

St. Joseph Catholic Community

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today! Alleluia!

Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil
March 31

7:45 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayer
 8:20 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies
 Vigil Mass—8:30 p.m. Addison Crum & Family by Friends

Easter Sunday
April 1

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Tom & Ann Reifsteck Family

Monday, April 2

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Edward & Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Adoration
 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Dan Runyon + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

8:30 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, April 4

6:25 p.m. Rosary
 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Charles Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault

Thursday, April 5 -No All Day Adoration Today.

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, April 6

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. Bill Lautzenheiser + by Mike & Debbie Lautzenheiser

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, April 7

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
 8:00 a.m. No Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski + by Family

Sunday, April 8

- Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)-

7:10 a.m. Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
 9:40 a.m. Rosary
 10:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe + by Friends

Pray Daily and Love Always!

TODAY IS EASTER, THE DAY CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEATH. WE ARE CELEBRATING LIFE, GOD'S GIFT TO HUMANITY. IT IS GOD'S LOVING GIFT AND CHRIST'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY. YES, IT IS GOD'S LOVING GIFT TO US AND FOR US. IT IS CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US ALL. WE NEED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT IN LOVE, WE RISE TO EVER LASTING BLESSEDNESS. DO YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOU SHOULD? TO LOVE IS TO ENJOY THE LIFE OF RESURRECTION. HAPPY EASTER.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. **The Resurrection, the Power of Resurrection is life;** that is what we are celebrating today. The life of love in the Resurrection, when the mortal body will take immortality, the corruptible body will take on incorruptibility and then we will take on glorified bodies. What we are celebrating is **LIFE**. It is not a fairy tale but a historical fact as we read in the **1st reading; Acts 10:34a, 37-43:** "You must have heard about the recent happening in Judea, about Jesus of Nazareth and ... how He went about doing good ... and also to the fact that they killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised Him to life and allowed Him to be seen by many, ... Now we are those witnesses – we ate and drank with him after his resurrection from the dead – and He has ordered us to proclaim this to His people" **YOU**. God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son. And Christ so loved us that He gave Himself up to death, death on the Cross. Why so such great love? It is because Christ knew that we need His help to be saved and so, be able to enjoy the ***blessedness of God in heaven.***

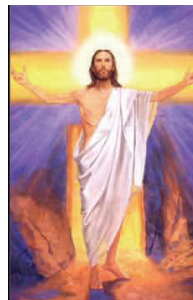
So, we are called to love as God loves, to love as we should. How? The answer is: ***"What so ever you do to the least of my people that you do unto me. When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink. Now enter into the home of my Father"***. In the Gospel; **Jn 20:1-9:** it was this love that made Mary of Magdala to go to the tomb early in the morning and when she did not see the body of the Lord Jesus she ran to Peter. The same love made Peter and the disciple the Lord loved, (that is John), to also run to the tomb. **We are invited to love one another as God loves and for God's sake and for the sake of life of blessedness.** If you are Mary of Magdala bring a pot of alabaster ointment. If you are Peter or John run to the tomb.

Let me share this with you: From personal experience, I was in prayer of meditation, thanking God for what He did for me and I asked Him what I should do for Him for His love on me. He said, ***"love me and care for me in the poor and the needy"***. To love God is to love the poor and the needy around us. Help them. Do not close your eyes on them. Help them. Whatever you give to the poor and the needy, you actually reserve them for yourself in heaven. Love and give so that love will be shown to you and gifts be given to you. **HAPPY EASTER**

NB: The coming week, is Mercy Weekend. Pray for mercy and be merciful to all around you.

God bless you Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



An Easter Blessing

***May the resurrection
 of our savior
 be a constant reminder
 of His love and promise
 of eternal life.***



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, and Carol Lochtefeld.

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 2 - Monday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:14,22-33

Tues., April 3 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:36-41/
Jn 20:11-18

Wed., April 4 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - Act 3:1-10/
Lk 24:13-35

Thurs., April 5 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:11-26/
Lk 24:35-48

Fri., April 6 - Friday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:1-12/
Jn 21:1-14

Sat., April 7 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:13-21/
Mk 16:9-15

Sun., April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) - Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Dr. Ramon Villamil, father of Mary (Al) Porrata,
died Sunday, March 25, 2018

May God welcome him home,
Fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mrantz@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Did you know: Common sense is not all that common

It is naïve to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families don't have to spell them out. Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 2 and Friday April 6; but will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 3, 4 and 5.
- There will be no Parish Council meeting on Wed., April 7. We will meet Wed., May 2 at 7:30 p.m. This is for both Old and New Council members.

WEEKEND OF April 7/8, 2018


CANTORS:

 **5:00** Jay Crisp
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Dan Geimer (Choir Mass)


LECTORS:

 **5:00** Knight of Columbus
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Dan Geimer


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Monica Harris, Diana Cole, Sandy Smythe, Rick Singer, Steve Higgins, Tammi Helm

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

 **5:00** Knights of Columbus
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mitchel or Justin Mayer, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Catherine Crawfis, Grant Reifsteck

Collection for Weekend of March 24/25, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,296.00
Child Envelopes- \$5.45
Loose- \$236.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$365.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$170.00
Flowers- \$23.00
Spiritual CDs- \$14.00
Easter Offering- 5:00
Total- \$4,114.45

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,001.95 behind budget
from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

Diocesan Special Collections:
Good Friday/Holy Land- \$5.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

Please note:

There will be no all day Adoration on Thursday, April 5.

ST JOSEPH WOMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 in the conference room.



ANNOUNCING - WEDDING BANNS I

We are praying for Acacia Herr, daughter of Bruce and
Twilla Herr and James Suhrer, son of Andrew and Mary Jo
Suhrer, for a successful marriage - May 27, 2018



MEETING REMINDER!

The meeting date has been moved to
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 due to the
Confirmation Mass on April 3rd.

Meet in Church for the Rosary at 6:40 and
meeting to follow in social hall at 7:00.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*One of the best things we can do with our time
is to spend time alone each day with God.*

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay
my requests before you and wait in expectation" (Psalm 5:3).

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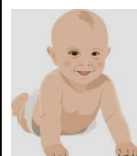
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-Mother Teresa

Before you speak...

THINK!

T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?