

*Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.
In Him we have eternal life. Alleluia!*



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Monday, April 12 at St. John's

10:00a.m...No Mass

Tuesday, April 13

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, April 14 at St. John's

12:00noon...Bill & Pat Schantz

Thursday, April 15, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Bob & Val Paul

Friday, April 16, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Bertha Dirksen

Saturday, April 17, at St. Mary's

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family

Sunday, April 18

9:00a.m...Winifred Viellieux at St. John's

11:00a.m...John Goble at Holy Family

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



He is Risen! It was a great and beautiful Holy Week and Octave of Easter. Great Thanks to our staff and all our musicians, servers, decorators, sacristans, lectors, RCIA coordinators and our neophytes too. They all contributed greatly to the solemnity and sanctity of all the different liturgies. Also, thanks to all our parishioners and our family and friends and visitors who came to worship as well: as the Great King held his wedding banquet with an open invitation yet so many guests would not deign to come, so thanks for your gift of time and self to be there on Christ's journey for our salvation.

We also give thanks for our Universal and Local Church, especially the latter. The diocese has given us permission to add an evening Mass at St. John's starting in the very near future. This is a very generous Easter present for our pastorate and great thanks goes to Molly Clark our pastorate consultant and our parish and finance councils from all three parishes who worked on the proposal. We will have more details to come in my homilies, pastor's notes, and the newsletter, but certainly share this news with our parishioners and with our local community too. The opportunity to offer Mass is a great way to share Christ's Resurrection with the world as we continue the great mission of sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet, so let us truly rejoice in the good news we have received.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

Fr. Hurley will be away on Monday & Tuesday this week for a much-deserved break. Keep him in your prayers. Contact the office if the need of a priest arises. 765-348-3889.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR APRIL:

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Calling all Holy Family high school seniors. If you are graduating this spring or have a high school graduate please, call or text Christina Christman at (765)733-4026. Thank you!



Ars Celebrandi

Ars Celebrandi is the art of celebrating the liturgy with fidelity to the texts and rubrics of the Church, prayerful understanding of the liturgical texts, feasts, seasons, reverent sense of the ministers and assembly engaging in an exchange which is the dialogue of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit, proper preparation for celebrating the liturgy, attention to various symbolic language employed in ritual activity, deliberate consideration for art and environment, ritual objects, music, gestures, vesture, movement, postures, silence, etc. and full integration of all the dimensions of the liturgical celebration. Ars Celebrandi is essential in fostering the active participation of the People of God in divine worship.



The Holy Family RE is having a Bake Sale Sunday, April 18 following the 11am Mass in the Narthex. The proceeds from the bake sale will help fund flowers, soil, and flower pots to place outside the front of Holy Family and by the outside statue of Mary. Thank You for your support!

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Apr. 6: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Apr. 7: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Apr. 8: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, Apr. 11: Religious Ed & Bible Study at St. John's & Holy Family resume at 10am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 5: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15

Apr. 6: Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

Apr. 7: Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

Apr. 8: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

Apr. 9: Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 10: Acts 4: 13-21; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 11: [Sunday of Divine Mercy] Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31



Holy Family is planning a TACO Potato Bar for this month, scheduled for April 18 following 11am Mass. We will have all the fixings for you to build your own specialty potato.

We ask that you bring desserts. The doors will be open before Mass so that you can drop off your dishes. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Good Fellowship, food and Bingo.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Rosemary Matney and Phyllis Whitaker, parishioners of Holy Family, who passed to eternal life this week. May their families be comforted by your continued prayers.

There will be a Memorial Mass for Jim and Rosemary Matney at Holy Family on April 24th, at 10am. All are invited to attend.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, April 12: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 13: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, April 14: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Pastoral Council 6pm at St. John's

Thursday, April 15: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 18: Religious Ed 10am at St. John's & Holy Family

Bible Study 10am at St. John's

Bake Sale 11am at Holy Family

Dessert Carry-in for Potato Bar 11am at Holy Family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Alleluia! HE is risen! Spend time in prayer with Mary to Jesus through the Holy Rosary.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$1,238.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,022.00

Building Fund: \$135.00

Food Pantry: \$187.00

Good Friday Holyland: \$295.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$2,492.00 + \$685.00 Easter

Sharing Cupboard: \$195.00

Votive: \$70.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say Thank You! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowls at each of our parishes by leaving them on the table beside the collection baskets. Thank you to all who participated in this almsgiving.

All are invited to the DVD series, **"Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible"**. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available. Topic for the next session:

Apr. 11- Session 10: Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA OF CHAPLETS

This novena which began on Good Friday, ends this Sunday. Pray the Chaplet at or around the 3pm hour to conclude the Novena.

"The Divine Heart is an ocean full of all good things, wherein poor souls can cast all their needs; it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness, an ocean of humility to drown our folly, an ocean of mercy to those in distress, an ocean of love in which to submerge our poverty."
— St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

ST. MARY'S Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Monday, April 12, beginning at 6pm with the Holy Rosary. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

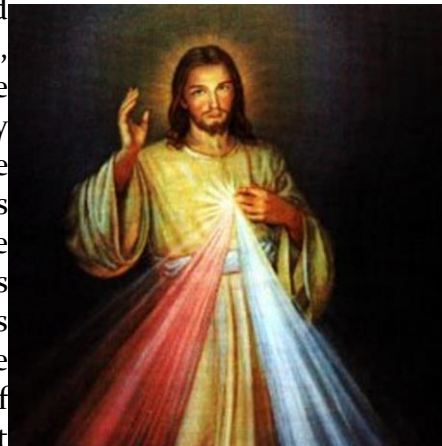
ACTS 4:32-35; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 JN 5:1-6; JN 20:19-31

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley 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 K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

Holy Family, Gas City

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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