

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

APRIL 19, 2019

EASTER CELEBRATION EXTENDS 50 DAYS

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of **the Lord's resurrection** from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days** of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung.

The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

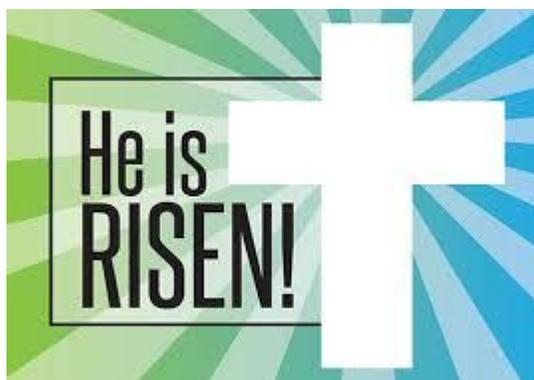
The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, except where, not being observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it has been assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (cf. no. 7).

The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Especially during Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

--usccb.org



WHY IS EASTER A DIFFERENT DATE EACH YEAR?

The Easter celebration is the oldest of all Christian holidays. It was regarded by Pope Leo I as the greatest feast of all the liturgical year, and still is. After all, Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the culmination of Christ's mission and the foundation of our faith. "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith has been in vain." (1 Cor 15: 14).

The date was derived from a combination of the lunar calendar from the Jewish Passover celebration as well as the Christian tradition of liturgical celebrations taking place on Sundays. The Council of Nicaea in AD 325 determined that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon (Paschal Full Moon) that occurs on or after the spring (vernal) equinox. The date of the Paschal Full Moon is based on mathematical approximations following a 19-year cycle called the Metonic cycle. Therefore, Easter can fall on any date between March 22 to April 25.



SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER GRANT

St. John's recently was the recipient of a diocesan grant application made possible through the Campaign for Human Development special collection taken each November. This grant was written for the benefit of senior citizens in our community.

After contacting the Blackford County Senior Citizen Center, we were able to partner with them in purchasing a laptop computer to replace the outdated one they were presently using as well as a desktop computer, both of which additional programming was purchased to help with their administration needs. From these updates, not only will the administration be able to better function for their day-to-day work, but a computer lab station will be set up at which senior citizens visiting the center can sit and learn and use to navigate in today's technological society.

Director Debra Cole and Board President Rhonda Cale were both very grateful to St. John's community for the donation of these computers. It will greatly aide their daily duties and give them working, up-to-date equipment. Thank you for your support of the Campaign for Human Development collections.

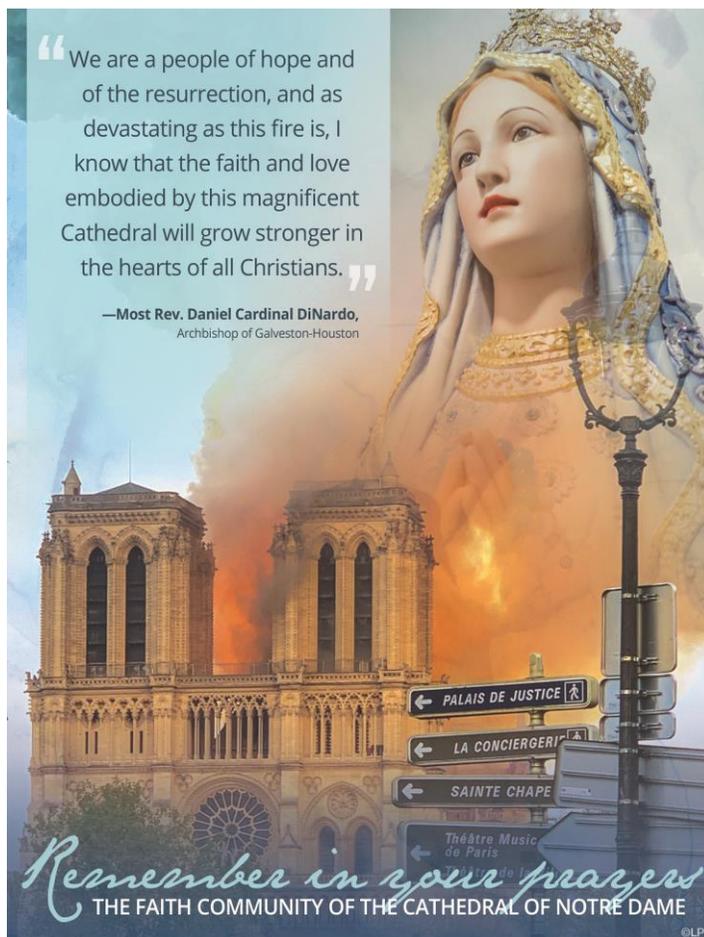


JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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.



CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT

Catholic Family Night at the TinCaps is on Saturday, May 18th at 7:05pm as they play the Lansing Lugnuts. You won't want to miss the fireworks, Tyler's Amazing Balance Act, and more. Tickets are \$10 each with \$1 from each ticket being donated to catholic schools.

To purchase tickets visit www.tincapstickets.com/group/event/catholicnight19

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR LIVER?

According to Traditional Chinese Medicine, specific organs in our body require attention during the four seasons of the year in order to function properly.

The season of Spring brings focus to our liver. The emotion that aligns with our liver is forgiveness.

The best way to forgive is to laugh and let go.

1. Laughter is a potent endorphin releaser
2. Laughter contagiously forms social bonds
3. Laughter fosters brain connectivity
4. Laughter is central to relationships
5. Laughter has an effect similar to antidepressants
6. Laughter protects your heart

The point is?? STOP FOCUSING ON WHAT DOES NOT BRING YOU JOY!

LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE each other!!

So here is where you need to start for April.....Start gathering with people who bring JOY!! Get your calendar out and call one or two local friends. Make a date and get together with them. Ask your friends to list everything they are grateful for, and do the same.

Hug someone you love as often as you can!

Laugh daily!

Get off your phone and facebook!

Smile at everyone!

Forgive often!

If you need to write down your worries so you can forgive and let go, take a piece of paper and write them down. Then strike a match to the paper (outside in your yard) and release.

NEW-TO-YOU NOW OPEN

Thursdays: 11-5

Fridays: 11-2

Under new direction of Donna Schuck and Karen Uggen, the shop is open with a new look and many new items collected over the winter months.

Stop by to check out the new selections. As always we appreciate our volunteers and the donations received.

THANK YOU ALL!!

QUILTERS AND CURTAINS

Last week St. John's hosted the Blackford County Extension Homemakers Sew Happy retreat week. As part of their week long efforts of sewing, both for pleasure and purpose, many hours of charity sewing took place. Projects included red flags for the youth soccer fields, wheelchair lap quilts, baby blankets and burp cloths for Birthline.

St. John's was the recipient of some charity sewing as well as the ladies sewed 56 curtain panels for the four upstairs classrooms. Their financial donation for the use of the building was used to purchase the material for the curtains. The old curtains had become faded, tattered and torn after 27 years, so the upgrade was desperately need and very appreciated.

Thanks to these homemakers for not just their work on the curtains, but for all their charity work in and through the community. Many times their efforts go unnoticed and under-appreciated, but St. John's says THANK YOU to:

Beverly Furniss

Virginia Fights

Mary Crawford

Margie Walker

Barb Reidy

Darlene Chick

Terry McVicker

Leslie Robb

Janet Pluimer

Harleen VanNess

Chris Coons

Cathy Decker

Cindy Stinson

April Anderson

and special thanks to Mary Ford for her group coordination.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

4 Jerry & Linda Trant

BIRTHDAYS:

2 Tina Johnson

4 Sarah Montgomery

14 Nedra Lips

18 Rycker Trissel

19 Diana Holsten

22 Mary Beth Fields

23 Rose Cahue

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The Eucharist is the sacrament at the heart of the Mass, in which bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. It was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper. Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is made present to us on the altar.

The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning “thanksgiving.” The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for our salvation. We use the term Holy Communion because in the Eucharist all believers are brought together in communion with Christ to form one body.

The term real presence is the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. As Catholics we know that Jesus is present, whole and entire, under the forms of bread and wine that are changed into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ through transubstantiation. The Church believes that when Jesus said “This is my body” and “This is my blood”, he meant what he said. The word transubstantiation means that even though it looks like bread and wine in appearance, the substance, what it really has become, has changed completely. This change happens at the consecration when the priest speaks the words of Christ: “This is my body,” and “This is my blood.”

