

APRIL 7 & 8, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 9

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

8:05 a.m. MASS

Irvin Rink by Debbie Blakeley

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

8:05 a.m. MASS

Barbara Nimz by Jane Johnson

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

8:05 a.m. MASS

Joann Colot by the Redeker Family

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9 A.M. THURSDAY MORNING

UNTIL MIDNIGHT

5 A.M. UNTIL 8 A.M.

FRIDAY MORNING

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

8:05 MASS

Lynnette Shutt,

Anniversary of Death

By Lina Shutt

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 p.m. MASS

Harold Fuller by his Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 MASS

Special Intention,

60th Wedding Anniversary

By Frances & Jim Gordon

11:00 MASS

For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Vickie Cooper-Foss, Galen Ouellette, Greg Stone, Janine Klingele, Jack Thompson, Terry Shepard, Harold Mayes, Mary Pruitt, Raymond Boehm, John & Arlene Udelhofen, Ginger Suther, Jack Shepard, The Family of Cole Hayden, Ken Halligan, Lisa Garman; Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Donna Patry, Bev Robbins, Elva Higgins, Slater Hedrick, Bernice Smith, Matt Floersch, Eddie Heiman, Larry Fisher, James & Elizabeth Fisher, Joan Cook, Lindsay Hurley, Don Schamle, Kathy Jordan, Laura Sommer, & Delaney Murphy*

Dalton Hennessy, Shirley Brown, Daniel Garcia, Gene, Amelia Elaine Rupp, Maria Wingert, Becky Browning, Bobbie Bronson, Jonathan Pogge, Gary Hunsicker, Ralph Ferguson, Tiffany White, Warren Black, Eddie Scheuffer, Fr. Paul Frank, Mary Meeks, Cody Goodrich, Tim Morrow, Cindy D. Eden, Stacy, Janet Ledford, Mary Jean Miller, Patrick Shannon, Gary Bowling, Amy & Allen Richardson & Family, Carsyn Aylward, Kent Porter, Jenn Pattison, Liem Nickerson, Florence Tetuan, Connie Briar, Mark Gordon, & John Wegman.

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS

Stacy Burgoon/Carol Fischer

Anne Cuffe/Temie Lehman

LITURGICAL ROLES

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 P.M. MASS

Gifts: Chuck & Pat Krambeck

Greeters: Chuck & Pat Krambeck

Mary Alice Lasseter/Eric Guenther

Servers: Aaron & Sam Clevenger

Eucharistic Minister: Ruthanne Wasko

Music: Ken Frank/Jane Johnson

Lectors: Anne Cuffe/Tish Clevenger

Sacristan: OPEN

Rosary Leader: Judy Koczurowicz

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 A.M. MASS

Gifts: Rick Vrbas Family

Greeters: Eileen Bowling

Rick, Sandy & Monica Vrbas

Servers: Cooper & Keaton Stone

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Shepard

Music: Becky Shrimplin

Lectors: Dave & Gloria Hornung

Sacristans: Blake & Kelly Jorgensen

Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

11:00 A.M. MASS

Gifts: Virginia & Thomas Bruna

Greeters: Joe & Dianne White

Joan Hazelton/Karen Chanay

Servers: Alexandra & Jack Boetel

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Henningsen

Music: OPEN

Lectors: Steve Boetel

OPEN POSITION

Sacristan: Katie Smith

Rosary Leader: Jan Wallis

Counters: April Crabtree/Don Fischer

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS!

Sunday, April 8: Msgr. Michael Mullen

Monday, April 9: Rev. Michael Mulvany

Tuesday, April 10: Rev. Matthew Nagle

Wednesday, April 11: Rev. Justin Nolan

Thursday, April 12: Rev. Rafi Kuttukaran

Friday, April 13: Rev. Kent O'Connor

Saturday, April 14: Rev. Jaime Zarse



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAWN CARE

April 21 Mike Brown/Rick Vrbas

April 28 Mike Conroy/Gerry Didde

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER

TODAY

We will have HOSPITALITY SUNDAY TODAY, APRIL 8TH AFTER BOTH MASSES to welcome the new Catholics who joined the Church this Easter – SHERYL HAUBEIN, JONATHAN HAUBEIN, LUKE SMITH, AND HOLLY ULLERY. Join us after Mass in the Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship.

If you are new to the Parish this past year, please come and introduce yourselves as well. Hope to see everyone there!

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,

chosen by our Lord to bring to the whole world a greater appreciation of His unfathomable mercy and His desire to grant unimaginable graces to poor sinners and all who come to Him. You can receive a plenary indulgence, the forgiveness of all temporal punishment due from sin, by going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the state of grace. Join us at 3:00 – the Hour of Mercy –

TODAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH for Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet and Divine Mercy Litany.

