

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

“Christ is risen!” was once a common greeting on Easter morning. The expected reply, “Risen indeed!” communicated the conviction of an eyewitness. Have you been an eyewitness to the Resurrection? Have you given your account so that others might believe?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 2, 2018

Monday, April 2
NO MASS - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 3
8:15AM Jim Prost by Mike & Janet Vasquez
Wednesday, April 4
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, April 5
NO MASS
Friday, April 6
8:15AM Mary Margaret Gray Graham by Kathleen Gray
Saturday, April 7
4PM For the Parish
Sunday, April 8
9AM Rick Shepard by Ray & Ilene Allison

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 1 THRU APRIL 8

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	NO MASS – NO SCHOOL 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry
Saturday	4PM Mass GALA DINNER AUCTION
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The conviction and enthusiasm of eyewitness accounts gives them a certain ring of truth. Yet the more eyewitnesses there are the more variance there may be in the details reported. The Easter scriptures record the eyewitness accounts of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter. Their credibility rests not on the precise details, but on the conviction and enthusiasm of the eyewitnesses. It is their belief in the Resurrection that convinces others to believe. Like these scriptural eyewitnesses, today's believers are also “witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” (Acts 10:41). We are called to “testify that he is the one appointed by God” (10:42) by giving eyewitness accounts of how the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive today. Our accounts may not agree in every detail, but the core truth will be the same, that Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,161.00
\$825.00 Improvement Fund; \$64.11 Child Env.
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,756.94
Fiscal Year Week: 39
YTD Actual Giving: \$263,520.50
YTD Budget Need: \$273,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$9,479.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$243.07)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for April 7 & 8: 5PM, Isaac Jany, Carson Dunn; 9AM, Nolin Crain, Brock Vasquez, Paige Vasquez

NEW TIMES FOR DINNER AUCTION: Please note the new times for this year's dinner auction on Saturday, April 7. Doors open at 4:30PM, dinner will be served at 5:45PM, and the live auction will begin at 6:30PM. If you

would like to reserve a seat, please contact Ron Korando at 618-615-2509.

AUCTION DONATION DROP OFF: Items for the Dinner Auction may be dropped off at the school gym on Thursday, April 5, from 7AM-6PM or Friday, April 6, from 8AM-4PM. Please contact a committee member if you need assistance with dropping off your items.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have collected \$2,254.00. Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting our school.

WEST VICARIATE SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be held on Thursday, April 5, at St. Pius V, Walsh. The cost for the day is \$9.00. Registration begins at 9AM.

A MUSICAL HISTORY OF FAMILIAR HYMNS will be presented by Shane Wagner on Thursday, April 5, at 7PM at the Peace Lutheran Church, Chester.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, April 6, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's PSR. On April 13 the fish fry will be for St. Mary's School.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is April 8. The chaplet will be prayed with the congregation before 9AM Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is Sunday, April 22. Mary Help of Christians, Chester, will host a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations at 3PM. The hour will include readings from scripture, reflection, praying of the rosary, etc. More details to come.

RICE BOWLS for Catholic Relief Services can be turned in anytime between now and April 29. They can be brought to school or to the sacristy in church. If you did not fill a Rice Bowl and would still like to make a contribution, simply place a donation in the collection and indicate it is for CRS Rice Bowl (make checks payable to St. Mary's). Remember that 25% of the money raised stays in our Diocese.

ORDINATION BUS: Rev. Mr. Steven Pautler will be ordained on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30AM in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Bus will leave the K of C parking lot in Chester at 8AM. Stops will be made in Evansville and Red Bud. Please call the rectory (826-2444) to have your name placed on the sign-up sheet. 56 seats are available. First Come – First Served. We will have a standby list if someone cancels.

EASTER JOY: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! Today is a wonderful day to celebrate Christ's love for us. Let us go forth today with a song in our hearts. After you leave Mass, do you ever have a few lines of a hymn that stick with you the rest of the day? The song resonates in your heart so much that you want to sing it or carry the tune in your heart the rest of the day. That's joy! Let's share it! Share joy with everyone you encounter today-smile, be happy, greet strangers, go out of your way to be nice to people. Slow down. Appreciate the small moments of joy today, and then share it with others.

STILL RISEN: There are 25 readings chosen for the vigil and day of Easter. There are so many we can feel overwhelmed. The gospel acclamation gives this summary: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. As paschal lamb, Jesus, who died for us, is the Risen Christ. For us all! Feast. With Joy! What needs to be dead in me so I can live in Easter joy? What fills me with joy? How will I joyfully behave?