

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 8, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Father of the only-begotten Son, send your Spirit upon us that we might know more deeply the truth of your Son's resurrection and allow it to penetrate our lives. Deepen our faith, hope, and love so the world will know us even now as children of the Resurrection.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 9, 2018

Monday, April 9  
7PM Confirmation Mass at Cathedral  
Tuesday, April 10  
NO MASS  
Wednesday, April 11  
10:30AM Special Intention  
Thursday, April 12  
NO MASS  
Friday, April 13  
8:15AM Cleo Gross  
Saturday, April 14  
5PM Dorothy Niermann by Craig & Susan Yallaly  
Sunday, April 15  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 8 THRU APRIL 15

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Mostacholi/ Fried Chicken 7PM Confirmation Mass at Cathedral
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off SMS Diocesan Accreditation & State Recognition Review
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS 4:30PM K of C Fish Fry to benefit SMS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass - Recognition of Confirmed Reception after Mass in Cafeteria

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Can one "fathom" a mystery? As a verb, it means to probe or penetrate in order to understand. Thomas is the original person who tried to fathom the risen Christ, insisting that if his friends in the upper room wanted him to believe what he could only think of as nonsense, he needed to touch the wounds of the risen Lord. Jesus didn't seem to have much of a problem letting him. Every second Sunday of Easter we are told about Thomas and the risen Lord. It encourages us to fathom the mystery that is our faith, to learn to penetrate it by confessing Jesus as Lord and God, then allow this belief to flow out into our daily activities, reaching out to embrace others. When Thomas left the upper room that day he knew that the Resurrection was not something to keep to himself. His whole being was filled with the warmth and light absorbed from being in the presence of the risen Lord. Is it possible that this can happen to us?

#### TITHE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,000.50  
\$980.00 Holy Thursday; \$1,143.00 Good Friday;  
\$6,257.00 Easter; \$513.00 Cemetery; \$235.00 Imp. Fund;  
\$6.00 Child Env.; \$35.00 Sister Anne; \$10.00 Donation  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,738.03  
Fiscal Year Week: 40  
YTD Actual Giving: \$269,521.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$280,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$10,479.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$261.98)

**WELCOME** to all family, friends, and guests who are here to celebrate with us this evening at our Spring Gala Dinner & Auction!

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for April 14 & 15: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Claire Deterding; 9AM, Connor Wolff, Grace Welborn, Madison Kribs

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair. G. K. Chesterton

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, April 13, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's School. On April 20 the fish fry will be for K of C Charities.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of peanut butter, tuna, and canned meat.

**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. More details to come.

**RICE BOWLS** for Catholic Relief Services can be turned in anytime between now and April 29. Bring them to school or the sacristy in church. Remember that 25% of the money raised stays in our Diocese. If you would like to donate, make checks payable to St. Mary's.

**THE NEWMAN AUXILIARY** is having a Quilt & Cash Social Bingo on Sunday, April 29, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud. Lunch begins at 11AM and Bingo starts at 1PM. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU, Carbondale.

**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- sheet. 56 seats are available. First Come – First Served. We will have a standby list if someone cancels.

**DIVINE MERCY:** Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, when civilization began to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930's, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy. Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments and in works of charity. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for humanity.

**STILL IN OUR MIDST:** Two thousand years ago "on the evening of the first day of the week," when the disciples hid behind locked doors, Jesus did three things. He stood in their midst. He gave gifts of peace and Holy Spirit. He sent them out. Jesus is still in our midst, still doing the same. Every Sunday Mass makes it so. In our midst in Word and Eucharist. Gifting us with peace and Spirit. Telling us to "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Who am I and who are we locking in or locking out? Because peace is a gift given and shared, what will I do this week? To whom will I go; what will I do?