THE GOURMET GALLERY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are in need of gourmet food items for the upcoming BENEFIT AUCTION FOR SACRED HEART on SATURDAY, MAY 5TH. Anything Delicious, Sweet, or Savory, in beautiful dishes would be gratefully accepted. Items can be dropped off for donation starting Thursday, May 3rd after school through 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th. We can help arrange for special pickup or drop off if needed. If you have questions or would like to donate, please let me know! ** Please consider items that do not require refrigeration. **

April Crabtree (913) 961-5911 OR crabtreehope@yahoo.com

The Bible Study

“UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE”

The 8-week class starts this week for those who are registered.

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

AND Sunday mornings beginning April 15th after the 9:00 Mass. (Choose the option that works for you.) Cost is \$20 for the workbook, Bible Timeline Chart and bookmark. If you have registered, you may pay at the first class. There are \$10 scholarships available if needed.

HOMEBOUND If you have loved ones who are homebound or in the Ottawa Retirement Village who would like to receive Holy Communion each weekend, please call the Rectory 9 am to 1 pm M-F, or send an email to: shcottawa@gmail.com

KNIGHTS NEWS

PANCAKE, EGGS & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

APRIL 15

8:00 A.M. UNTIL AFTER THE 9:00 MASS

The K. of C. Scholarship Recipient has been selected and the winner will be presented at the 9:00 Mass on April 29th.

The Knights wish to extend their thanks to all the applicants who participated. All applicants had great qualifications and to pick the winner was difficult. Sacred Heart is proud to have all the applicants as members of our faith community and the Ottawa community as well. Well Done!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On April 22nd, we are asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here's what you can do: Invite a priest or religious or sister over for a meal; pray a rosary for vocations with each decade dedicated to priests or religious in your life, pray for vocations in the Adoration Chapel, read about saints or watch a movie about a famous saint, priest or sister.

3RD QUARTER HONOR & HIGH HONOR ROLL SACRED HEART SCHOOL

3RD GRADE

ALL A

Pete Dorsey

A & B

Nico Pearson
Gage Peine
Kannon Sorell

4th GRADE

ALL A

Jack Boetel
Emma Cameron
Mya Crabtree
Nick Walker

A & B

Alexis Bruna
Ellie Strain

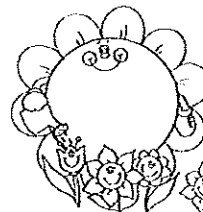
5th GRADE

ALL A

Landon Carey
Sydney Evans
Owen Lawson
Alex Lopez

A & B

Quinn Beatty
Emily Hough
Ella Moyer
Jamie Winslow



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL time again!! Please mark your calendar for *Game On!* VBS, held every Wednesday in June, (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th). VBS is a cooperative effort of First Baptist, First United Methodist, and Sacred Heart churches in Ottawa. This year it will be held at First United Methodist, and registration is FREE if not ordering a t-shirt. *If you would like a t-shirt for your child, the cost is \$5.* Students who are 4 years old through just-finished 5th grade can attend, and those who have finished 6th grade and up may volunteer to help. Please be on the look-out for registration forms on the parish website, coming home with Sacred Heart School students, and at the church entrances after Easter. Please contact Stephanie Orr at 785-218-8810 (cell) or kstchrof2@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2018

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Fr. William Fisher, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.



No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).



Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

Make an examination. Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Face the truth with courage. It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

Devise a plan. Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it.

Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

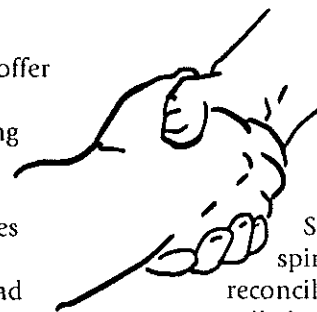
Take the first steps. New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus



forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.

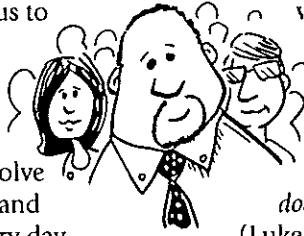
Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a “conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost” to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

A conscious decision. Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple’s life.

Demonstrated by action. Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus’ example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

Despite the cost. “So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn’t always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.

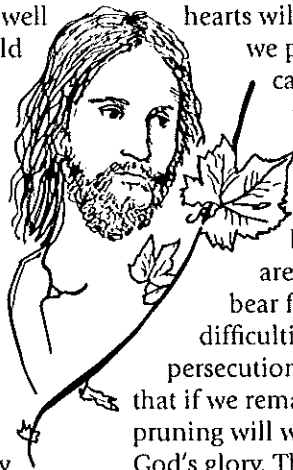


from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We received this life when we were “grafted onto” Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and



striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus’ name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers. There is a “catch” to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God’s glory. Then we’ll become the saints we were called to be.

Q & A What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus’ Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.



During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn’t.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. “By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #654). All those who die in God’s friendship will live with him forever.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935). In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of

Mercy.” Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter’s perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark’s cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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