



St. Isidore the farmer

FAMILY OF PARISHES

APRIL 14, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Holy Rosary Church

511 E. Spring St. ~ St. Marys OH
(419) 394-5050

Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Immaculate Conception Church

229 W. Anthony St. ~ Celina OH
(419) 586-6648

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 6:30pm,
Fri. 9am - 4:30pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

6701 St. Rt. 219 ~ Celina, OH
(419) 268-2312

Office Hours: Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

St. Patrick Church

6959 Glynnwood Rd. ~ St. Marys, OH
(419) 394-5050

Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm (Holy Rosary Office)

St. Teresa Church

4227 OH 707 ~ Rockford, OH
(419) 363-2633

Office Hours: Mon. & Wed 9am - 4pm, Fri. 9am - 1pm

Holy Rosary School

511 E. Spring St. ~ St. Marys OH
(419) 394-5050

Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Immaculate Conception School

200 W. Wayne St. ~ Celina OH
(419) 586-2379

Office Hours: 8:00am - 3:30pm



HOLY ROSARY



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION



ST. PATRICK



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE



ST. TERESA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 14, 2024

2 | Let the Light of Your Countenance Shine Upon us!

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

Holy Rosary (HR)	4:30pm
Immaculate Conception (IC)	5:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)	7:00pm

SUNDAY

Holy Rosary	8:00am & 11:00am
Immaculate Conception	8:00am & 11:00am
Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:00am
St. Patrick (SP)	9:30am
St. Teresa (ST)	10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	IC	8:00am
Tuesday	IC	8:00am
	HR	8:15am School Mass
Wednesday	HR	12:05pm
	OLG	7:00pm
	ST	7:00pm
Thursday	IC	8:00am
	SP	8:00am
Friday	HR	8:00am
	OLG	8:00am
	IC	9:00am School Mass
Saturday	HR	8:00am

RECONCILIATION

HOLY ROSARY

Wednesday	11:30 - 11:50am
Saturday	3:30 - 4:15pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday	4:00 - 4:30pm
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday before 1st Friday	6:15 - 6:45pm
Saturday	6:15 - 6:45pm

ST TERESA

Wednesday	6:30 - 6:45pm
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Anytime by calling the parish offices for an appointment.

GIVE ONLINE TODAY

For HR & SP: holyrosarychurch.churchgiving.com

For IC, OLG & IC: celina-ic.org/ & click on Online Giving Link



MASS INTENTIONS / SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 15

IC ~ 8:00am † Davy & Margaret Winans | Fr. Rob

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

IC ~ 8:00am † Harold Koesters | Fr. John
HR ~ 8:15am † William Phlipot | Fr. Rob

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

HR ~ 12:05pm † Patricia Youngs Slone | Fr. Prashanth
OLG ~ 7:00pm † Mary Ann Klosterman | Fr. John
ST ~ 7:00pm † John Laux | Fr. Rob

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

IC ~ 8:00am † Mort Heckler | Fr. John
SP ~ 8:00am † Thomas A. Byrne | Fr. Prashanth

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

HR ~ 8:00am † Raymond & Cecilia Pedtke | Fr. Prashanth
OLG ~ 8:00am † Elmer & Jane Wilker | Fr. John
IC ~ 9:00am † Beverly Fortkamp | Fr. Rob

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

HR ~ 8:00am † Vocations | Fr. Rob
HR ~ 4:30pm † Jean Schneider | Fr. Prashanth
IC ~ 5:00pm † Margaret & Matthew Stammen & Carla Gregg
| Fr. John
OLG ~ 7:00pm † Elmer & Eulalia Klosterman Fam. L/D
| Fr. Prashanth

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

HR ~ 8:00am † Roman & Mary Ann Severt | Fr. Rob
IC ~ 8:00am † Randy Evers | Fr. John
OLG ~ 9:00am † Dave Garke | Fr. Prashanth
SP ~ 9:30am † Kay Burke | Fr. Rob
ST ~ 10:00am † First Communicants | Fr. John
HR ~ 11:00am † Increase in Vocations | Fr. Rob
IC ~ 11:00am † Davy & Margaret Winans | Fr. Prashanth

BAPTISMS

Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the last five years. Please call your parish office to register.

