

# Easter Sunday—April 1, 2018

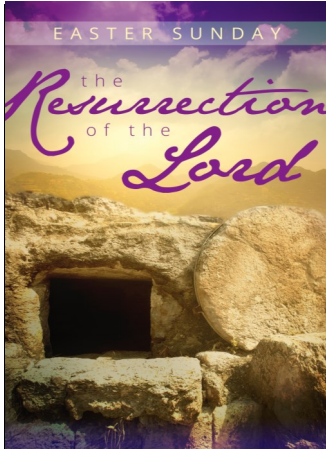
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***“You seek Jesus the Crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.”***

Today, the Church celebrates history’s greatest battle victory . . . the battle between life and death. With the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb, life was victorious! The strife of sin is over, the battle won, but the war between good and evil continues in our world today. Yet, we trust in the power of Christ’s Resurrection. Life now has the upper hand; sin and death have their limits. Jesus Christ crucified has risen from the tomb and has forever shifted the balance in favor of life. Jesus Christ has opened up a great hope, the hope of eternal life for those who have rejected sin and have accepted the Risen Lord.

### **Alleluia, He has Risen!**

I offer my heartfelt prayers to you and your families as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His Resurrection has won for us the hope and promise of salvation in heaven. In the words of Saint Paul, *“Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by one man came death, so by a man has come also the resurrection from the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”* (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

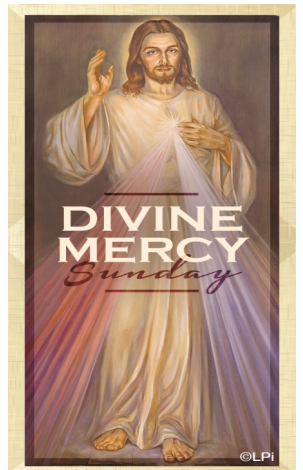
Be assured of my prayers for you throughout the entirety of the Easter season. As a pastor, my primary goal is to assist each parishioner in their journey to the eternal life of heaven, to share in Christ’s Resurrection. But first, we must live for Christ and die with Christ; the life we live on earth has eternal ramifications for the life *after* earth. Thus, daily, I pray and work on your behalf, as we work out our salvation with the help of God’s grace. God bless you this Easter season and always, as we strive to follow the Lord into the glory of His Kingdom.

### **Please Join in the Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection**

For the next eight days, the Church celebrates the Octave of Easter, with each day being an extension of the joy of Easter Sunday. Please join us for daily Mass, as we thank our Lord for rising from the dead so that we may freed from the bonds of eternal death. Know that there will be Mass on Easter Monday, at 7:00 p.m., so that you can reap the fullness of the graces of the Octave of Easter.

Next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, please join us for the culmination of the Octave of Easter with our Divine Mercy celebration at Saint Mary’s Church. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by the Sacrament of Penance. If these two requirements are fulfilled (along with receiving Holy Communion at Mass that weekend), then the Church will grant you a plenary indulgence, the full remission of time spent in purgatory. This awesome spiritual gift can be offered up as well for someone we love who has died. What a beautiful way to show our loving concern for those who have gone before us in death.

We will see you next Sunday evening, as we beg our Lord to bless us with the gift of His divine mercy, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



### **Catholic Easter Traditions, *The Easter Lily***

According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ’s agony in the garden: the other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ’s presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower in the garden (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ’s display of great humility on the Cross, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame, and has humbly remained so ever since.

**MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 2**

**7:00PM SM—+Eugenia Stagl by Harvey & Vickie Herberholz**

**Tuesday, April 3**

**7:30 AM SM —Weir Family by a friend**

**Wednesday, April 4**

**7:00 PM SM– Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions**

**7:00 PM SM– Marge Koffler by friends**

**Thursday, April 5**

**7:30 AM SM– +Carla Rohan by Larry & Eileen Lechler**

**Friday, April 6**

**7:30 AM - Saint Mary's Altar Guild**

**12-3:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6:00 PM SE– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 PM SE– Saint Elizabeth's Christian Mothers**

**Saturday, April 7**

**8:30 AM- +Martin Blasy by Robert & Cely Stagl**

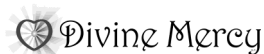
**8:00 PM SM–+John Sticka, +Ralph Sticka, +Mary Lou Sticka  
by +Eugenia Stagl**

**Sunday, April 8**

**8:30AM SE +Paul Schiwal by Kathy & Pat Morgan**

**10:30AM SM-Pro Populo**

**6:30PM SM –Divine Mercy Chaplet**



*Please Keep in Your Prayers:*

Duane Dobitz, Andy Prokop, Henley Johnson, Duane Grundhauser, Pete Schaefer, Alice Candrian, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz,, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Shari Obritsch, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju's mom)

**Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents:** Aggie Wandler, Ken Stagl, Charlotte Krebs, Harvey Herberholz, Archie Jalbert, Benny Benz, Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Dale Schroeder **Our Deceased Loved Ones** +Ardelle Kovar, +Eugenia Stagl, + Nick Lenhardt, + Mike Urlacher, + Keith Herold, +Carla Rohan +Alvin Rotering +Jeanne Kovar +Bridget Urlacher, +Laura Grundhauser, +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SE APRIL CHURCH CLEANERS** –Elvira Reindel, Arlene Rohr, Michele Wax

**SM Monday April 2 Mass at 7PM**

**SM Divine Mercy Celebration at 6:30PM followed by the Sacrament of Penance**

**St. Mary's Liturgical Assignments April 7 & 8, 2018**

MINISTRY	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Diane Binstock	Kris Ehlis
Mass Servers	Katie S./Molly W.	Paige E./Addison F.
Eucharistic Ministers	Martin S./Richard W.	Gordon S./Susan S.
Gifts	Braden Rayhorn	Larry & Betty Heick
Rosary Leader	Martina Stagl	Maureen Gardner
Greeters	Nicholas D. & Eileen L	Victor & Lynn Dvorak
Homebound Minister	Martina S.	Martina S.

