

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 28

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

5:30 p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, May 1

12:00noon...Newton Family (*St. John's*)

Thursday, May 2

5:30 p.m...Helen Springer (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

5:00 p.m...Living & Deceased of Buckmaster Family (*St. John's*)

Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m...Clarence & Bernice Pahl (*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:

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:

Mercy Where We Are

written by Anna Carter

Integrating the Resurrection into our lives means accepting the mercy of God, embracing the unearned gift of it all, and sharing that mercy with others. No matter who we are or what our current circumstances, we have the potential to be bringers of mercy in our daily lives.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Mass this Friday as Fr. Dave will be out of town for a couple of days. Fr. Hosey will join us for weekend Masses.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend 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. Please continue to keep Aubrey and Genevieve in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

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.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Helen Whitesell
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Catalina Velasquez & Kayli Henderson



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Last weekend at the Easter Vigil, Kevin Stout from St. Mary's and Billy and Beth Kreider from St. John's enter the Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism, First Holy Communion and their Profession of Faith at Confirmation. As faith is a lifelong journey, let us continue to pray for each of them as they continue to grow in their love of Christ Jesus.

RCIA

RCIA will next meet on Wednesday, May 8 in the parish hall at 6pm. Anyone is invited who may have questions and/or are seeking answers about the Catholic faith.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 30, Women's Bible Study 9-11am St. John's
Thursday 2, Reconciliation 6pm at St. Mary's
Sunday 5, Religious Education Recognition Brunch 9:30am at St. John's

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$1,003.00

Votive: \$30.01

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,275.00

Food Pantry: \$10.00

Rice Bowls: \$190.33

Good Friday Holyland: \$341.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

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.

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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 5:12-16; PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22; REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19; JN 20: 19-31

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the



passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our

Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 29: [St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor of the church] Acts 4: 23-31; Jn 3: 1-8

April 30: [St. Pius V, pope] Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15

May 1: [St. Joseph the Worker] Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

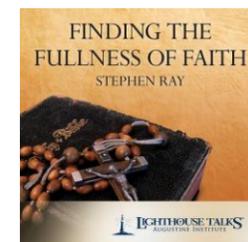
May 2: [St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church] Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

May 3: [St. Philip and James apostles] 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14

May 4: Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21

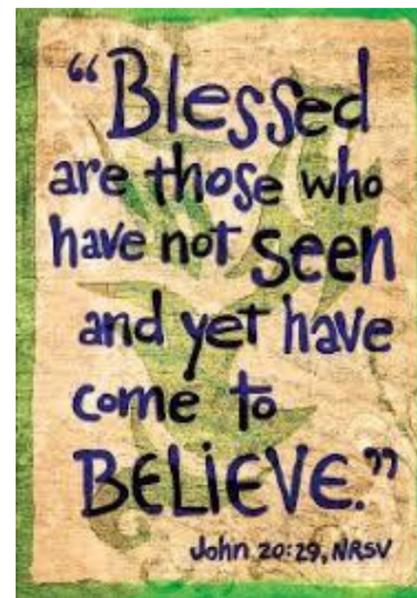
May 5: [Third Sunday of Easter] Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

THIS WEEK’S FEATURE CD:



Stephen Ray was raised in a devout, loving, Baptist family. In this presentation, he shares his amazing conversion to Catholicism and explains why he is convinced it is the Church founded by Christ over 2000 years ago.

These items are located on the kiosk in the parish hall.



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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.

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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.