

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Today is Vocation Sunday. It is a day to pray for vocations. It's also a day to think about vocations.

A vocation is a call. The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word "vocare" – to call. When you call on someone, you expect a response. When a teacher calls on a student, he/she expects an answer. When you call someone to the stage, you expect the person to come forward. When you call someone on the phone, you hope that person will answer.

God calls each of us in many ways: to a vocation, to a state in life, to a mission, to service. The crux is to be listening for the call. And the foundation of that is to believe that each of us is called. God has not given us life for ourselves. God has a plan for us to help with God's plan. Our personality, our gifts, our interests have all been given to us for a purpose. We need to believe in the Good Shepherd, and we need to know the voice of the Shepherd. Saint Augustine states "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Our way to real happiness is to be and do what God wishes for us.

How many times do we say, "What do you want me to do, God? What do you want me to be? Show me the way." Today is a good day to say that prayer. Today is a good day to look into your heart to listen to where you might be called. Today might be a good day for you who are parents to talk to your children about a vocation to be a priest or sister or brother or single person or married person. Vocations don't usually grow to fruition without encouragement.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 21	4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Hankish family
Sun Apr 22	10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte
Sat Apr 28	4:00 p.m. Lena Badertscher
Sun Apr 29	10:00 a.m. Orville "Fritz" Smith Jr.
Sun Apr 29	1:00 p.m. For the parish

## Communion Services

Fri Apr 27 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,794.00	Loose \$ 800.10
Children	\$20.00	Total \$4,614.10

85 envelopes returned = 41%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## Assignments for April 28 & 29, 2018

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford and Nick Recker

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Basil Meyer  
**Cantor:** Dave Roby  
**Ushers:** Hank and Carol Schroeder  
**Lector:** Jenny Roby  
**E.M.:** Bob Minto and Edna Conkling  
**Servers:** Alyson and Abygail Kettels

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Lisa and Logan Welch  
**Greeter-West Door:**  
**Cantor:** Kevin Vance  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Joe Herrmann and Chris Denecker  
**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Dave Gerschutz, Travis Kahle, Mike Klima  
**Servers:** Grace Yarnell, Ayla Grandey, and Calvin Freideger

## **Readings for April 29, 2018**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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**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 \$15 for you. 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 12** (Please note the date was changed). Please come help us! Bring your garden gloves and tools you want to use. Hopefully we won't need our winter coats!



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** Today, 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.



**Mission Trip** If you want to go on the mission trip to Booneville, remember to sign up! You can opt to go June 7-10 or June 8-10. The number is limited to 10.

**It's Sharathon time!** Keep Catholic Radio going strong by supporting Annunciation Radio during the Spring Sharathon **May 8-11**. During these 4 days, Sharathon hosts will interview Bishop Thomas and many of our local priests, deacons, and other leaders who will share their enthusiasm for Catholic radio. Call toll-free **1-888-215-0624** between 7am and 6pm, or donate securely online anytime at [www.annunciationradio.com](http://www.annunciationradio.com). Your support is needed to help keep Catholic radio on the air here in NW Ohio.

## The Diocese of Toledo is GOING TO IRELAND!

World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis

August 16 - 27, 2018

We need 28 registrants by May 1st or the trip will be cancelled! Join the Diocese of Toledo, Pope Francis, and spiritual director Fr. Joseph Poggemeyer on pilgrimage to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. Includes visits to the site of Our Lady's Apparition in Knock, Bunratty Castle, Cliffs of Moher, beautiful sites in County Clare and County Galway, Kylemore Abbey, Silverstream Priory! \$4439 per person including Detroit air. Contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or visit [ireland2018.org](http://ireland2018.org). If you have questions for the Diocese Marriage and Family Coordinator (or if you would be interested in sponsoring a pilgrim or family trip) contact Nick De La Torre at 419-214-4918.

## P.R.E.P

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

**K – 6:** Class is Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Also, there will be a Catechists meeting for year-end wrap-up.

**Jr. High and God Squad:** Next class is May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**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 date of the training is May 2<sup>nd</sup> after May crowning until 8:30 p.m. This is for fourth graders and older.



**There will be a brief Confirmation meeting** for those 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are planning on being confirmed next year. Please plan for parent and candidate to attend the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting after Mass if you did not already attend the first meeting.