

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### Monday, April 10

Monday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am R Elderly & Homebound **5:30 pm P** Religious Vocations

#### Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 am P † Howard Schwartzer
5:30 pm M † Duwayne Shoup

#### Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 am P † Benjamin Zirzow
No School Masses—Easter Break

#### Thursday, April 13

Thursday within the Octave of Easter 7:00 am P Michael Krempel

5:30 pm R Bob Sutter

#### Friday, April 14

Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 am M † Ben Zirzow **5:30 pm P** † Tom Miller

#### Saturday, April 15

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm M † