

St. Mary's Catholic Church

5th Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Amazing things are happening in the gospel today. Jesus is troubled. He admits it. And he has reason to be troubled. He knows he is going to die. He's been staying away from Jerusalem because he knows how serious the Jewish leaders are about wanting to kill him. Jesus has come to the city now to celebrate the Passover. He knows this is not going to end well.

When the Greeks want to see him, he passes on his preoccupation with needing to die. He tells them that like a grain of wheat they must be willing to die to themselves if they want to produce fruit. That's what it entails to be a disciple.

Jesus wants to be spared from death. He knows that if he wants to complete his mission, he has to give everything. He needs encouragement. A voice comes from heaven. The Father speaks of the glory that he has already received and of the glory that is to come through Jesus' obedience and victory. The voice is not to reassure Jesus. It's to let the listeners know that Jesus does indeed come from God.

And Jesus finishes by telling the listeners that this agony of anticipation and his crucifixion is for them and for us. How can we make a return for all God has done for us?

Sister Carol

Our sympathy goes to the family of Elizabeth Karhoff at her passing to eternal life.

Our sympathy also goes to Jim Kiene at the death of his son Greg.

May they rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 17	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Ellen Von Lehmden
Sun Mar 18	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention-Larry
Sat Mar 24	4:00 p.m.	Lena Badertscher
Sun Mar 25	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser

Communion Services

Fri Mar 23 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,680.00	Loose	\$1,100.72
Children	\$42.47	Total	\$3,823.19

77 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Mar 24 & 25, 2018

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz and Barb Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

Servers: _____ and _____

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,

Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

Servers: Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,
and Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1—15:47

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Please gather in the social hall before the 10:00 o'clock Mass for the blessing of palms and the solemn procession.

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Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, Mar. 21,
--6:30, Stations of the Cross
--7:00 p.m., Mass



Holy Week schedule

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Stations

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Thursday, March 29—Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass

After Mass until 11:00 p.m. – Adoration

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

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

Saturday, March 31—Holy Saturday

NO Mass at 4:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

Followed by reception for Britny

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

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!

Please pray this week for the Sisters of St. Francis while they meet to select new community leadership and to set direction for the next four years.

+ **Red Cross blood drive** We will be hosting the blood drive Thursday, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 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.

Ultrasound Project results:

Dear Knights of Columbus Councils:

There was a mutual agreement between the K of C Councils and Heartbeat of Lima that we would set \$20,000 in an account for Heartbeat of Lima until the machines warranty is expiring. As that time approaches, we will discuss purchasing an extended warranty with part of the money, the remainder will go to Heartbeat of Lima at that time. The total amount of money raised was \$59,312.66. Thanks everyone again for the generous donations to this worthy cause.

Grand Night Dave Fischbach

Volunteers Needed at Habitat ReStore in Lima

There is a great need for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm Street). Because of recent cuts in various social programs, we have lost a fair number of people who worked at our ReStore. Jobs for volunteers include Customer service, Product preparation, Cashier, Donation pick-up, Maintenance, Cleaning, and more. One-time volunteers are very welcome, but regular volunteers are especially needed – even if it is for just a couple of hours one or two days a week. Please visit the Habitat website to sign up at www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. Thank you for considering this generous donation of time.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home will be holding its **annual Easter Bake Sale** on Saturday, March 24. Come to the lobby of Mennonite Memorial Home to buy a variety of baked goods from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Service Group also needs people who are willing to **donate home baked goods** to the sale. If you like to bake, consider baking something for the sale as part of your Lenten preparation. No need to call ahead, just bake something and drop it off at Mennonite Memorial Home on March 24, by 9 a.m.

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mass is at 7 p.m.

Jr. High and God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, March 18, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.