

He Is Risen



*St. Hippolyte
Our Lady of Lourdes*

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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is offered in our parish 10 minutes prior to and immediately following the Sunday Masses. Confession is also offered at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Saint Agatha Church (353 Pine Street, Meadville) on Saturdays at 8:30am and 3:00pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Jeffrey Lucas or Father Joseph Petrone, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today No Faith Formation Classes
Monday Parish Office Closed today
9:30am Surrender class at SH
7:00pm Family Society meeting at OLL
Wednesday 7:00pm Le Nom du Pere Society meeting at SH
Friday 9:30am Surrender class at OLL
Sunday Faith Formation Grades PS-11
12:00pm Edge Parent Session at SH
2:30pm Divine Mercy at SH

COMING EVENTS

April 24 Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) at SH 6:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9
MONDAY: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
THURSDAY: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
FRIDAY: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
SATURDAY: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
SUNDAY: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr 11: Bryce Huddleson
Apr 12: Madelyn Holben, John Kalinowski, Jeff Polley, Ella White
Apr 13: Linda Kerr
Apr 15: Luca White
Apr 16: Kim Maloney, Doug Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Apr 11: Dan & Brenda Kantz; George & Betty Klein
Apr 13: Dan & Chris Partin; Christopher & Tanaya Mailliard

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

Youth – Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Children – When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$2,000	\$2,225
envelopes used:	50	40
Easter Flowers:	\$ 95	\$ 110
Building Fund last week:	\$ 470	\$ 99
envelopes used:	28	10

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

of Gifts/Pledges: 81

Pledged: \$28,170 Received: 16,840

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: This is the day, Lord God, that you have made! Raising Christ from the dead, and raising us with Christ, You have fashioned for Yourself a new people, washed in the flood of baptism, sealed with gift of the Spirit, invited to the banquet of the Lamb! In the beauty of Easter, set our minds on the new life to which You have called us; place on our lips the words of witness for which You have anointed us; and ready our hearts to celebrate the festival, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. We ask this through your Son, the Christ, our Passover and Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

PARISH RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

can be made through the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. Our next monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, May 7. **Congratulations** to our April winner: #1853 Jonathan Grundy, Saegertown—sold by Jennifer Grundy

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 10, MONDAY WITH THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, TUESDAY WITH THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12,
WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
8:30am OLL Communion Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
8:00am OLL Zenon "Ziggy" Kalinowski (Kalinowski Family)
11:00am SH Donna and Owen McGahan (Kay & Carl Hotchkiss)

Congratulations to the newest Catholics in our parish: Laurie Hamilton and Scott Wheelock. Laurie and Scott were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Welcome to the Catholic Community!

Please pray for our First Eucharist Students who are in their final stages of preparation. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23 at Saint Hippolyte for Lucian Dashner, Liam Gordon and Camden Pierce. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 30 at Our Lady of Lourdes for Harlan Kalinowski, Abby Merritt and Paityn Shetler.

Next Sunday, April 16th, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in a special way, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at St. Hippolyte Church. It is a day of complete forgiveness and pardon, where all our sins, and the punishment due to them will be atoned for, if we do as our Lord told St. Faustina. Please read the insert in today's bulletin for a more complete explanation of its importance.

The next Edge Parent Session is April 16 at noon at Saint Hippolyte. This month's topic is: Sexuality and Continuing Conversations. All are welcome to attend.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls and one out of every 6 boys are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

Don't forget to sign up for your photo session! Our goal is to have every family/couple/single represented in our new pictorial directory. Sign ups are held after Mass OR sign up online at www.ucdir.com and click on the box for Photography Appointment Scheduling Login. Our code is **pa946** and the password is **photos**. Every family/couple/single photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the parish directory. If you are having difficulty with the sign up process, call the parish office for assistance.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

EASTER OCTAVE

Easter Day is eight days long. Easter reigns as the most important feast in the liturgical year. One single day cannot contain it. One entire week cannot contain it. We celebrate Easter for a week and a day. The period is called the Octave of Easter.



