

April 15, 2018  
3rd Sunday of Easter

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God  
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule  
Sunday - 10:45 am  
Holy Day - 5:15 pm



### Parish Office

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**Hours** ..... Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
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Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 705-1690

#### Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

### Sacraments

#### Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

#### Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

#### Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

#### Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR  
Anytime by appointment.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

#### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

### Parish Mission Statement

*"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."*

### Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone Number  Moving, remove from list

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost."

Jesus has compassion for his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity--"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"--Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the

scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms."

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations."

This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*



#### Sunday, April 15

**Sacristan:** Sue Jehl

**Commentator/Petitions:** Tom Rumschlag

**Servers:** Brock Randolph, Jasmin Myles, Nicole Obioma

**First Reading:** Ken Yahne

**Second Reading:** Louise Yahne

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Jehl, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Dottie Carpenter, Angela Greven, Kate Brogan, Chuck Luther, Theresa Spencer

**Ushers:** Gayle Randolph, Christine Myles, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer

**Greeters:** Cliff & Jane Kimmel

#### Sunday, April 22

**Sacristan:** Sue Koester

**Commentator/Petitions:** Rena Zirille

**Servers:** Aric Koenig, John Peterson, Nathan Johnson

**First Reading:** Greg Gemperline

**Second Reading:** Rosemary Mausser

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Koester, Maxine Stovall, Maureen McCon, Barb Chmiel,

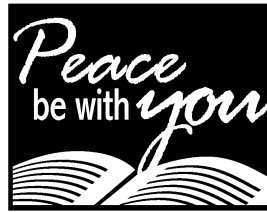
Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Pat McBride, Andrea Thomas

**Ushers:** Liz Peterson, Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Megan Horrell

**ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM** - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to [www.stmarysfw.org](http://www.stmarysfw.org), click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners:

In particular, I want to thank all those who remembered me this past Easter with prayers, seasonal treats, flowers and assorted goodies. May God bless you for your special thoughtfulness! - - *Fr. Phil*



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1  
Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/  
Jn 6:22-29

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

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

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

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

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

#### PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR JAIL MINISTRY

The Jail Ministry is in need of paperback books. Novels, western and religious themes preferred. Please bring to gathering space and place in marked box.

Thank you for your help. !!!



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, April 15**

10:45 am Ron Mausser

**Sunday, April 22**

10:45 am Kay Horacek



## Altar of Service

### Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...RICE.

#### Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, April 15: Judy Parrrott, Nate Fellmen, Shanebrooks

Saturday, April 21: Brad, Bob& Deb H, Portage Middle School

Sunday, April 22: Liz & John Peterson, Nate Fellman

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

### AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS: Toilet Paper

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, April 15**

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am

**Sunday, April 22**

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Any person high school age, or any adult, who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who would like to receive this year, please call the church office at 424-8231. Adult Confirmation will be held on May 26, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

#### LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

The Little Flower Holy Hour to pray for vocations will be Tuesday, May 1, from 7-8 p.m in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, 1122 S Clinton St. Deacon Thomas Zehr will be the president.

## Parish Announcements

### THE LORD'S CALL

A retreat for persons with disabilities and their caregivers will be Saturday, April 21, at Spiritual Center of St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd. Any adult with physical, mental or emotional challenges is encouraged to attend a special retreat with guest speaker Jeannie Ewing presenting on "Following the Lord's Call." Jeannie has participated in several national Catholic radio shows, including Kresta and Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo and is a published author. Doors open at 9 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. and lunch will be served. For more information, or to register, contact the church office at 489-3537 ext. 207 or email dschuerman@saintv.org. Registration forms may also be picked up in the gathering space of the church.

Website: <https://www.saintv.org/> **Cost : FREE**

Contact: Dorothy Schuerman(260) 489-3537

### TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST

The powerful live production performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Bishop Luers High School on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00pm. Meet Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest, in this one-man multimedia performance. From his dramatic escape from slavery to his courageous struggle in the face of prejudice, Fr. Tolton's inspiring life centers around his message reconciliation and hope. This riveting drama is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission will be \$5 for individuals and \$20 for families of four or more. For additional information, call (260) 399-1448 or email [info@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:info@diocesefwsb.org). Learn more at [www.diocesefwsb.org/tolton](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/tolton).

### HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS

If you are graduating High School or College this SPRING or SUMMER St. Mary Mother of God Parish would like to recognize your achievement and any special recognitions in the bulletin. Please e-mail or call the parish office (424-8231) with your name.



## Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Mar 2018</u>	<u>Jul 1-Mar 31, 2018</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 15,309	\$ 145,499
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ 146,250
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 899	\$ 15,588
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,400	\$ 13,650
Average % Envelopes Used	38%	34%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 528	\$ 5,419
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 46	\$ 1,149