



APRIL 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 10:45 am
Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Liturgical Environment

Chuck Luther (260) 424-8231

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St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

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Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

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Dottie Carpenter..... ..(260) 424-3355

Building Operations & SK Deliveries

Tom Freehill.....(260)424-8231

Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter.....(260) 705-1690

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life" (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions:

Servers: Nathan Johnson, Pat McBride

First Reading: Dottie Carpenter

Second Reading: John Barnett

Sequence: Andrea Thomas

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Joanne Miller, Maxine Stovall, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Celeste Streicher

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Katrina Johnson, Andy Johnson, Val Vorndran

Greeters:

Coffee & Donuts: Judy Wagoner and Dottie Carpenter

Sunday, April 8

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Carmen Doyle

Servers: Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma, Maxine Stovall

First Reading: Ben Clemmer

Second Reading: Joe Miller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, Rosemary Mausser, Peggy Neidhart, Celeste Streicher, Judy Wagoner, Jane Wick, Jennifer Hayes, Joanne Miller

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth

Greeters: Frank & Liz Cantello

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl .



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or
Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/
Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Jn
5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

THANK YOU FROM THE STOVALLS

Maxine and Andre Stovall wish to acknowledge the warm wishes, and cards they received from their St. Mary's church family during the time of the deaths of Andres's parents. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 1

10:45 am *Marie Strunk*

Sunday, April 8

10:45 am *Christopher Mitoraj & in honor of the
90th birthday of Margaret Johnson*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...NOODLES.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

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Sunday, March 25: Judy Parrott, Nina, Doninic, Josie
Saturday, March 31: Jim Schmidt, Brad, Michelle

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.
Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS: Creamer & Snacks

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be home-bound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

- *Mary' Kids* on Spring Break
- Easter reception in Oechtering Hall after Mass

Sunday, April 8

- *Mary's Kids* on Spring Break
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul Society

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to former St. Mary Mother of God parishioner, Margaret Johnson, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 7, 2018 at The Breezy Beach House 105 Breezewood Drive Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971

Parish Announcements

FROM YOUR PASTOR. . . .

Some sixteen centuries ago, St. Augustine said: "We are Easter people, and our song is "Alleluia" this is certainly so, for the heart and core of our faith is the Easter Message.

Easter is indeed a time of rebirth and renewal. During these past days of Lent and of Holy Week, we have had numerous opportunities to renew ourselves and be reconciled with our God. So today, on His most holy of days, we all can more fully rejoice, hear His message and see Him more clearly. Our god, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and extend to you and your loved ones my prayerful best wishes for a Holy and a Blessed Easter Day and beyond.

*May the Glory of our Risen Savior bring to you and yours Peace,
Happiness & Spiritual Contentment.* - - - Fr. Phil

EASTER SUNDAY CONCELEBRANT

Today we welcome Father Dennis Schaab, C.P.P.S to our Easter celebration. Father Schaab of Leavenworth, Kansas is originally from Fort Wayne and he joins us today to celebrate the First Communion of his nieces.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

During April, we celebrate national **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. It is a time to re-commit ourselves to keeping children and youth safe in our homes, parishes and schools, to review our policies and guidelines for the safety of children, and to celebrate the children and youth in our lives. The Catholic Church joins others across our nation in prayer and effort to end the evil of child abuse. In June, we will mark the fifteenth anniversary since the bishops of the United States wrote, **The Promise to Protect, the Pledge to Heal** which contains the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**. In this document the church affirms the necessity to work for the prevention of child abuse and to help those victims of abuse heal. The **Charter** calls for annual audits of dioceses and eparchies to ascertain compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public. Our Diocese has been audited twelve times, most recently on Sept 26 -27, 2016 and found compliant with the **Charter** each time. To read the Annual Report of Audits for all dioceses in the United States go to: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/reports-and-research.cfm>

DIOCESAN JOB FAIR

The Diocese has 39 elementary schools and 4 high schools. The schools are looking for qualified, licensed teachers to teach in the schools and licensed administrators to lead. The diocese will be holding two fairs on each end of the diocese. on April 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. Please sign-up for a 20 minute time slot with the school or schools you would like to interview with and bring a resume with you on that evening. Walk-ins will be limited, so it is wise to sign-up in advance.