

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 21 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Monday, April 22

0:30 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, April 23

5:30 p.m...Deceased of Pursley Family (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, April 24

12:00noon...Lawrence Fleming (*St. John's*)

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

11:00 a.m...Karleen Reidy (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m...Don & Mary Eikenbary (*St. John's*)

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Bill Blankenbaker (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

What Difference Does It Make?

written by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Once we change our focus from what is below to what is above, even the smallest of our actions and the simplest of our thoughts take on greater depth, purpose, and meaning. Christ is risen! What does that really mean to you?

FIRST COMMUNION

This year St. John's will welcome two young ladies to receive Jesus at the Lord's Table through their First Holy Communion. With Catechist Lorna Manley and under the direction of Jessica Kitterman preparing the First Communicants through the past school year, Aubrey Michael and Genevieve Trissel will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28 at the 8:30am Mass. Please continue to keep Aubrey and Genevieve in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

LENT/EASTER PRAYER PARTNERS

If you signed up at the beginning of Lent to be a prayer partner, Easter is the time now to reveal yourself for whom you have been praying. Hopefully, your experience has allowed you to grow in prayer of others.

EARTH DAY 2019:

Celebrate God's gift of creation by participating locally in: "Befriending the Earth: Our Way into the Future," featuring a video presentation and informative discussion led by representatives of various faith traditions.

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., Blackford County Arts Center, Hartford City (on the square). Free

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ would like to announce the Jubilee Celebrations of Sr. Pauline Bridegroom of 60 years and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann of 50 years.

They ask that you remember them in your prayers as they celebrate these milestone years of vocation service in the Church. Their Eucharistic Celebration will take place on May 18th. If you would like to send a card, please feel free to do so:

Box #1, Donaldson, IN 46513.

EASTER PRAYER

This is what Easter is:

**It is the exodus,
the passage of human beings
from slavery to sin and evil
to the freedom of love and goodness.
Because God is life, life alone,
and his glory is the living man.**

--Pope Francis

RELIGIOUS ED RECOGNITION BRUNCH

St. John's will hold a brunch on Sunday, May 5 following Mass (9:30) for the recognition of the Religious Education school year completion. All are invited to join in this free brunch as we thank the teachers and recognize the students for their efforts.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 22, 4pm at Raymond James

Tuesday 23, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's

Wednesday 24, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

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Thursday 25, Finance Council 6pm at St. Mary's

Saturday 27, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 28, Haiti at St. John's

First Communion 8:30am at St. John's

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$1,710.05

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,725.00

Food Pantry: \$130.00

Rice Bowls: \$40.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth." We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

RCIA

RCIA will meet this Wednesday in the parish hall at 6pm as a follow-up to the Easter Vigil for any questions and answers that may follow.

ST. MARY ALTAR & ROSARY SPRING SILENT AUCTION

Spring Cleaning?? Save your new and gently used items for the Altar & Rosary Society.

Our St. Nicholas Silent Auction & Carry-In was such a fun time! Many asked that we do it again. So we are.

We will be accepting items now through May 12th. Toys, jewelry, purses, books, gift & home decorating and guy stuff.

Please place them downstairs at the table marked "Silent Auction". Then mark your calendar for **May 19th: Spring Silent Auction & Carry-In Dinner**. All are welcome!



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Calling all mother hens and their chicks. Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day and St. John's will hold their annual Mother's Day Tea 9:30-11am. ALL ladies of the parish are invited to join in the festivities as we honor our moms this day. Of course, we will honor Mary our Mother with a special May Crowning. Please contact the office for your reservation so we can prepare for the proper number. There is no cost for this event. It is sponsored and funded by Altar and Rosary as a thank you to our members and as an opportunity to honor Mary during May.

LENT MADNESS, a fun study of Saints and history.

Then there were two: Martha of Bethany and Pandita Ramabai. **On Wednesday, Martha of Bethany was crowned with the Golden Halo.**

Regardless of whether we are inclined to action or contemplation by our temperament and vocation, the hectic pace of modern life demands all of us be doers. We must all look to Martha's example for guidance. Grounded in love for Jesus, we can serve and lift up others. Martha was the first, our Biblical example of a holy, active life, and for this reason, she deserves the Golden Halo.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel

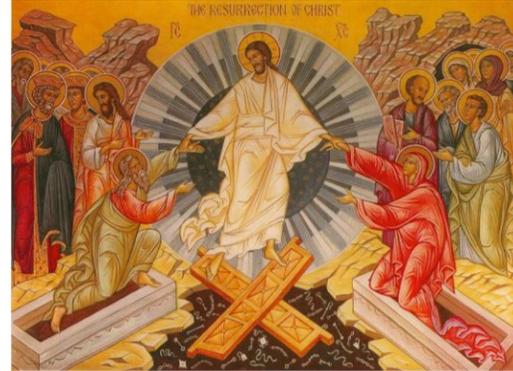
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Juan Velasquez



GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead,



conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm
St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

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

April 23: Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

April 24: Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

April 25: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-49

April 26: Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

April 27: Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15

April 28: [Divine Mercy Sunday] Acts 5: 12-16; Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31

THREE TO ENTER THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Through the RCIA program this year we will welcome three new members to our Catholic faith family at the Easter Vigil: Kevin Stout from St. Mary's and Billy and Beth Kreider from St. John's. Let us continue to pray for them as they enter the Catholic Church this weekend.

IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES—ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say Thank you!

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

For those we encountered through CRS Rice Bowl, and all members of our one human family, that we all may go forth with courage, bringing the hope of the Resurrection to a world often beset by hopelessness. We pray to the Lord.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.