WEDDINGS

Please phone your parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The

GOSPEL MEDITATION

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the Eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir

READINGS FOR APRIL 15 - 21

Monday, Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/ Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Fourth Sunday Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISHES

*** CCD, Youth Groups, etc. - see Youth Faith Formation

Monday, April 15

SP Game Day	1:00 - 4:00pm	SP Rectory
Patriotic Rosary	7:00pm	HR

Tuesday, April 16

Biblical Walk Mass Study	9:00am	HR - Upper Room
HR Altar Society Mtg.	11:30am	St. Marys Eagles
<small>(RSVP to Teresa at 937-475-2338)</small>		
Biblical Walk Mass Study	6:30pm	HR - Upper Room

Wednesday, April 17

Thursday, April 18

IC PTO Meeting	6:30pm	IC School
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Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21

ST 1st Communion Mass	10:00am	ST
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We Welcome...




OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Lenora Wren Spears

Child of Stephen & Abigail Spears

May you and your baby be blessed with an eternity of God's love.



Banns of Marriage

2nd Banns Nick Emerine & Ashley Post

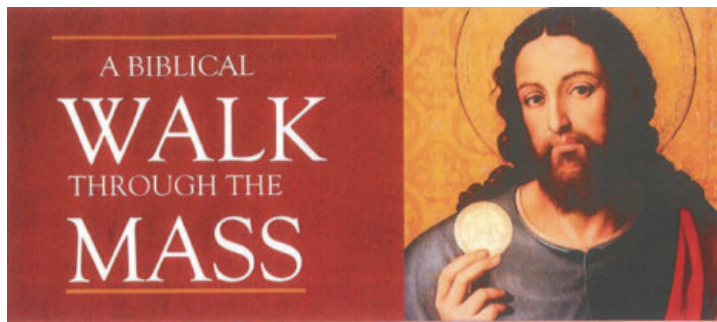
3rd Banns Cody Glosette & Sierra Maxwell

Please Keep the Families of Those Who Have Recently Passed Away In Your Prayers

Mike Gossard

Birt Everman





TUESDAYS in the UPPER ROOM

April 16-May 14

MORNING SESSIONS AT 9A.M.

EVENING SESSIONS AT 6:30P.M.

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First Holy Communion Masses

Holy Rosary
April 14 - 11am

St. Teresa
April 21 - 10am

Immaculate Conception
May 5 - 11am

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS THE TWIST ENDING

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending that would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending; *he was a ghost the whole time*. The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." — Luke 24:39

PRAYER SERIES - SECTION IV Catechism of the Catholic Church

Julia Monnin, OCDS of Journeys Revealed Ministries will join the Ministry of Mothers group meetings for a 6-part series on Section IV (the section on prayer) of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You don't have to be a member of "Ministry of Mothers" or of the "Christ, Our Light" family of parishes to attend. This series is open to all women who are interested. No registration is required.

1st Monday of the months April - September, from 7-9:00pm in room 203 at St. Augustine Parish Center in Minster.

*The first Monday of September is Labor Day, so the September meeting will be on the second Monday.

For questions, contact Kayla Steinemann at 419-852-4952 or email minsterministryofmothers@gmail.com.

PERMANENT DIACONATE MEN OF THE PARISHES

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle.

Deacon Mark can be reached at deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org or 513.263.6641.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

As of September 14, 2015, there are no fees for marriage cases (Annulments) in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. A declaration of nullity is a formal decision by a Catholic Church Tribunal that a civilly legal marriage between a man and a woman lacked something essential from the moment of consent which prevented this from being a union binding for life according to Catholic Church law. If you are in need of an annulment or want more information, please call your parish office or the Tribunal Office in Cincinnati, at (513) 421-3131 ex 1219 or 1226.

CAFETERIA MANAGER POSITION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a Cafeteria Manager to oversee operations of the cafeteria including menu planning, food purchasing, inventory management, and program record keeping; oversees and coordinates with the Assistant Cook and volunteers in providing food preparation, line serving, kitchen clean up, and cafeteria set up. This is a part-time, hourly position. Approximate time requirement would be 25 hours per week during the school year, -weekday mornings through the lunch hour.