**Collection Report St. Mary's March 24 & 25, 2018**

Adult		Youth
\$ 1281.00	Envelopes	\$ 33.48
\$ 106.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 1420.48	Total	\$
\$ 5187.48	Month	\$ 67.48

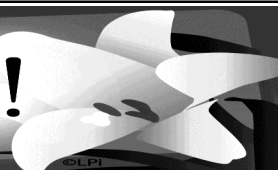
**St. Elizabeth's Liturgical Assignments April 8, 2018**

Lector	Stetson
Mass Servers	Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers	Fran & Cindy
Gifts	Nobert & Arlene
Greeters	Michele & Curt
Ushers	Darrell & Dustin Kuhn

**Collection Report St. Elizabeth's March 25, 2018**

Adult		Youth
\$ 585.00	Envelopes	\$ 14.00
\$ 10.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 609.00	Total	\$
\$ 1556.00	Month	\$ 39.00

**Hallelujah!**



### **The Catholic Devotional Life, A Home Altar**

In contrast to a typical home, which has a television set as its centerpiece, the focal point of a Catholic home should be the family altar . . . the place where a Catholic family can gather to offer up their prayers to the Blessed Trinity and to ask the saints, especially the Blessed Mother, to pray for them. Morning prayers, family Rosaries, prayers for special intentions, family novenas, lectio divina (a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture), and other favored prayers can be offered there.

Ideally, family altars should be on the eastern wall of a home, in the same orientation of a traditional church building. The symbolism here is to face east, towards Jerusalem, remembering the Resurrection of Jesus and His coming once again in glory. The family altars can be as simple or as elaborate as one desires, but should be beautiful and conducive to contemplation. A few key items are to be placed on or around the altar: Crucifix, Bible, daily missal, icons or statues, Holy Water font, blessed salt, Rosaries, and candles (those given at Candlemas or one's Baptismal candle, to be lit on the anniversary of one's Baptism). Other things one might consider are the Breviary (the Divine Office), holy cards, flowers, a prie-dieux (i.e. a kneeler), the names of deceased family members (or their funeral holy cards), pictures of the Stations of the Cross or the Mysteries of the Rosary, sick calls sets, palm branches from Palm Sunday, and hymnals for sacred music.

It would be great if a small library was built up near the family altar, for spiritual reading in times of prayer. Great Catholic classics for this library could include: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*; *Butler's Lives of the Saints*; *Thomas a Kempis' Imitation of Christ*; *Saint Thomas Aquinas' Scripture commentaries*; *Saint Augustine's City of God*; *Saint Therese of Lisieux's Story of a Soul*; *the Interior Castle of Saint Theresa of Avila*; and *Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises*.

Family altars, like the rest of the home, can be decorated according to the liturgical season, changing cloths, sacred images, and flowers according to the liturgical seasons' colors and themes. Some appropriate symbols for the liturgical seasons are:

#### Advent

Advent candles, Advent wreath, an empty crib (creche), and an image of Saint John the Baptist

#### Christmas

Star of Bethlehem, manger, white or gold candles, Madonna & Child statue, images of angels, holly & ivy, a small Christmas tree, and a card with *Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest)*

#### Lent

Crown of thorns, flagellum, nails, Chalice & Host image, and an alms box

#### Easter

Empty tomb, Easter eggs, Lamb, small Easter (Paschal) candle, bells, a butterfly, and a card with *Christus Resurrexit (Christ has Risen)*

The idea of erecting and maintaining a family altar in the home may be met with some concern. In the busyness of family life, its yet *another* thing to do. But, Catholic parents must make the liturgical year come alive for their children, to make it a part of their children's daily rhythm of life. This will help them pay more attention at the Holy Mass and it will also deepen their love for the Holy Mass. In addition, a family altar has the spiritual benefit of keeping the children grounded in a stable, traditional Catholic family and part of something bigger than they are in terms of the Church . . . the cycles of the liturgical year being something shared by Catholics for millennia. These "little things" keep your children Catholic and assist them on the way to the glory of heaven. Isn't the salvation of one's child(ren) the deepest desire of a Catholic parent? Therefore, I encourage all families to commit to a family altar in your home. It will form faithful Catholic children and prepare souls for eternal glory. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph . . . pray for all Catholic families who seek to imitate your prayerfulness and holiness.

### **The First Taste of Heaven**

Please keep the following young people in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next Sunday at Saint Mary's: *Ella Binstock; Lillian Hinkson; Ayrison Magelky; and Taylor Sonsalla*. God bless these girls as they receive their First Holy Communion, the Bread of Life, preparing them for the eternal banquet feast of heaven. May the joy of that day be present every Sunday, as they receive our Lord Jesus Christ in the profound gift of the Holy Eucharist. *Saint Imelda, patron of First Holy Communicants . . . pray for them.*

### **On the Lighter Side**

Did you know that the other rabbits consider the Easter Bunny to be haughty and conceited? Yes indeed, he can be a little egg-o-centric.

### **A Point to Ponder**

*The Easter message means that God can turn prostitutes like Mary Magdalene into disciples and broken reeds like Simon Peter into rocks.*