The priest mixes water with the wine as a symbol of God’s communion with us. St. Clement of Alexandria wrote that “The wine is blended with water as the Spirit is blended with man.” St. Cyprian spoke of this: “The water is understood as the people, while the wine shows forth the blood of Christ. When the water is mingled in the cup with wine, the people are united with Christ... Once the water and wine are mingled in the Lord’s cup, the mixture cannot any more be separated. Even so, nothing can separate the Church...from Christ.”

The mixed chalice can also be seen as a sign of Christ’s two natures, divine and human, united in one person. The wine represents his divinity, the water His humanity. The two natures come to us together in the Eucharist, as they did in the Incarnation. Thus, from earliest times the mixed chalice at Mass was emblematic of the mystery it held: the mystery of Christ and of salvation by his blood.

The main part of the sacrament is Christ really present, but communion does not happen without our willing participation.

--book by Mike Aquilina



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.

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 year’s Catechists from St. John’s are Megan Trissel, preschool; Amy Henderson, K-1; Lorna Manley, 2-3; Jessica Kitterman, First Communion class; Bernadette Elkins, 4-5; Eric Cale, junior high; and Lisa Rinker, senior high. Claire Aulbach served as our DRE again this year. Many thanks to each of these volunteers for teaching our Catholic faith to the youth of our parish and giving of their time each week. We are most grateful for your service.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

Our cluster parishes of St. Mary’s and St. John’s now has a website. Check us out at: stmaryjohn.org.

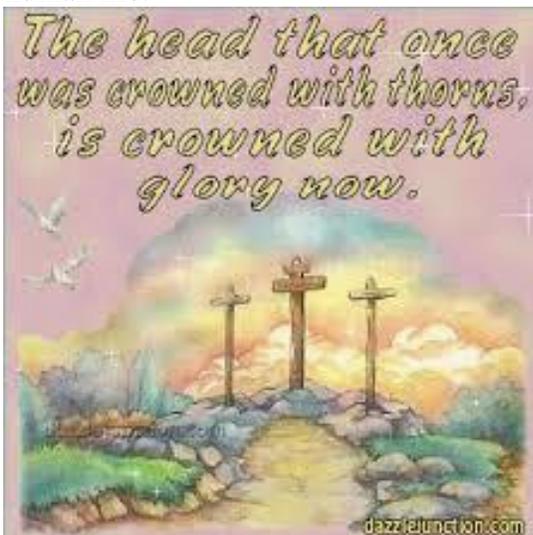


MOTHER'S DAY TEA

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 following 8:30am Mass. 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.

Gather your "brood" and join our "flock" for a "clucking" good time. We promise to keep things moving along so everyone can be out prior to 11am. 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.

This year we will again be collecting baby bottles for the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier. Bottles will be available at the church entrances and the Tea. Fill your bottle with coins and/or cash and return it to church. Other baby items can be donated as well. The center supports both mothers and fathers and their babies through education, programs and services with a Christian faith-based approach. They believe in the sanctity of every human life.



A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE...2019

Honor mothers this year by giving a special Mother's Day honorarium or memorial gift to the pregnancy Care Center of Jay County in her name. Your donation will help moms who need extra support. Many are single mothers who find themselves alone as they take on a new responsibility of raising their children.

Many seek the help of the center for their child's needs. They offer peer-counseling and support, given at no charge, to assist in their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Along with the day-to-day stuff that money must buy. Your generous gift enables the Pregnancy Care Center to come alongside these women and families at a crucial time in their life-journey with education, practical assistance, and most of all hope.

**Send your financial gift to: PCC of Jay County
216 S Meridian, Portland, IN 47371**

List the name(s) of those whom you wish to honor or remember. On Saturday before Mother's Day the center will run an ad in the Portland newspaper listing all the mothers and special women who were remembered.

Thank you for celebrating the gift of life...as we celebrate the gift of mothers.



3 TO ENTER CHURCH AT EASTER VIGIL

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.

The "Elect" engage in prayer and reflection about their growing relationship with Christ and the Church. They discern how they will live out that relationship in their everyday lives.