Applicants must possess basic knowledge of how a cafeteria operates, have an understanding of food measurements, perform basic cooking, have the ability to lift up to 35 pounds, be able to maintain confidentiality in all matters, and attain ServSafe certification. Previous work experience in food service and staff supervision is desirable.

Qualified candidates can send a letter of interest and resume by email to llunz@celina-ic.org, or by mail to Immaculate Conception Parish, 229 W Anthony St, Celina, OH 45822.

GARAGE SALES

HOLY ROSARY JUNE 1, 2, 3

Drop off dates for you good, clean & usable items :

May 31 8:00am - 3:00pm June 3 8:00am - 3:00pm
June 1 8:00am - 2:00pm June 4 8:00am - 12:00pm

We will not accept:

Computers Large appliances TV's VCRs & Tapes Tires
Encyclopedias Magazines

Sale Dates:

June 6 8:00am - 7:00pm
June 7 8:00am - 4:00pm
June 8 8:00am - 12:00pm

Volunteers are needed during the drop off & sale dates. Please call Sue Halko at 419-733-0132 to schedule a time you can help

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION JULY 6-9

Drop off dates for you good, clean & usable items :

June 19 6:30 - 8:00pm @ IC PAC
June 26 6:30 - 8:00pm @ IC PAC
July 3 6:30 - 8:00pm @ IC PAC

We will not accept:

stuffed animals clothing hardback books typewriters
Christmas trees bowling balls computer equipment
misc. glassware, mugs (sets are fine) baby car seats

Remember that good selling items include:

Toys kitchenware linens (please mark size) tools
household items decorations sporting goods
appliances in good repair

Sale Dates:

July 6 9:00am - 3:00pm
July 7 1:00pm - 4:00pm
July 8 9:00am - 4:00pm
July 9 9:00am - 3:00pm

As always, much help is needed on the drop-off dates—you are much appreciated!! Questions? Call the parish office at 419-586-6648.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

BAKE SALE - THIS WEEKEND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Our Lady of Guadalupe CYO is having a bake sale after both Masses this weekend, April 13-14, to raise money for poor and vulnerable kids in Tanzania to go to school. The school is run by Sister Sarah Minj, Father Alfons, Minja's sister.

PARISH COFFEE & DONUTS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

There will be a Parish Coffee on Sunday, April 21, in the IC PAC, following the 8:00 Mass.

Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts. This is a great opportunity to talk with other Mass goers and perhaps meet someone new!

EASTER LILIES IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Easter lilies will finish blooming in 1-3 weeks. After blooming, the pots will be set in the servers' sacristy, ready to be claimed. If the lilies are not claimed within a weeks time, they will be discarded. Please contact Cindy Van Santvoord for more information if you wish to pick up 1 or more pots. 419-586-3455.

ST. ISIDORE FAMILY OF PARISHES BOOTH AT “WALK WITH NATURE FALL FESTIVAL”

We will have a booth at the ‘Walk with Nature Fall Festival’ on Sunday, October 20, this year, hosted by St. Isidore Family of Parishes. The time is from Noon till 5:00pm.

We will be handing out brochures, books and medals to let people know who we are and invite them to Church. 2-3 people per hour will be needed to man the booth and would like representatives from all groups in our parishes and schools. More info will come closer to the date.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

8th GRADE SPOTLIGHT -

Nose in Book.

Perfect description of this particular 8th grader!

Hayden Hardin is looking forward to high school cheer next year! She is a member of the JV cheer squad for Memorial High School for football season. Hayden is a resident of New Bremen with her family: Steve and Emily, and brothers Theo, Griffin, and Avett. When asked what her favorite book is, Hayden looked downright tortured. When the question changed to her top three, they were all series! Among her many, many favorites are the Divergent series, the Hunger Games series, and of course, her first big book series that she read in her youth, the Harry Potter series.

