

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Happy Easter! What a great day to celebrate! This is the day of victory for our king! It is, therefore, also a day of victory for all of us who believe in Jesus.

Sometimes we wish we could have known him in person and been there at the tomb at the resurrection. I am glad that I am at this point in history. I have the benefit of seeing the whole picture.

I can only imagine the huge mix of feelings that the apostles and other followers felt on Easter Sunday. Who is this man who can be killed and live again? Who rolled back the stone? Are we safe? How amazing is this?! Some believed. Some found it too much for them.

We now know that Jesus was truly human and truly God. He had accepted all his human limitation so that he might reveal to us who God is. He accepted death on a cross to show us the extent of his integrity and obedience. He rose from the dead to show us that he is God, that he is no longer bound by limitation, that he does indeed have power over death and evil.

I hope that each of us in our eagerness to spend time with family also take time to spend with Jesus to reflect on the significance of this truly amazing day.

Sister Carol



## **Congratulations, Tori Halcomb!**

On your entrance into the Catholic Church at the Vigil service through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. Welcome to the parish family!

### Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 26	<u>8:30 p.m.</u>	Libby Schmenk
Sun Mar 27	8:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sun Mar 27	10:00 a.m.	Madeline Palmer
Sat Apr 2	4:00 p.m.	William Shackelford Jr.
Sun Apr 3	10:00 a.m.	For the Parish

### Communion Services

Tue Mar 29 10:30 a.m. Richland

### First Friday

Fri Apr 1 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,525.00	Loose	\$672.00
Children	\$82.34	Total	\$3,279.34

86 envelopes returned = 41%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

### Assignments for April 2 & 3, 2016

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford and Angie Wenger

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Katie Hohenbrink

**Ushers:** Dave and Mary Hoffer

**Lector:** Deb Garlock

**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Bob Minto

**Servers:** Zane and Grace Myers

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Logan Welch

**Greeter-West Door:** Rachel Welch

**Cantor:** Karen Phillips

**Ushers:** Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

**Lectors:** Mel Heitmeyer and Laura Jones

**E.M.:** Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,  
Megan Dulle and Rosemary Meyer

**Servers:** Drew and Ken Lovett, Olivia Smallcombe

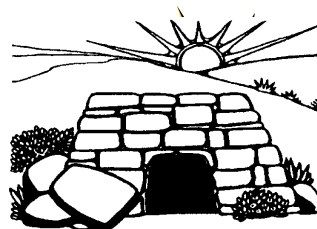
### **Readings for April 3, 2016**

#### **Sunday of Divine Mercy**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5:12-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31



*He is Risen.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Happy Easter!*


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## Parish mini-retreat

Part of the "Living the Eucharist" faith sharing experience is a closing retreat. The planners want to invite anyone interested to share in this mini-retreat on Sunday, April 10. We will share lunch immediately after Mass, hear a presentation, discuss the presentation, and close with *lectio divina*.

**The Red Cross blood drive** will take place at St. Mary's on Thursday, April 7, noon until 6 o'clock.  Volunteers are needed for registration and refreshments. Cookie bakers are also needed. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. And, of course, donors are needed!



Training for those who want to volunteer for Family Promise will be Thursday evening, April 7, at 7 o'clock, in the new classrooms. As you know Family Promise is a program hosted by churches that

helps homeless families find a home and employment. St. Mary's will be hosting the families for the first time June 12-19. If you have questions, talk to our coordinators Bethany Barnhart and Julia Miller.

**Our First Communicants** will be preparing for their special day by participating in a retreat Saturday morning, April 2. Please keep them in your prayers.

**The JOY People** invite adults with developmental disabilities to their annual retreat, Saturday, April 30, at the Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse. Please contact Marsha Rivas, Office for Persons with Disabilities, 419-244-6711, for more information.

**The Bluffton Community Preschool** is accepting applications for three and four year old children for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be age 3 by August 1, 2016. The Preschool meets at the First United Methodist Church at 116 Church St., Bluffton. Children develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually through a child-centered, play-based program. The early registration deadline is June 1. Please call Shelly at [419-358-0268](tel:419-358-0268) to register or get more information.

## The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville is asking for your support of a petition to stop genocide in the Middle East and convince the U.S. Department of State to include Christians in any formal declaration of genocide.

"For months, the Catholic Church has been a voice for Christians and other religious minorities facing the evil of deadly persecution." Archbishop Kurtz said. "Please, make sure your name is added to the witness. The very future of the ancient Christian presence in the Middle East is at stake." The petition is available at: [www.stopthechristiangenocide.org](http://www.stopthechristiangenocide.org).

## Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 3, 2016 the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, 6 miles south of Bellevue) will have 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy devotions with Eucharistic Adoration, weather permitting they will Process, with the Blessed Sacrament to the Lourdes/St. Faustina area while singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. When they are back to the Chapel they will begin Benediction and Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross. Confessions will be held throughout the day. The Gift Shop and the Cafeteria will be open.

# P.R.E.P

**We are looking for help** preparing the meal for the First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please email Kelly at [www.khski7@aol.com](mailto:www.khski7@aol.com) if you are able to help. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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

**K-6:** Next class is Wednesday, March 30th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Also there is a First Communion parents' meeting.

**Jr. Hi:** Next class is Sunday, April 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**God Squad:** Next class is Sunday, April 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.