Steve Yarnell

Greeter-West Door: Kelly Yarnell

Cantor: Choir

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, Olivia Smallcombe, Kendal Giesige

Readings for April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

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We extend our sympathy to John, Ryan, Gina and Becca Schlumbohm on the death of their wife and mother, Sue. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Sign up to help with the Holy Week liturgies!! The sign-up sheets are on the shelf in the Main entrance.

Thank you to Jerry Wehri for doing some much needed power-washing at the church entrances and at the parish house and for trimming the bushes. **Thank you** to Courtney Gerten and Carol Schroeder for coordinating the Bake a Better World bake sale. **Thank you** to all who baked and bought! **Thank you** to all who signed up promptly for the liturgies of Holy Week.

Holy Week schedule:

Wednesday, April 12 – 11:00 Chrism Mass at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

6:30 Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Holy Thursday, April 13 – 7:00 p.m. Mass

Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14 – 11:30 Cross Walk beginning at English Lutheran

Noon - Community service at First Mennonite Church

7:00 – Parish service

Holy Saturday, April 15 – NO Mass at 4:00

8:30 p.m. – Vigil service which is the Mass.

Reception following service

Easter schedule:

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTON:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



There is no 4 o'clock Mass on Holy Saturday, April 15th. The vigil Mass is at 8:30 p.m. Also there is no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday.

Come join Robert and Mark at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, 8:30 p.m., and help welcome them into the Catholic Church. Come to the reception afterwards in the social hall.

The new telephone system has been installed. You can now leave a message directly for the person you are calling. We are hoping this will be trouble-free! If there is a glitch, let us know.



Pastoral Council nominations

We will soon be nominating some of our parishioners to be on our Pastoral Council. The Church considers the Pastoral Council so important that it mandates each parish to have one. The person(s) you nominate must be faithful, practicing(s) in good standing with the Church—these requirements are for understanding and for example. They will serve for a term of three years. Please give this prayerful thought and please talk to the people you intend to nominate so that they are aware of your affirmation. The nominations will take place at the Masses on April 22 and 23. If you feel called to serve, you may nominate yourself.

First Communion Candidates Sharing of Bread – The PREP second graders are getting ready for their First Holy Communion on April 30th. To help the children experience Christ's Love in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the 13 children will be presenting one loaf of bread to a congregant of their choosing sometime during the Masses on the weekends of April 1st, 8th and 15th.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass. No Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday.

K-6: Class is Wednesday, April 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service is at 7:00 p.m.

God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, **April 9th** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lenten Rice bowls are due by Wednesday, April 12, 2017.