Hayden has such good things to say about each of her junior high teachers. Every day in Mr. Larkin's class is memory-making as students are able to chill while getting work done. Mr. Kill is most helpful with Math, which Hayden admits she sometimes needs help with. Mrs. Sindelar, her Religion and English teacher, just seems like a friend and a teacher. She has taught her so much! St. Dymphna is Hayden's favorite saint, as she can pray to her if she is feeling down or needs a pick me up now and then. The patience of Job is important to her too. Hayden mentioned that God took everything away from him, and he still just pretty much said it is what it is and moved on.

While Hayden volunteers here at school in the cafeteria, at the council on aging, and as Mr. Larkin's recycler, she also is a member of a choir who sings at the area nursing homes. Her mom's chicken alfredo is delicious, and she also mentioned something about spaghetti! One very special event that Hayden will miss is our annual field day. It brings her a little sad face to think about this year's field day on May 23rd, as it will be her last. Good luck, Hayden, as you pursue your high school career!

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - JUNE 3 - 7



Join us at SonRise National Park VBS!

Your kids will be pointed right to Jesus! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts, and playing games. But most importantly, they will discover Jesus provides what they truly need in every challenge of life.

SonRise National Park VBS will be at the P.A.C. at I.C. Church from June 3 through June 7. from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. for any child currently in Pre-K through 4th grade in the surrounding areas.

Volunteers Needed! Any Junior High or High School students as well as adults are welcome to help. If you are an adult (over 18), you must be in compliance with all Archdiocese of Cincinnati Decree on Child Protection requirements.

All student and volunteer forms are available on the parish website, in the back of the church, Parish Office, or at the Religious Ed Office. Please return your completed forms to the Religious Ed Office or Parish Office as soon as possible so we can plan and prepare accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tiffany Pierstorff at (419) 586-2370 or tpierstorff@celina-ic.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HOLY ROSARY

VBS at Holy Rosary will take place on June 23 - 25 from 6:00 - 7:30pm for those who are ages 4 & 5 and those entering kindergarten. Watch the bulletin for more information.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

WEEK OF APRIL 17

Wednesday

OLG CCD Grades 1-6	6:00 - 7:45pm	OLG
SP CCD	6:30 - 7:45pm	SP
IC Youth Ministry	6:00 - 6:55pm	IC
HR CCD	7:00 - 8:00pm	HR
IC CCD Gr. 1-6	7:00 - 8:00pm	IC
IC CCD Gr. 7-9	7:00 - 8:15pm	IC
HR Youth Group	8:00 - 9:00pm	HR Youth Room

Sunday

ST CCD	8:45 - 9:45am	ST
OLG Children's Liturgy	9:00am	OLG
ST 1st Communion Mass	10:00am	ST
HR Sunday School	11:00am	HR
IC Liturgy of the Word	11:00am	IC
IC Youth Group	2:00 - 4:00pm	IC



Totus Tuus

Summer Camp at Holy Rosary

Register Today!

7th-12th
Graders

June 23rd - June 27th

7:00 - 9:00 pm

1st-6th Graders

June 24th - June 28th

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Registration forms & detailed information is on the parish website at holynosarychurch.us, at the church entrances, and at the parish office. Call 419-300-1045 with questions.

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Rev. John Tonkin, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

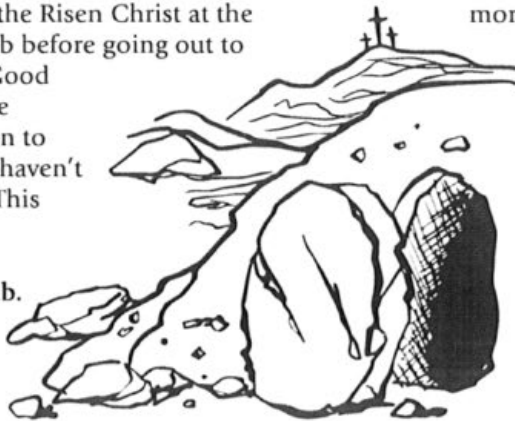
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:84).