We each never stop learning and growing in our Catholic faith formation. Let us pray for Kevin, Billy and Beth as they continue their faith journey as well as pray for each other as the journey never ceases.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Even though God's loving mercy and forgiveness is ever present throughout the Bible along with his deep and abiding love for humanity, there had not been a feast day set aside. Since 2000 when Pope John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, God's divine love has been celebrated as a feast day. On this day, we celebrate God's unfathomable love and its constant yearning to forgive us for the ways in which we fail in our obligations of covenant life.

April 28 celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sharpsburg, Ohio (about an hour drive) for their 25th anniversary program. They will start with a DVD called "Divine Mercy 101" beginning at 1:30pm including an overview of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow at 2:45, followed by Litany of the Precious Blood, and the Seven Offerings of the Precious Blood. At the 3pm hour will be the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by time for silent meditation and veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. At 3:45 they will have the scriptural rosary. The program will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30.

Confession will be available from 1:30-4:30. Please prepare for the feast by praying the novena starting on Good Friday. For more information contact Elaine Grube at 419-375-4645.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

APRIL CHALLENGE BY K OF C

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Gospel for April 21, Lk. 24:30-32)

A "fire in the belly," passion, a drive: these are some of the ways we talk about others who can summon a deep, inner motivation and who make a difference. My brothers and sisters, can we say the same about our inner drive to go deeper in our Church's teaching? Do our hearts "burn within us" and cause us to daily familiarize ourselves with the riches of our faith? Do we have a fire in the belly to be the kind of men and women who don't stand silent at the water cooler when we hear our Church's teaching denigrated by colleagues? In order to lead with faith, we need to know our faith. We can't give what we don't have. By God's grace, may we each become disciples whose "hearts burn within us."

APRIL CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to deepen your desire to have a heart 'burning within you' for new knowledge of the Church's teaching and doctrine. Invest five to ten minutes a day reading the *Catechism* or other resource, watching a Catholic talk online, or taking advantage of a local formation opportunity. Secondly, I challenge you to talk with a brother in Christ about what you're learning.

--Knights of Columbus.org



PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Anya Aulbach was on the A/B honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Bethany Elkins was on the A/B honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Madison Henderson represented Blackford County School from Montpelier School during the regional Spelling Bee.

Jessica Manley was on the all A honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Lance Manley was on the all A honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Madison Merkel was on the all A honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Jenna Payne was on the A/B honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Damien Shields was on the A/B honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Anya Uggen was on the all A honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

Helen Whitesell was on the all A honor roll third nine weeks at BHS.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY—ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm Readers: Fred Hoffman 4, Shea Aulbach 11, 18, 25 **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Announcements:** Vince Cimino **Greeter:** Anna Cimino **Communion Ministers:** Kellee Merkel 4, Lisa Rinker 11, 18, 25, Karen Sulit, Diana Holsten, Barbara Houseman, Sonya Hoffman

Sunday 8:30 am Readers: Isabelle Homan 5, Sr. Rita Musante 12, 26, Susan Lannoy 19 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 5, Karen & John Shields Family 12, 19, 26 **Announcements:** Susan Lannoy 5, Becky Cain 12, 19, 26 **Communion Ministers:** Bernadette & Gary Elkins 5, 12, 19, Karen Shields 26, Amy Henderson 26, Claire & Tom Aulbach, Tom Alfrey

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY—ST. MARY'S

May 5: Reader: Bob Banser **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson Family **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle, & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

May 12: Reader: Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Connie & Ken Hartnagle **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

May 19: Reader: Dan Watson **Gifts:** Jeff & Lisa Geesaman Family **Communion Ministers:** Laverne Watson & Colleen Bicknell **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

May 26: Reader: Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Laverne Watson **Communion Ministers:** Amy Grady & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE EVENTS

Sisters to host 'Aging Gracefully: Exploring the Gift of Years'

"Aging Gracefully: Exploring the Gift of Years," and learn how to embrace the advancing years, which can be empowering and joy-filled. Learn more about the positive aspects of aging. Saturday, May 4, 9:30-11:30am. Cost is \$10, reg. deadline is May 1.