Weekday Masses are celebrated "as Solemnities of the Lord" (*Universal Norms on the Liturgy Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 24). The only difference is that the Creed is not recited and there is no Second Reading. We include the Glory to God in the Introductory Rites. The Easter Sequence may follow the Responsorial Psalm. Each Gospel tells one story of how the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples. Whenever the priest chooses the first Easter Preface or Eucharistic Prayer I, he includes words and phrases that call the weekday "Easter day." The dismissal dialogue at the end of the Mass concludes with two alleluias. The liturgy treats each weekday of the octave as if it were Easter Sunday all over again.

In the early days of the Church, those who were baptized at Easter participated at the cathedral Eucharist every day for a week. Their joy was so full that they kept coming back for more. During this period, the bishop offered them daily catechesis on the sacraments of the church during his homily at the Masses of the Easter Octave.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* does not explicitly encourage the newly baptized to participate in the Eucharist during the Easter Octave, but the prayers at Mass still presume that they are there. The Mass prayers assigned to the priest this week make frequent references to these neophytes. The Easter Octave is a sign of the Church's joy. Christ is risen, and we repeat the good news again and again — eight days a week.

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Divine Mercy Sunday Explained

The message of Divine Mercy is that God is **merciful**. He is **love** poured out for us and He wants no one to escape that merciful love. God wants us to turn to Him with TRUST and Repentance. To trust God means that we rely on Him in all circumstances of our life. His mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to pray and work towards establishing a Feast of The Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, which is April 16th this year. He said to her: **“On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** (*Diary, 699*)

Jesus told Faustina, **“The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy.”** (*Diary of St. Faustina, 772*) We can return to God. We can accept His mercy. We can go to the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive His mercy, and be reconciled to God and man. Jesus told Faustina that not only are we to receive His mercy but that we are to use it, and be merciful to others. Jesus said, **“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy...I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbor always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it.”** (*Diary 742*) We show mercy through our:

1. Actions, 2. Words, and 3. Prayers (by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy). Thus, the essence of the Divine Mercy message and devotion is to TRUST in God’s mercy and to be MERCIFUL to others.

On that day, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we celebrate the paschal mystery (the 8th day). It is a day of **complete forgiveness and pardon**, like the day of atonement in the Old Testament (LV 16)—**where all sins and the punishment due to them will be atoned for.**

Divine Mercy Sunday is **April 16th** this year. We celebrate “Mercy Sunday” by going to confession that day, or, preferably before that Sunday, and by receiving Communion on that day, and asking our Lord for the special graces that he promised.

Fittingly, to observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter. April 16, 2023; at St. Hippolytes, beginning at 2:30 p.m.
 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
 4. Go to confession, that day, or preferably before that Sunday;
 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy;
 6. Venerate* the Image of the Divine Mercy;
 7. Be Merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.
- *To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior*

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Word of the month:
Grace

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Q Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss? (SEE APRIL 4)</p> <p>✦ Mt 26:14</p> <p>2</p>	 <p>3</p>	<p>A Judas</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY</p>  <p>6</p>	<p>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p>  <p>7</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY</p>  <p>1</p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>Q Who arrived first at the empty tomb? (SEE APRIL 13)</p> <p>✦ Jn 20:1-9</p> <p>9</p>	 <p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>A "Peace be with you."</p> <p>12</p>	<p>A Mary of Magdala</p> <p>13</p>	<p>SAINT ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</p> <p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>Q What does Jesus repeat three times in this Gospel? (SEE APRIL 19)</p> <p>✦ Jn 20:19-31</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>A In the breaking of the bread</p> <p>19</p>	<p>A He walks ahead, and they know his voice</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>Q How did the two disciples finally recognize Jesus? (SEE APRIL 26)</p> <p>✦ Lk 24:13-35</p> <p>23</p>	<p>SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST AND MARTYR</p> <p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>SAINT PETER CHANEL, PRIEST AND MARTYR SAINT LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT, PRIEST</p> <p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>Q How do the sheep follow their shepherd? (SEE APRIL 27)</p> <p>✦ Jn 10:1-10</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Raise faith-filled Children who are ready to change the world!</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

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