

## CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's

Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's

10:30am at St. Mary's



## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### APRIL 1

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### Monday, April 2

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. John's)

#### Tuesday, April 3

5:30 p.m...Rosemary Helm (St. John's)

#### Wednesday, April 4

12:00noon...Walter & Frances Schuhmacher

(St. John's)

#### Thursday, April 5

5:30 p.m...George Watson (St. Mary's)

#### Friday, April 6

5:30 p.m...Bowen & Schott Families (St. John's)

#### Saturday, April 7

5:00 p.m...Ray Walter (St. John's)

#### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m...Severino Sulit (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

(St. Mary's)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

### Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

*If you need to put someone on the prayer chain, please call Janice Jackson, 348-1521. Thank you.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER TO END THE LENTEN JOURNEY

You offered us the example of the Good Samaritan, who stops to heed the cries of a person in need. As we end our Lenten journey, may we continue to walk with our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry, with those who must flee their homes because of war or lack of opportunity, and with all who need our comfort and compassion.

We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices, may be an offering of solidarity and a promise of ongoing encounter with our one human family.

As good stewards of your many gifts, may we always remember to love our neighbors as ourselves. And wherever we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty or welcome the stranger, may we remember that we are encountering the Risen Christ.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## REPENT AND BELIEVE AND BE RENEWED

As we reflected and asked each week how we might turn ourselves more to the Lord through these 40 days of Lenten renewal, the time has come to make these changes a practice moving forward. May these final two reflection questions help in that process:

**How has Jesus most renewed my life during the Lenten season?**

**How might I most share my Easter joy with others?**

## GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN THE RISEN CHRIST...

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

Thank you! We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU!

**Please turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl by April 15.**

## THE GOLDEN HALO GOES TO...

Our faithful four saints: Ester, Maria, Anna and Richard squared off this week leaving Maria and Anna to enter the Halo round. In a decisive victory, Anna was named the Golden Halo winner with the Silver Halo going then to Maria.

Anna was a slave in the south who earned her freedom, then became a teacher with her first form of education being the Golden Rule: treat others as you wish to be treated.

Maria was a nun in Germany during the Nazi rule who escaped and helped others do the same until she was caught and put to death.

Let us know how your bracket fared.

**Catholic Book Club** will meet Tuesday after Easter at 6 pm in the parish hall to discuss our Lenten book selection.

The third book selection is a 6 week Bible Study for Catholics on the Eucharist written by Father Mitch Pacwa. Order your book by contacting the office.

## HISTORY SERIES CONTINUES

**April 3**, the second in History series sponsored by Friends of the Library and Blackford Historical Society. **WWI is the topic.** Excellent timing because this year is 100th anniversary of our entry in that war and the armistice signed on November 11, 1918. 6-7 p.m on April 3 at THE ART CENTER. Coffee and goodies after presentation.

## SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S APRIL 7 & 8

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30a.m...Laurel McVicker & Brianna Elkins

## DAY TRIP PLANNED NEXT SATURDAY

If you made reservations to visit Sister Rita's motherhouse, the "**Victory Noll Center**", "**St Anne Retirement Community at Victory Noll**" and the "**Acres at Victory Noll Land Trust**", plan to meet at St. John's parking lot prior to 9am next Saturday for carpooling. We will leave St John's parking lot at 9 am, returning around 3 or 3:30 pm.

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH FAMILY WELCOMES:

Congratulations and welcome to Carol Neff, who was Confirmed and received Holy Eucharist on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. Continue to keep her in prayer as she continues to grow in her Catholic faith.

***Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.***

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$836.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,305.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Haiti: \$319.30

Holy Land: \$40.00

Flowers: \$30.00

Rice Bowl: \$35.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place the first Friday of each month, 4:30-5:25pm prior to Mass at 5:30pm at St. John's. **Next Adoration date: this Friday.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 2: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15

Apr. 3: Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

Apr. 4: Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

Apr. 5: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

Apr. 6: Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 7: Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15

Apr. 8: [Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy]

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

## THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people continues each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic: Joseph.**

## EASTER

*On this day, loving gracious God,  
we once again sing Alleluia.  
We praise You and bless You  
for raising Jesus up from the dead  
and we praise and bless You  
for all the times You have raised us  
up through Your grace.  
In this Easter season and always,  
when we are weak  
and unable to make good decisions:  
when we are stubborn  
and refuse to forgive others:  
when we are afraid or discouraged  
and forget that You strengthen us:  
when we are too selfish or too weary  
to follow Jesus as we should:  
raise us up, loving God, raise us up.  
Thank You for giving us  
new life in Jesus  
and for His presence among us  
this Eastertime and always.  
Amen.*

*--Prospect Hill Co.*

### THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 3, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John's

Wednesday 4, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 5, Reconciliation 6pm at St. Mary's  
Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

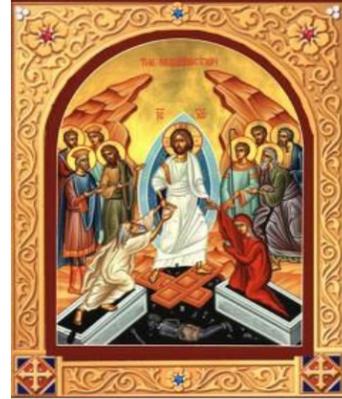
Friday 6, Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 7, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's  
Day Trip to Victory Noll 9am-3pm

Sunday 8, Religious Ed resumes from Spring Break  
Bible Study resumes 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us.

