

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Sunday, April 9, 2023

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
Thurs.—8:30 am Mass

## Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Marriages** – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**Hospitalized Parishioners** – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions:

4/08/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
**4/13/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Frank & Minnie Gianotti & Descendants**  
4/15/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Gina Corbin, Joe & Gianna)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office.

**Remember in Prayer** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

## Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

4/08/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary Kay  
4/15/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:** *General Intention:* For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 899.00

Thank you, your Offering is most appreciated.

## Prayers for Sick

Norma O'Brien, Clarence Moranski, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

**Daily Mass**-we are back to having Daily Mass on Thursday at 8:30am here at St. Mary's. Please consider joining me if you are able.

**Welcome** all individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish.

## Easter Message from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Jesus is risen and dies no more. He has opened the door to a new life, one that no longer knows illness and death. He has taken mankind up into God himself. Happy Easter! Alleluia! Fr. Stan

**Thank you** to all who donated towards our Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Our Church looks beautiful!

"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." –St. Vincent de Paul

Today at the Easter Vigil, Father will bless the Easter Candle and the Holy Water. We will have small bottles for anyone wanting to take some Holy Water home with them after Mass. The water itself is not magic. Its power depends on the prayers, faith and devotion of the person who uses it. In making the Sign of the Cross with holy water, one expresses faith in God as Father, God as Son, and God as Holy Spirit and asks God's blessing in the name of the same three divine persons. This ritual action of blessing oneself also serves as a reminder of ones baptism. Benefits of using Holy Water are reminding us of our Baptismal promises, privileges and obligations. It is enabling us to open our hearts for the presence of God's grace. Use in a reasonable way.

Next Sunday-Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 16, 2023). **What is Divine Mercy Sunday?** Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be an extraordinary day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise of total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to all who would go to Confession and receive Him in Holy Communion on the special Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday, throughout the Catholic Church.

**April-Month of the Holy Eucharist**—The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

St. Lawrence Church Nite at the Races will take place April 15<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Gardner. Doors open at 5:00 pm with the first race at 6:30 pm. Admission tickets are \$10 each which get you entered into a door prize drawing and \$10 in "funny money" to use on raffle basket tickets, betting on your favorite horses, grabbing a bite to eat, or bidding on one of the great auction items. A cash bar will be available. Everyone 21 and over is welcome to attend. A Roaring 20's theme night.

**Word of Life**—"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Sunday, 9 April 2023** Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Colossians 3:1-4. **OR** 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8. Sequence – **Christians, to the Paschal Victim.** John 20:1-9. **OR** Luke 24:13-35.

**Acts of the Apostles.** All during Easter Time, we read and hear the Acts of the Apostles. Those many acts are not mere history. They launch us into Church life today. This Risen Lord, present among us, is so astounding, we cannot remain our old selves. We, too, are new – because of Baptism, because of this new Easter Day, because Christ is within and around us. We, too, act in new ways. How will I shine new life into another's life today? How will I bear witness to Christ among us by some word or deed? How will I rejoice?