This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb. Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

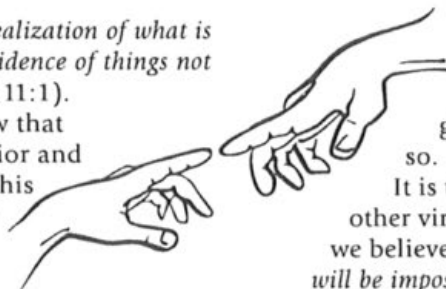
Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus (Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his



suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

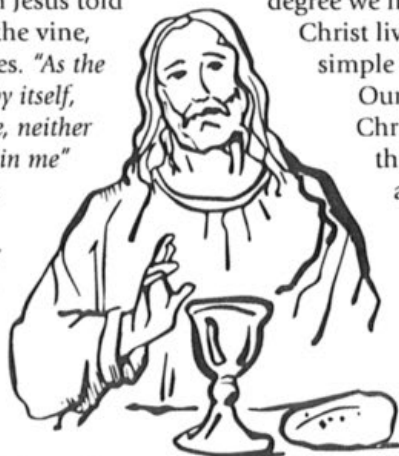
Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.

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Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



HOLY ROSARY

Lectors

April 20, 4:30pm - Steve Kill, Dave Helmstetter
April 21, 8am - Lori Martensen, Alex Pittman
April 21, 11am - Steve Frankenberg, Kathy Frankenberg

Servers

April 20, 4:30pm - Calvin Brown, Quintin Brown, Hannah Hullinger
April 21, 8am - Rodney Buck, Rawlin Buck, Reid Buck
April 21, 11am - Nick Dietz, Ella Schlarman, Gabe Brotherhood

Eucharistic Ministers

April 20, 4:30pm - Deb Wilker, Adele Walls, Cathy Buck, Peg Larkin, Paul Gossard
April 21, 8am - Nan Mielke, Ben Brown, Stephanie Brown, Maddie Brown, Lil Heitkamp
April 21, 11am - Shannon Speelman, Phil Kill, Chrissy Hensley, Howard Homan, Janice Yahl

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Lectors

April 20, 5pm - Dennis Hirt, Charlie Mescher
April 21, 8am - Tom Muhlenkamp, Dale Sommer
April 21, 11am - Allison Williams, Allison Bruns

Servers

April 20, 5pm - Clayton Schmidt, Willow Holubik
April 21, 8am - Cruz Leora, Cole Bruns
April 21, 11am - Brayden Pierstorff, Hannah Whited

Eucharistic Ministers

April 20, 5pm - Dan Siebert (2), Sue Siebert (3), Jane Mescher(4), Tom Knapke (C), Ruth Knapke (D)
April 21, 8am - Diane Hunt (2), Anita Muhlenkamp (3), Paulette Sommer (4), Freda Lochtefeld (C), Lynn Locke (D)
April 21, 11am - Janet Smith (2x), John Schmidt (3), Kylie Johnson (4), Craig Bruns (C), Rick Carlin (D)

Sacristans

April 20, 5pm - Charlie & Jane Mescher
April 21, 8am - Tom & Anita Muhlenkamp
April 21, 11am - Janet Smith

Ushers

April 20, 5pm - B
April 21, 8am - C
April 21, 11am - D

Gift Bearers

April 20, 5pm - Bill Glaser
April 21, 8am - Dave Pax
April 21, 11am - Craig Bruns

Vocation Cross

April 21- April 27 - Dennis & Elaine Marbaugh

Family Bulletin

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Lectors

April 17, 7pm - Jacob Smith, Hannah Tangeman
April 20, 7pm - Betty Ranly, Ann Thobe
April 21, 9am - Ed Schweitzer, Donna Siefring

Servers

April 17, 7pm - Haley Everman, Landon Moeller, Penelope Seitz
April 19, 8am - Karen Klosterman, Cathy Schmitmeyer
April 20, 7pm - Julia Wynk, Johnathon Wynk
April 21, 9am - Cierra Homan, Anna Klenke, Brooke Stachler

Eucharistic Ministers

April 19, 8am - Kim Sutter
April 20, 7pm - Thomas Kueterman, Linda Wynk, Linda Klosterman (choir), Jill Howe (c), Cindy Koester (c)
April 21, 9am - Joe Schwieterman, Dennis Muhlenkamp (c), Ronald Schulze (c)