Bikers, Brunch and Blessing set for May 5
All motorcycle riders are invited for a blessing of bikes and their riders during "A Bikers, Brunch and a Blessing," at 10:15 a.m., on Sunday, May 5. All riders are invited to stay following the blessing for brunch (small cost). All attending will be greeted by the sisters as they pray for safety on the road. Each rider and passenger will receive a special memento of the blessing to carry on their travels. There is no cost to attend, but registration is appreciated by May 1. For more info, call 812-535-2952.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF SAINT KATHARINA KASPER



May 7, 2019

Check-in: 8:30 a.m. EDT
Retreat: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. EDT
Fee: \$35
Mass and lunch are included



Sister Germaine Hustedde, PHJC will recount Saint Katharina Kasper's deep love of Christ with her compassionate service to the poor, the sick, and the needy. Themes will be explored that are practical and imitate ways which portray Saint Katharina as a courageous and persevering role-model; a real example of how to accept and live God's will daily.

Living life in a committed way, and walking in Saint Katharina's footsteps allows one to come to fruition. The reflections, prayer, and sharing will enable each participant to mirror the mystery which enfolds Saint Katharina in her simplicity and humility.

LINDENWOOD RETREAT CENTER

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 \$35, includes lunch & the Little Office of Saint Joseph book by Damian C. Andre

St. Joseph the Worker Day

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WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

- May 1-Pope Francis I
- May 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
- May 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
- May 4-Fr. James Goodrum, retired
- May 5-Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton
- May 6-Fr. Paul Graf, Franciscan St. Elizabeth Healthcare Lafayette
- May 7-Fr. Don Gross, retired
- May 8-Fr. Kevin Haines, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- May 9-Fr. Thomas Haan, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, St. Theodore Guerin High School
- May 10-Fr. David Hasser, Consultant in the Office of Divine Worship, Director of Vocations, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
- May 11-Fr. Dave Hellmann, St. Lawrence, Muncie
- May 12-Bishop Emeritus William Higi, retired
- May 13-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
- May 14-Fr. Patrick Hosey, retired
- May 15-Fr. Paul Hudson, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Remington
- May 16-Fr. David Huemmer, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, with ministry to the Monastery of the Poor Clares, Kokomo
- May 17-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- May 18-Fr. Samuel Kalu, Emmas House West Lafayette
- May 19-Fr. Mike Kettron, retired
- May 20-Fr. John Kiefer, retired
- May 21-Fr. Leroy Kinnaman, St. Peter, Winamac, St. Joseph Pulaski, St. Henry, Medaryville, St. Francis Salono, Francesville
- May 22-Fr. Bob Klemme, St Charles Otterbein & St. Patrick Oxford
- May 23-Fr. Peter Logsdon, St. Joseph, Winchester, and St. Mary, Union City
- May 24-Fr. Gustavo Lopez, St. Boniface Lafayette
- May 25-Fr. Jeffrey Martin, All Saints, Logansport
- May 26-Fr. Adam Mauman, St. Charles Borromeo, Peru
- May 27-Fr. Brendan Mbagwu, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Carmel
- May 28-Fr. Mike McKinley, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- May 29-Fr. Mike McKinney, St. Joseph, Rochester
- May 30-Fr. Tom Metzger, Our Lady of Grace Noblesville
- May 31-Fr. Chris Miller, St. Mary Frankfort

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Lord's Day Liturgy

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

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

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: May 17, 2019

Editor: Diana Holsten

THE RADICAL CALL OF EASTER

For 40 days we prepare for our annual remembrance of those events in the last days of Jesus' life that produced our salvation. For three days we immerse ourselves in the story. Then it takes 50 days 50 get over it! Welcome to Eastertide! Shed whatever compromises the joy that pervades this season because Christ has overcome death for himself and for us!

Such is the radical effect of our baptism. It couples us with the death and burial and resurrection of Jesus in a real and mysterious way. We become new creatures. *Alleluia!* "Praise the Lord!" expresses our feelings of joy and thanks and praise, rooted back through generations to the Hebrews.

But it doesn't mean a thing unless it expresses some real feeling of gratitude to God for Jesus, for all our gifts, and for the hope of eternal life. May we join our "alleluias" in a testimony of faith, hope, and charity during every Easter season!

--Fr. Leo Piguet



**MAY WE LIVE STRONG IN
FAITH**

(From 100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguet)

**Glorious and eternal God, we bless you
this Easter season for the saving sacrifice
of your dearly beloved Son who died
willingly on a cross that we might live.
Through his resurrection, may we live
truly convinced of your love and
committed to your peace.**

**By the holy power of the Spirit, make us so
strong in faith that through our daily lives
others too may come to believe.
For Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.**