

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, April 23 ♦ Sunday of Divine Mercy

9:00 a.m. Cathy Miller (Claire Miller)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

– Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 24 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, April 25 ♦ St. Mark

6:15 p.m. Mary Margaret Sears

(Duane & Carol McChesney)

– 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Lynn Harrigan (James Wilfinger)

– Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 27 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary D. Collura (Collura Family)

– Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 28 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joyce Kozlowski (Michael Kozlowski)

Saturday, April 29 ♦ St. Catherine of Siena

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family

(Jeanne C. Brown)

– Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 30 ♦ Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

11:00 a.m. In memory of Kitty Dedman (Rob Janes)

– Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Helen Meers, Vicki Meyer, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – May 7

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, May 7, 2017 is your next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

THANKS!

APRIL 16, 2017 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Good Friday/
Holy Land = \$286.00

Mass Attendance

Easter Vigil = 126

9:00 p.m. = 350

11:00 a.m. = 265

Offertory..... \$2,127.00

Easter..... \$4,693.00

Repair Collection \$ 0.00

Mail-in Repair \$ 45.00

less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$ 411.90)

Net To Parish \$6,453.10

Happy Easter! He is risen!

On behalf of the staff at Holy Cross Church, I would like to thank all those individuals who made Holy Week and Easter such a beautiful time of celebration. I would especially like to thank David Brattain our most gifted organist and the voices behind his music our lovely choir.

Thanks to Bill Hickle and his family, and to Claire, for decorating and getting the church ready for all of Holy Week.

Many thanks for the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Servers especially our beloved John, who is always there and so very dedicated.

We had great crowds on Easter, so keep welcoming people to our parish so they keep coming back! May God bless you all and keep you safe this Easter season.

The Pastor’s Corner

The image known as Divine Mercy is a relative newcomer on the Catholic devotional scene. It originated with Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), Poland’s “Apostle of the Divine Mercy.” Hired as a domestic servant while a teenager, the “bright lights” she’d seen in prayer from a young age eventually drew her toward religious life.

In 1931, Sister Faustina had a vision of Jesus clothed in white, one hand raised in blessing, the other at his breast. From his body two radiant streams flowed one red, the other pale. Through an artist, Faustina felt called to recreate this image with the signature “Jesus, I trust in you.” Pope John Paul II canonized Faustina in 2000 and established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. I think it flows so nicely to see the love of Jesus Death, Resurrection and Mercy given to the world.

Jesus with the pastel rays of love shining downward and outward onto a needy world was how Saint Faustina glimpsed the face of mercy. In this she shared the vision of epistle writer John, who considers Jesus the one who “came through water and blood” which the twin rays in the Divine Mercy portrait signify. God showers compassion on the world through the twin signs of Baptism and Eucharist, rescuing us from sin and death, strengthening us with divine life and grace. Finally, we all have a responsibility to shine the light of mercy further through deed, word, and prayer. Amen.

Various parishes will have the Divine Mercy Sunday devotion. Please see the poster in the entrance of the church.

Central/Eastern Europe Collection – April 30

The proceeds from next week’s collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media in Central and Eastern Europe.

THE WORD

I often take the ability to breathe for granted. However, when a medical condition kept my lungs from filling and breathing was difficult, I understood what a gift breathing is. Jesus breathes on the disciples, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Forgive." To feel another's breath, one must be near the other. Imagine how close Jesus was to the disciples that night. It was absent Thomas' doubt that invited Jesus to ask Thomas to come close enough to touch his hands and side. Like gasping for air gave me a deeper appreciation of the gift of breathing, Thomas' doubt led to a deep profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

We have not seen Jesus in the flesh, but we experience his presence at times, and without seeing him we love him and believe. Prayer deepens that love and can nurture and renew faith when we are in doubt. The earliest Christians devoted themselves to the breaking of the bread, prayer, and communal life. In prayer we aspire to God and God inspires or fills us with the breath of God. Celebrating Eucharist, we ask the Spirit to deepen our union with Jesus and each other. When belief or faith are difficult, the community can sustain us like an oxygen mask that helps someone breathe.

Take a deep breath and pray: Fill me with your breath, Lord. Exhale and give God whatever doubt, fear, or resistance lies within you. Breathe in the Spirit of God again. Let Jesus touch your hands, side, and heart to fill you with his everlasting love, even if this is a time of doubt, resistance, and fear for you. Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and who is as near as your very breath.

- *When has doubt or resistance become the means through which you knew that Jesus was near?*
- *How do you pray when you need reassurance that God's presence and power are near?*

"Living the Word"

St. Charles Drama Department

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its spring musical production, *Zombie Prom* by Dana Rowe and John Dempsey. *Zombie Prom* will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 27, 28, and 29 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10.00 each, and student tickets are \$5.00 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at 614-252-6714 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **May 7, 2017 – Bishop Annual Appeal kick off Sunday at both Masses.**
- 2) **September 3, 2017 – Mission Appeal Sunday at both Masses.**

A Day of Recollection: "Come Holy Spirit"

Women of the Columbus diocese are invite to join the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League Friday, June 2, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a day of recollection in the beautiful surroundings of St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus. Offered just days before Pentecost, this special event will focus on the Gift of the Holy Spirit, who enabled the disciples to go out and spread the Good News of God's love.

The offering for the day is \$25.00, which includes lunch, as well as coffee, tea and snacks. Mass will be celebrated and the day will end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There will be time for both quiet reflection and discussion.

To request registration information or with questions, please contact Sharon Gehrlich, CLRL Secretary at retreatleague@gmail.com or by calling 614-882-1946. Space is limited and will fill quickly. Deadline for registration and full payment is May 5, 2017.

Additional Easter Flower Donations 2017

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