

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Why is Easter important? Is it because we get to enjoy a big meal with family? Is it because we love to watch the kids hunt for eggs? Is it because we get new clothes and get to get all dressed up? In my heart of hearts what is the cause of my joy on this day?

The mystery of Easter is so significant that we celebrate it every Sunday! Jesus has shown his power over sin and death. No one raised him from the dead. He rose from the dead. He did it himself in the silence and darkness of the tomb. We can trust that power. Jesus has promised us eternal life—a glorified life like his. Jesus has shown us the extent of his love. He loves us enough to die for us.

As Pope Francis has said, “The primary belief of the Catholic is: Jesus Christ loves you. He gave his life to save you. He is with you every day to guide, protect, and free you.” That’s what we are celebrating on this day.

Take a few minutes today to let it all soak in: We are loved by a God who gave his life for us, who can overcome death because God is the source of life, who is faithful enough to promise us life without end.

Happy Resurrection Day!

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 31	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Orville “Fritz” Smith Jr.
Sun Apr 1	8:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sun Apr 1	10:00 a.m.	Greg Kiene Tim Kahle
Sat Apr 7	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Sue Schlumbohm
Sun Apr 8	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

## Communion Services

Wed Apr 4 10:30 a.m. Hilty

## First Friday

Fri Apr 6 8:00 a.m. St. Mary’s

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,075.00	Loose	\$761.00
Children	\$60.01	Total	\$3,896.01
91 envelopes returned = 44%			

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for April 7 & 8, 2018

**Money Counters:** Courtney Gerten and Tonya Meyer

## 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy  
**Cantor:** Becca Schlumbohm  
**Ushers:** Dave and Mary Hoffer  
**Lector:** Deb Garlock  
**E.M.:** Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,  
Basil Meyer  
**Servers:** Grace Myers and Jacob Granger

## 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Sherry Heitmeyer  
**Greeter-West Door:** Mel Heitmeyer  
**Cantor:** Choir  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock  
**E.M.:** Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker, Cathy  
Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock, and  
Candace Meyer  
**Servers:** Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

## **Readings for April 8, 2018**

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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**The Pastoral Council** will meet Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00, in the church library.

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



**Red Cross blood drive** We will be hosting the blood drive Thursday, April 5. Please note that the time is 11:00 – 5:00.

The sign-up sheet is out. Please help if you can. Please donate if you can! The need for blood has been urgent in recent months.

**Holy Hour** There will be NO holy hour Monday evening, April 2.

**Thank you** to all who served as liturgical ministers for the Holy Week services. They would not have happened without you!

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## **Damascus Day**

This is an event for families to explore Damascus, where our youth will be attending Summer Camp. Families can participate in high adventure activities, and hear internationally recognized keynote speaker, John O'Leary.

Everyone is invited to join. This event is open to our Catholic Youth Summer Camp community and beyond; benefactors, families, friends, parishioners, neighbors, grandparents,

parish leaders, priests, alumni, campers, and all.

## **SCHEDULE:**

12:00 p.m. Arrival and Welcoming!  
12:30 p.m. Opening Mass  
2:00 p.m. Free activity time (high ropes, rock wall, zip line, archery tag, and more)  
5:00 p.m. Dinner with Live Music  
6:00 p.m. Club (skits, entertainment, keynote, adoration)  
8:15 p.m. Closing

**Damascus Day will be held on April 29, 2018** from Noon to 8:00 p.m. at 7550 Ramey Rd., Centerburg, OH 43011-9668. For more information visit [damascuscampus.com](http://damascuscampus.com)

**Don't forget** to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of the amount that we submit. This year the proceeds are going to the Summer Camp fund.

# P.R.E.P

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

**K – 6:** Class is Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mass at 7 p.m. (for grades 1 & 6)

**Jr. High and God Squad:** Next class is Sunday, April 15, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**If you forgot** to bring your Rice Bowls to class last week, please do so as soon as possible. The winning class will get something special.

Also, Kelly will be teaching our **Earth Day Celebration** class on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pope Francis has an encyclical called *On Care for Our Common Home*. The topics talked about will come from the VBS called Earth Keepers which is based from Pope Francis' encyclical. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event in the Narthex. The class is for children ages 4 through 11 years old. Please list if your child has any food allergies.