

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 1**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 3

5:30 p.m...Rosemary Helm (St. John's)

Wednesday, April 4

12:00noon...Walter & Frances Schuhmacher
(St. John's)

Thursday, April 5

5:30 p.m...George Watson (St. Mary's)

Friday, April 6

5:30 p.m...Bowen & Schott Families (St. John's)

Saturday, April 7

5:00 p.m...Ray Walter (St. John's)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m...Severino Sulit (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:**

**Universal – For those who have
Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

*If you need to put someone on the prayer chain,
please call Janice Jackson, 348-1521. Thank you.*

TRY CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's 3rd selection:

Eucharist, A Bible Study for Catholics, by Father Mitch Pacwa. This is a short bible study with only 6 chapters and written in everyday language. Father Mitch writes with clarity, enthusiasm and brevity! It is set up as a 6-week study, but we can take longer to allow time for reading the Scripture selections and answering questions. We will begin on April 15 and meet June 5 in the school basement at 6 pm to discuss the book. Email susanlannoy4@gmail.com with questions or comments. Text/voice 512-627-6863. Contact Diana to order your book. 765/348-3889 as soon as possible.

Father Dave will be on vacation this week. If the need for a priest arises, contact the office.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S APRIL 14 & 15

Sat., 5p.m...Madison & Mason Merkel
Sun., 8:30a.m...Anya Aulbach & Kayli Henderson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$836.00
Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,763.00
Building Fund: \$195.00
Food Pantry: \$286.00
Holy Land: \$230.00
Catholic Moment: \$66.00
Flowers: \$10.00
Rice Bowl: \$145.43.00
Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that we can see God's image in others and find ways to show others His love and grace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 9: [The Annunciation of the Lord] Is 7: 10-14; 8-10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38
Apr. 10: Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15
Apr. 11: [St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr] Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21
Apr. 12: Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36
Apr. 13: [St. Martin I, pope & martyr] Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15
Apr. 14: Acts 5: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21
Apr. 15: [Third Sunday of Easter] Acts 3: 13-15; 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5a; Lk 24: 35-48

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people continues each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church. **This week's topic: Deliverance.**

THIS WEEK:

Monday 9, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday 10, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
Wednesday 11, NO RCIA this week
Sunday 15, Bible Timeline 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, what we hear in the Word of the Lord enforces what we need to believe. It has a lot to do with the idea of stewardship. Some of what we hear is often misinterpreted.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles points out about the early Christian community: "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his or her possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." This is a sign of unity, the kind of unity we as a faith community are striving to achieve. The bottom line is that those in the community regarded people more important than things. Is that not what Christ expects of us? That community recognized that God was the granter and the owner of absolutely everything. Because the Lord had touched them so deeply, they found it easier to share. The misinterpretation often comes because some say, "That sounds like communism or socialism." Communism maintains that "What is yours is mine; if you do not share it, I will take it." The early Christian community said, "What is mine is yours; I will share it." It is a bit of a different viewpoint.

In fact it is stewardship. We must remember that these people knew and were following the Apostles, who received this gift from the Lord: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." And that is mercy.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join the religious education students and teachers each Sunday morning following Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to class.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Even though the weather doesn't act like spring, the calendar says it has arrived. Another sure sign is the opening of our New-To-You Shop. **April 5 is opening day 11-5, Friday 11-2, Saturday 11-2.** Contact Janet Pluimer 728-2715 if you can give 3 hours a month to work a shift. Thank you to all our volunteers and for your donations.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Services hospice is offering a six-week adult grief group starting Wed., April 11, 2018, and ending May 16, 2018. This grief group may be helpful to those who have experienced the loss of a friend or family member. We will meet in the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W. University Avenue, Muncie, in conference room C from 6-7:30pm. The cost is \$10 per family unit. Call 765-747-4273 to register for this group on or before April 9.

SAFE AND SACRED

Everyone who works with young people and/or vulnerable adults shares the responsibility of creating safe environments. We are all charged with treating life with the respect and dignity given to each of us by our God.

All STAFF, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS & VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH CHILDREN

must register and complete the diocesan safe environment training program every three years.

An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,

We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.

Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.
Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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.

The Clustered Parishes Of

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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.

