

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018



Dear parishioners,

I am at a loss for words this week and at a loss for any inspiring ideas. The week ahead of us speaks for itself. It speaks of God's faithful, unending love for us. It speaks of Jesus' integrity. He would not back down from or compromise his beliefs, not even to save his life. We see him deeply troubled and afraid but trusting the Father to stay the course. Jesus completely embraces his humanity and his divinity.

The mystery of salvation is all here in this week. I simply invite you to enter the mystery, to participate in the services, to listen with your heart to the readings from the scriptures.

May the grace of this Holy Week fill you and strengthen you.

Sister Carol

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

Readings for April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Weekend Masses

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| Sat Mar 24 | 4:00 p.m. | Lena Badertscher |
| Sun Mar 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Jerry Musser |
| Sat Mar 31 | 8:30 p.m. | Orville "Fritz" Smith Jr. |
| Sun Apr 1 | 8:00 a.m. | For the parish |
| Sun Apr 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Greg Kiene Tim Kahle |

Communion Services

Fri Mar 30 No Service today St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,849.00 | Loose | \$997.86 |
| Children | \$48.11 | Total | \$3,894.97 |

75 envelopes returned = 36%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Mar 31 & April 1, 2018

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Angie Wenger

8:30 p.m. EASTER VIGIL

Greeter/Candle passers: Bob & Louise Rieman and family

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: _____ and _____

Lectors: Amanda Woolley
Carol Schroeder
Lisa Welch

Gift bearers: Britny and Mark Zwiebel

E.M.: Rosemary Meyer, Amy Marcum, _____

Servers: Hank Schroeder, Basil Meyer,
Josh and Nathan Meyer

8:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY

Greeters: John and Sarah Schulte family

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: _____ and _____

Lectors: Jenny Roby, _____

E.M.: Cathy Hermiller, _____

Servers: _____,
_____ and _____

10:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY

Greeters: _____ and _____

Ushers: Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch, Larry
Hoffman, Becca Schlumbohm

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

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Holy Week schedule

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Stations

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Mass

After Mass until 11:00

p.m. – Adoration

Good Friday, March 30

NO Communion Service at 8:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Community Cross Walk

beginning at English Lutheran

12:00 noon Community Prayer Service here
at St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. Parish Good Friday service

Holy Saturday, March 31

NO Mass at 4:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

Followed by reception for Britny

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass



Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week

The sign-up sheets are out for liturgical ministers for Holy Week and Easter. There will be no 4 o'clock Mass on Holy Saturday. The regular ministers for the first Sunday of the month are asked to serve at the 10 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday. If you cannot, find your sub as always. Please be generous!



Pastoral Council nominations are coming soon! Start talking with the people you'd like to nominate. This is a great opportunity to get to know your parish better!

+ **Red Cross blood drive** We will be hosting the blood drive Thursday, April 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (please note the change in time). The sign-up sheet is out early so you can get the drive on your calendar before the hustle of Easter.

The full list of ministers for Holy Week is on the shelf in the narthex.

Everyone is invited to join us for a movie "*The Case for Christ*" following our Good Friday Service (approximately 8:15 p.m.). Snacks and sodas are not permitted to honor the Good Friday fast. Please join us!

Heartbeat of Lima's 6th Annual Fundraising Silent Auction and Chicken Dinner

is coming up on April 22 at the Knights of Columbus building located behind Happy Daz on S. Cable Rd, Lima. This year it will be bigger and better than ever! We have over 50 wonderful baskets for you to bid on! Contact our office now for your chicken dinner tickets and plan to stop in with your family and friends and spend the afternoon at our Silent Auction and take home a great item...or two or three! Dinner tickets are \$8 and include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Southwestern corn, fresh fruit cup, dinner roll/butter and cookie. Dine-in or carry-outs are available. **ALL DINNER TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY!** **Orders for dinner tickets must be placed by April 16, 2018.**

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is Sunday, April 15, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

We are quickly approaching Easter! That also means Lent is almost over. Please bring your Rice Bowls to class next week. The winning class will get something special.

Also, Kelly will be teaching our **Earth Day Celebration** class on Sunday, April 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pope Francis has an encyclical called *On Care for Our Common Home*. The topics talked about will come from the VBS called EarthKeepers which is based from Pope Francis' encyclical. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event in the Narthex. The class is for children ages 4 through 11 years old. Please list if your child has any food allergies.