Ushers

April 20, 7pm - Samuel Mescher, Robert Osterfeld, Mike Tobe, Ben Wynk
April 21, 9am - Doug Everman, John Klosterman, Alex Schiavone, Scott Tangeman

Gift Bear

April 20, 7pm - Norm Selhorst Family
April 21, 9am - Eric Schwieterman Family

Vocation Cross Jane Kuhn Family

ST. PATRICK

Lectors

April 21, 9:30am - Cheri Varuska, Kent Schlegel

Servers

April 21, 9:30am - Milton Werner, Nick Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers

April 21, 9:30am - Jane Dwenger, Irene Heilers, Jim Heilers

Sacristan

April 21, 9:30am - Ellen Brown

Ushers

April 21, 9:30am - Nick Brackman, Dave Dwenger, Tom Naseman

ST. TERESA

Lectors

April 21, 10am - Allison Hughes, Lynn Hughes

Servers

April 17, 7pm - Jerry Provci, Jaymin Peel
April 21, 10am - Claire Pancake, Wyatt Pancake

Sacristan

April 17, 7pm - Melissa Fent
April 21, 10am - Julie Peel

Eucharistic Ministers

April 21, 10am - Amy Moeller, Cheryl Nichols (c), Maggie Roehm (c)

Usher & Honor Family

April 21, 10am - Barry Peel Family, Kameron Roehm Family

Vocation Cross

April 20 - Apr. 26 - Ryan Norris Family

Cleaning

April 21, 10am - Amber Matraw Family

St. Isidore the Farmer Family Updates

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COLLECTION FOR MARCH 30 & 31 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Holy Rosary

Holy Lands Collection (March 29)	\$ 1,406.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 11,668.63
Online Giving	\$ 3,406.00
Mailed in Donations	\$ 1,510.00
Total Collection	\$ 16,584.63
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 9,985.00
Over/Short	\$ 6,599.63
YTD Collections	\$ 370,509.23
YTD Budgeted	\$ 381,979.97
YTD Over/Short	\$ 11,470.74

Immaculate Conception

Holy Land Collection (March 29)	\$ 1,739.00
Weekly Loose	\$ 6,691.98
Weekly Envelopes (269)	\$ 18,020.50
Total Collection	\$ 24,712.48
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 16,500.00
Over/Short	\$ 8,212.48
YTD Collections	\$ 631,058.31
YTD Budgeted	\$ 660,000.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 28,941.69

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Land Collection (March 29)	\$ 610.00
Weekly Loose	\$ 2,243.00
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 1,850.18
Online Giving	\$ 0.00
Total Collection	\$ 4,093.18
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 4,150.00
Over/Short	\$ 56.82
YTD Collections	\$ 164,230.58
YTD Budgeted	\$ 166,000.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 1,769.42

St. Patrick

Holy Land Collection (March 29)	\$ 211
Weekly Collections	\$ 3,135.00
Online Giving	\$ 300.00
Total Collection	\$ 3,435.00
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 1,510.42
Over/Short	\$ 1,924.58
YTD Collections	\$ 72,840.51
YTD Budgeted	\$ 57,396.50
YTD Over/Short	\$ 15,444.01

St. Teresa

Weekly Collections	\$ 1,705.00
Loose Collection	\$ 703.25
Total Collection	\$ 2,408.25
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 1,400.00
Over/Short	\$ 1,008.25
YTD Collections	\$ 56,683.25
YTD Budgeted	\$ 56,000.00
YTD Over/Short	\$ 683.25

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April 18th

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This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **Reveal Christ's Love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.



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THIS YEAR'S GOALS PLEDGES % OF GOAL

HR	\$ 25,320	\$ 20,209	80%
IC	\$ 42,084	\$ 44,529	106%
OLG	\$ 11,299	\$ 12,870	114%
SP	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,250	82%
ST	\$ 3,678	\$ 6,745	183%

Lord, we ask for your blessing on the good works supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal,

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HR	\$ 4,540
IC	\$ 1,422
OLG	\$ 1,795
SP	\$ 892
ST	\$ 292

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