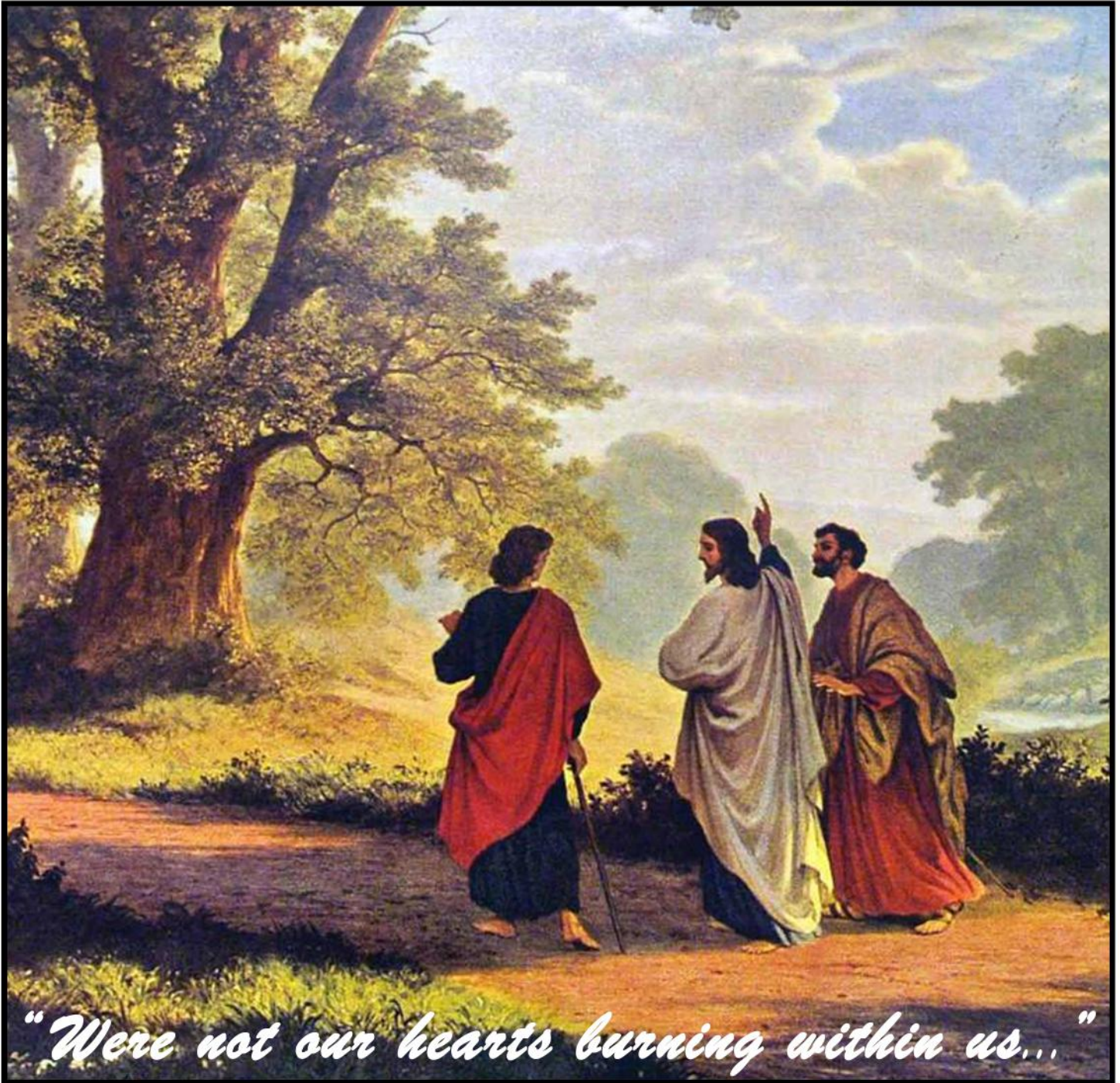


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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Lucila Santanilla +

Monday, April 24

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Bickley
 8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
 7:00 p.m. Waller Booth +

Thursday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Donna Jean Warnimont +

Friday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Janet & John Smith +

Saturday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. Alice Pearson
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 24 - Easter Weekday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr - Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25 - Easter Weekday - St. Mark, Evangelist - 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28 - Easter Weekday - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest - Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29 - Easter Weekday - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Acts 2:14a,36-41/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 23, 2023

This weekend (April 22nd/23rd), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday of Easter**. As we are not yet even at the halfway point of the **Easter season**, our celebration is meant to continue for several more weeks. As much as we are called to celebrate these many weeks, we might begin to grow weary of this celebration. To remain in *Easter joy* can become quite tiring as we face the trials and struggles of everyday life.

As we continue in **Easter tide**, we remember Pope St. John Paul II's remark that our celebration of the Resurrection does not remove the sadness and sin of our world. It does, however, make us an Easter People "and Hallelujah is our song!" During these fifty days celebrating the Resurrection, we are invited to deepen our faith and increase our trust in the Risen Lord Himself. If we are willing to share in His daily death to self, we too can share in the joy of His rising everyday of our life.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This past week, I spent four days in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. These days offered a wonderful opportunity to visit with our thirteen diocesan seminarians studying for the priesthood. (We have another four men studying at the North American College in Rome.) I am always edified when spending time with these young men as they prepare to serve our local Church. This coming June 3rd, seven of these men will be ordained as priests for our diocese and be assigned as associate pastors in our various parishes.

Next year, we will have, for the first time in nearly a decade, just over ten men studying for the priesthood in our diocese (*often having twenty to thirty*). Though this number often rises and falls, it is a good reminder of our need to constantly pray for vocations. In our parish, we are blessed to have many couples entering into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, with four couples approaching the Sacrament this year. We also want to continue our prayers for men and women from our parish to discern vocations in both priestly and religious life (*something we pray for every weekend in our Vocation Prayer*).

All three of these vocations (Marriage, Priesthood, and Religious Life) are vocations of service. In them, we serve the Lord through our daily lives lived for our spouses and children or the Church and Her people. Next weekend, the latter two vocations are highlighted as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Instituted by Pope St. Paul VI in 1964, this day of prayer falls every year as we hear the Gospel reading of the Good Shepherd. It is a good reminder to not only pray for, but to actively encourage and welcome vocations to grow from within our own community.

ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Next Sunday (April 30th), we are privileged to host the **Ecce Young Adult Choir** from Fort Wayne at **1 PM** for an afternoon **Easter concert**. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a beautiful musical afternoon concert this Easter season. In addition to the concert, the *Ecce* Young Adult Choir will also be joining us for and providing music at our 10 AM Mass next Sunday in anticipation of their concert later that afternoon.

Join us for a potluck / pitch-in after Mass and before the concert in the Parish Social Hall for some parish fraternity and a chance to meet the members of the *Ecce* Young Adult Choir. All are welcome!

NAME THAT BELL VOTING

Next weekend, we will have a special insert listing the four Saint finalists for our "**Name That Bell**" Contest. With over 30+ suggestions, we will narrow the list down to four names and provide a brief background of each Saint. You will then be invited to vote for your favorite choice over the remainder of the **Easter season**. The winning Saint name will be engraved upon the face of the bell before it is returned to our campus and dedicated this coming summer.

~Faithfully in the Risen Lord, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.

ASK FATHER

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Our Ask Father Sessions will resume on Thursday, April 27th at 5:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. All are welcome!

ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS

THE LOVE OF GOD - A SACRED MUSIC EVENT

Sunday, April 30th at St. Joseph Parish, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton

10:00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

11:15 a.m. Potluck in the Parish Social Hall

Please (RSVP for the potluck to frdavidvioli@gmail.com)

1:00 p.m. Concert of Sacred Music

THE ENTIRE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL



CONGRATULATIONS Mr. & Mrs. Vanderkolk

Stephen Vanderkolk & Becca Schlumbohm were united in marriage on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bluffton, Ohio. May God bless their marriage as they are no longer two but one.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a
Praise and Worship Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 3 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, May 5, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Apr. 22** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 23** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 25** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Apr. 25** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Apr. 26** - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 26** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 26** - Finance/Budget Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Apr. 27** - Ask Father - 5:30 p.m. in Parish Social Hall
- **Sat., Apr. 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 29** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 30** - Mass 7:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 30** - Religious Ed. Classes (last class) - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 30** - ECCE Young Adult Choir - *The Love of God - A Sacred Music Event* (Please see note within this bulletin).

Weekend of April 29/30 Weekend



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 ECCE Young Adult Choir



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Dan Geimer



10:00 Rick Singer, Jeff Miller,
Diana Cole (Choir)



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip/Jacquelyn Mayer
10:00 Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 15/16

Adult Envelopes- \$2,836.00
Loose- \$163.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$461.69
Easter Offering- \$50.00

Total- \$3,510.69

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$185.66 behind our
budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$387.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.*

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Alaina Ann, daughter of Jonathan and Lori White, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on April 16, 2023,
by Fr. David Violi.



From Death To New Life



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Alberta "Colleen" McCormick, mother of Bob (Penney) Burns, who passed away Friday, April 14, 2023 and was laid to rest April 20, 2023.

May God welcome her home,
fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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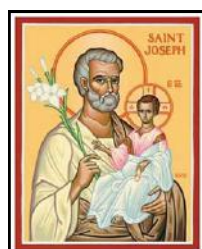
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