

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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EASTERTIDE



The full Easter season begins with the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost Sunday. This period, also known as Eastertide, lasts fifty days in total.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of *Pesach* (Passover) and the holiday of *Shavu'ot* (Feast of Weeks). In Jewish tradition, the forty-nine days between these days are known as *Counting of the Omer*.



The fifty days of Eastertide are fifty days of joy that continue the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord until Pentecost Sunday and the promised descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

THE MONOGRAM OF OUR LADY

This stained glass window, located on the back south-side of the Church, is an emblem of the Blessed Virgin Mary (abbreviated as "BVM"). The crown, surrounded with stars, represents Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth (Rev. 11:19-12:1).



MARY AS QUEEN MOTHER

The David monarchy finds its perfect fulfillment in the reign of Jesus Christ--and there was never a Davidic king without a Davidic queen; the king's own mother, the queen mother.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 18

- Third Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, April 19

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, April 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Margaret Balentine +
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, April 21

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Gerald Beckman +

Thursday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Dr. Louis Bradley +

Friday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

Saturday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Sunday, April 25

- Fourth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts 6:8-15/
Jn 6:22-29

Tues., Apr. 20 - Easter Weekday - Acts 7:51—
8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35

**Wed., Apr. 21 - Easter Weekday - St. Anselm,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - Acts 8:1b-8/
Jn 6:35-40

Thurs., Apr. 22 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:26-
40/ Jn 6:44-51

**Fri., Apr. 23 - Easter Weekday - St. George,
Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr** -
Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59

**Sat., Apr. 24 - Easter Weekday - St. Fidelis of
Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr** - Acts 9:31-42/
Jn 6:60-69

**Sun., Apr. 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter -
World Day of Prayer for Vocations** - Acts 4:8-
12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 18, 2021

Our **Easter season**, or **Easter tide**, continues as the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Easter** this weekend (*April 17th/18th*). Just as we spent *forty* days of Lent preparing for the joy of Easter, we now spend *fifty* days meditating upon the mystery of the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Yet, whether we knew it or not, our preparations for this time of celebration began well before even Lent itself.

Living within our liturgical year, our preparation for this **Easter season** truly began at the start of the Church year with **Advent**. The holy longings of **Advent** brought us to the sweet joys of **Christmas**. From the joys of **Christmas**, we were prepared to hear the severe truths of **Ordinary Time**, learning the cost of discipleship. And, learning from these truths, we entered as disciples into the contrition and penance of **Lent**, which brought us to the heart-rending sight of the Passion in the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**.

This path, from beginning to end, leads us anew each year all the way to the sublime glory of the Paschal celebration, found in the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ**. This holy season is meant to fill our souls with joy as we join together in celebrating the risen Christ. This joy of the soul serves as a true foretaste of eternal happiness and we should strive to keep it within our hearts always. We find this joy by walking with Jesus, who brings us new life, and shunning sin, which causes death.

PARISH CAMPUS UPDATES

Spring is in the air! As the spring weather continues to warm up, we often want to spend much more time outside in the sunshine. To help facilitate outdoor activities, we have several different parish projects ongoing. Yesterday, a number of parishioners helped to fashion garden boxes behind the Church. Several of these raised garden beds will be used to grow fresh flowers for the Church and the remainder are open for use. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to “claim” some garden space and test out your green-thumb.

Last Fall (2020), I tasked our Knights of Columbus with putting forward recommendations for a new parish playground. While our parish’s current playground has served well for the past 20+ years, it is in need of an update. Our Knights put together a sub-committee to review the best options for the playground and will be making their suggestions to me soon. Once received, we will plan on moving forward with their suggestions. If everything goes according to plan, we will have a new playground (*and picnic tables for seating*) installed for use throughout the Summer.

Our parish’s Rosary Path continues to offer a beautiful space to spend time in nature and meditate upon the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. To help ensure its yearly upkeep, we are forming the **Rosary Path Committee**. This group will help to ensure that the path is upkept, weeded, and maintained throughout the year. If you like yard work and want to help maintain the Rosary Path, there will be an informational meeting on **Saturday, May 1st, at 10 AM in the Parish Conference Room**.

In the Cry Room, there is a Marian-themed Stained Glass window. When the addition of the Parish Center was added in 2000, the window’s exterior, looking towards the Parish Offices, was covered with drywall. Thanks to the assistance of Eric Mechling and Joe Bauer, the window is now opened on both sides and framed in the wall. A special “*Thank You!*” for their help.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 2 - Mass 2:00 p.m.

Please remember these Second Grade Students in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion on May 2, 2021.

Wyatt Davis, son of Jon and Kendra Davis

Charlene Felger, daughter of Joe and Christie Felger

Olivia Hoffacker, daughter of Tyler and Laurie Hoffacker

James Mayer, son of Matt and Jeannette Mayer

Luke Miller, son of Jeff and Julayne Miller

Lucas Streeter, son of Joshua and Chrystal Streeter

ROSARY PATH COMMITTEE - Informational Meeting

Would you like to help maintain our Rosary Path? Stacey Couillardot is hosting a meeting Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 in the conference room to establish a committee to keep our Rosary Path beautiful! If you are interested in joining the committee, please come to the meeting!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Apr. 17 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Apr. 17 - Raised flower/garden beds WORK DAY - following morning Mass.
- Sat., Apr. 17 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 18 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 18 - Religious Education Class- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Apr. 20 - Parish Office closed today.
- Tues., Apr. 20 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Apr. 21 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Apr. 24 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Last Religious Education Class- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Last day to turn in Mixes in a Jar order forms with payment.
- Tues., Apr. 27 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Apr. 28 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 1 - 7th & 8th Grade Work Day filling jars for fundraiser following 8:00 a.m. morning Mass.
- Sat., May 1 - Meeting to establish a committee to help maintain Rosary Path
- Sat., May 1 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - First Holy Communion Mass- 2:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., May 5 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 7 - First Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus (Latin) 6:00 p.m.



Mark your Calendars for DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY

High school youth are invited to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and nationally acclaimed speaker Father Agustino Torres, CFR, at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne on Saturday, Aug. 28, for Diocesan World Youth Day. This annual celebration in downtown Fort Wayne offers young people a dynamic celebration of our faith with speakers, food trucks, music, activities and Mass and Adoration with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Learn more and register at diocesefwsb.org/youth-conference.

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

April 10/11 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,355.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$317.68

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$5,915.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$250.00

Easter Offering- \$35.00

Easter Flowers- \$300.00

Total- \$10,172.68

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$5,212.77 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$510.00

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

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Totus Tuus Summer Program is scheduled at St. Joseph's Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16 for Grades 1-6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help with lunch, snacks, etc. Mark your calendars if you would be interested in helping. More information will be coming in the future!

JOIN DR. SCOTT HAHN

April 23 and 24, 2021

Holy Cross College is excited to announce [Dr. Scott Hahn](#), nationally and internationally known for his talks on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith, will speak on the weekend of April 23 and April 24. Join us Friday, April 23, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., in the Pfeil Center Arena for "Saint Joseph: Silent Knight, Holy Knight" or Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m. with brunch available at 9:00 a.m., in the Pfeil Center Arena for "It is Right and Just: Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion." After each session, Dr. Hahn will host a book store and signing in the Pfeil Center Board Room.

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Due to COVID-19 protocols, we have a limited number of tickets available for in-person viewing but will offer a livestream link on our website close to the event date. Tickets for the Friday event are available at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrossfriday/> and for the Saturday event at <https://stpaulcenter.com/holycrosssaturday/>

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