

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Hopefully you will notice that the front of our church is white again! We hired I Do Windows to do soft washing on the bricks. The company uses an environmentally and brick-friendly chemical to kill mold. We also had them wash all the windows inside and out. So we have that done for our next maintenance day.

Also, I want to say thank you again to all of you who have tended to me and to the parish while my shoulder healed—preparing food, shopping, helping with cleaning my house, driving me to therapy and doctor appointments, doing extra chores for the parish.... You all have been magnificently generous and kind! I still have a stint of therapy to finish, but I am well on my way to a full recovery. Thank you!

I was scanning through Matthew Kelly's book Dynamic Catholic and was caught by these ideas:

Studies show that 80% of contribution and ministry is done by 6.4% of Catholics. Imagine what the Church could accomplish if we did so little as double that percentage.

The characteristics that are common to dynamic Catholics are these four: Prayer (spending some time in prayer each day), Study (working to keep learning about the faith), Generosity (giving of time, talent, and treasure, Evangelization (being aware of spreading the message of God's love—as St. Francis says—"Preach always. Use words when necessary.)

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

- 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
Anna and Guido Schroeder
Sat Apr 21 4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the
Hankish family
Sun Apr 22 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte

Communion Services

- Fri Apr 20 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,748.00 | Loose | \$1,013.30 |
| Children | \$66.35 | Total | \$3,827.65 |
- 81 envelopes returned = 39%
- Easter to date: \$6,968.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for April 21 & 22, 2018

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuur
Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck
Greeter-West Door:
Cantor: Choir
Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri
Lectors: Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher
E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,
Tom Schulte and Linda Kinn
Servers: Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,
Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for April 22, 2018 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

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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.

Save the date! In order to get a full season of beauty in our flower beds, we are doing an early work day of weeding, mulching, and edging. We are looking to do this work the morning of Saturday, May 5. Please come help us! Bring your garden gloves and tools you want to use. Hopefully we won't need our winter coats!



Nominations for Pastoral Council are next weekend, April 21-22. Please give this serious prayerful consideration.



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.

Thank you to Chris and Greg Denecker for hosting the coffee and donuts on Sunday. It was nice to see folks staying around for conversation!

Tickets are now on sale for the **“Clean Comedy Show” Fundraiser at the Ritz Theatre, 30 S. Washington St., Tiffin on Friday, April 20 at 7:30pm.** Fr. Joshua Wagner returns to Tiffin, from Columbus Ohio, for the Opening Act. Fr. Wagner’s presentation uses humor, scriptural reflection, and theological insight that flows directly from the Roman Catholic tradition. Headliner & Clean Comedienne Leslie Norris Townsend, of Celina, Ohio provides a blend of stand-up comedy, music and audience participation will move your audience from tears to laughter, while motivating, mesmerizing and captivating each one. Leslie has had 30+ television appearances including Comedy Central, A&E’s "An Evening at the Improv" and sketches seen on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." She was even a Grand Finalist on "Star Search". Tickets: \$25 each. Order tickets by calling The Ritz Theatre at 419-448-8544 or online at ritztheatre.org. Proceeds benefit St. Francis Spirituality Center.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** The purpose of this special day of prayer is to fulfill publically the instruction of Jesus who said: “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38) Please pray in a special way on this day for a renewed spirit of generosity in our community, so that we may all follow in the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who dedicated his life to serving others.

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Also, there will be First Communion Practice.

Jr. High and God Squad: Class is today, April 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a brief Confirmation meeting for those 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are planning on being confirmed next year. Please choose one date for parent and candidate to attend. The dates are April 18th at 7:30 p.m. or May 6th after Mass.