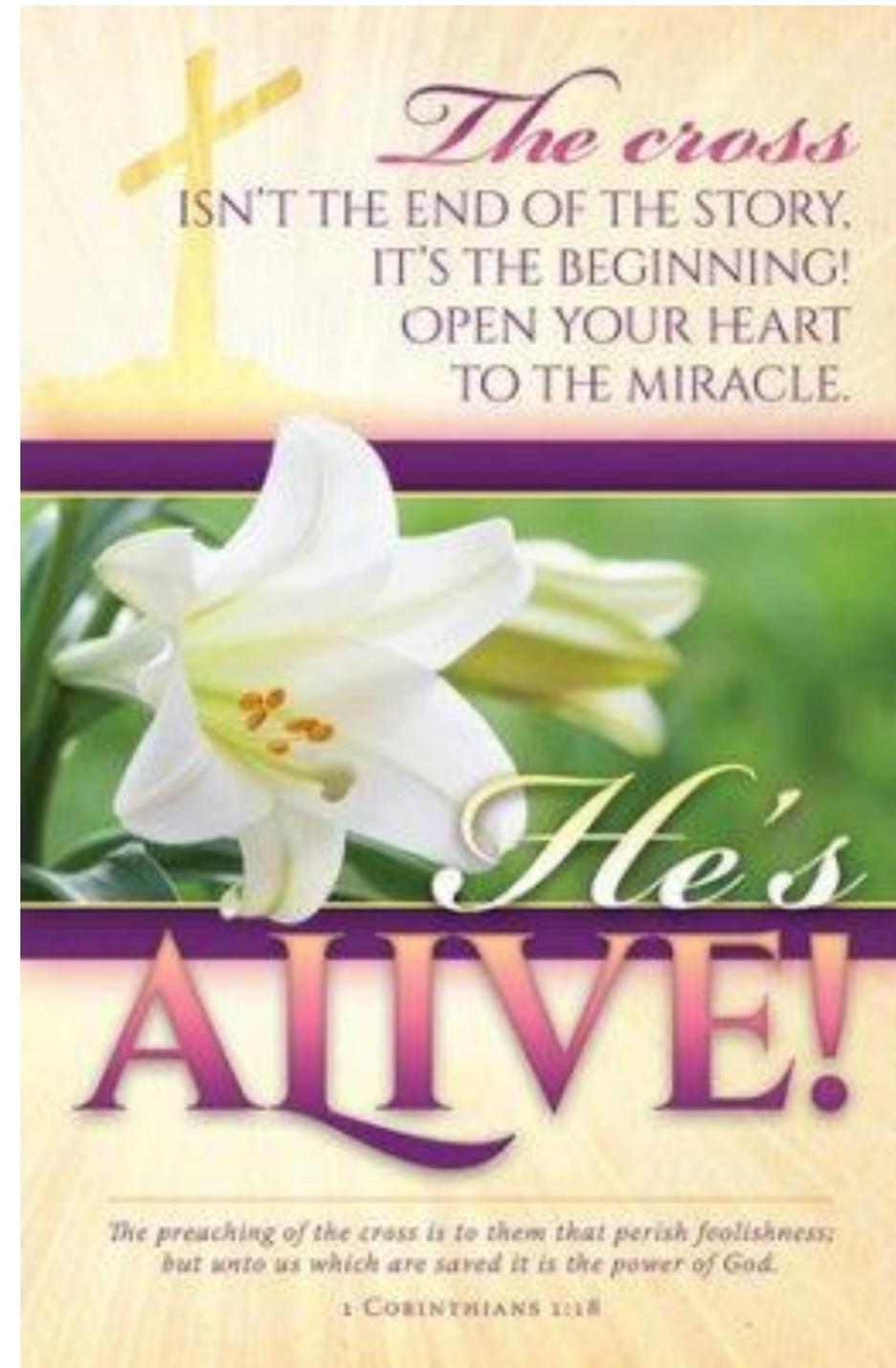
Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas.

That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home." We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Even though the weather doesn't act like spring, the calendar says it has arrived. Another sure sign is the opening of our New-To-You Shop. **April 5 is opening day 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.** Of course, we can't open without your help. Contact Janet Pluimer 728-2715 if you can give 3 hours a month to work a shift. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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### PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.