



Easter Sunday

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Offertory collection for 3/24/24unavailable
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 \$3,365.00
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**Pope's Intention for March
 For New Martyrs**

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

"Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world."
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Classes

April 16 7:00 pm St. Leo Church 814-772-3135
 May 23 7:00 pm St. Mary's Church 814-781-1019

**Church Office will be closed Monday, April 1st.
 The office will reopen Tuesday, April 2nd.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited next Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm. in church.

TWO VIDEO PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

The Chosen - Season Two and beginning of Season Three will continue each Saturday evening at 6:45pm, following the 5:30pm Mass. Snacks will be provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday evenings during April, beginning at 6:00pm, we will continue with our adult Faith Formation classes, entitled: **A Biblical Walk with Mary** by Dr. Ed Sri.

St. Boniface K of C will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 7th, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am or until sold out. Cost is \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids. St. Boniface Social Hall Cafeteria, Kersey.

They are also welcoming new members from St. Joseph Church. If you are interested in joining the St. Boniface K of C, please contact Jim Allegretto at 814-594-9708 for more information.

Think about how you used one of these gifts this past week at your home, at work, or school. It is evident that a particular gift of the Holy Spirit was working in your life. The Master Builder of the unique DNA we all have is AT WORK IN US in the ordinary tasks of our life as well as in the struggles and joys of our life.

This Easter, think about the ways our Resurrected Lord is working in your life. Happy Easter and let us give thanks to our Risen Lord!


**The Extraordinary Power of Jesus'
 Resurrection In Our Ordinary Life**

This faithful Catholic family goes to Mass every Sunday. It is built into the routine schedule of what they do every Sunday. They enjoy the hymns that are sung at Mass, they think about the meaning of the Readings and the homily given at Mass, and how both can relate to their lives. This family especially enjoys receiving Holy Communion and their children are taught that Jesus is truly present in the Host they receive.

After Mass, they enjoy the fellowship of talking to some of their friends and other parishioners. Then, they go to Grandma & Grandpa's house for their Sunday brunch. They carry with them, to the some degree, the message and theme of the Mass throughout the week as they go to work and school. They have to do a lot of things each day and are given the usual responsibilities of bringing the children to school, prepare supper, feed the dog, do some spring cleaning, respond to phone messages and emails, and make sure to pay the bills on time. Does any of this sound familiar?

Who is this family?

This family is you and me. This family is the members of St. Joseph Church who live this spiritual routine of Sunday Mass and who strive to faithfully live our faith life for our children to follow.

It truly is the power of Jesus' Resurrection living in each of us that gives us the holy desire and deep awareness that in all our joys and trials of life, Jesus is with us in the ordinary events and things in our life. An example of this is the story about John's mother. She told her son that she had to go and get a biopsy the next day. This was Easter Sunday evening when she told him. They prayed the rosary together and the next day John went to morning Mass. The Readings and the priest's homily were so very uplifting to him. When John got home, he was surprised to see his mom, thinking that she would still be at the hospital after her biopsy. She said that they took another x-ray before the biopsy and the spot they expected to see was completely gone. The biopsy was cancelled. John and his mother and family all believed that the Risen Lord intervened and brought healing to his mother that day. At the Last Supper, that first Mass, Jesus said; "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you." (John 14: 18) The Resurrection Power of Jesus comes to us as we receive Him at every Mass, as did for John and his mother.

The power of Jesus' Resurrection at Mass enables us to use and apply the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in all of our ordinary tasks of our life. Do you remember those gifts? Of course you do: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (awe and wonder). (continued at left)

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 01, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Attilia Nuccetelli	Dr. Donald & Sandra Boody	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 02, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Raymond & Victoria Gornati	Family	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18 (262)
Wednesday, April 03, 2024 No Mass			Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35 (263)
Thursday, April 04, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Harold "Bud" Lanzel	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48 (264)
Friday, April 05, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass First Friday	Velma Bricen in celebration of her 100th birthday	John & Becky and Family	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14 (265)
Saturday, April 06, 2024 8:30 am Mass First Saturday	John Winkler 9th anniversary	Family	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15 (266)
Saturday, April 06, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Vigil of Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)	(see below)
Sunday, April 07, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Gerard Secco, Sr. 2nd anniversary	wife Barb	Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)	Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20:19-31 (44)

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated

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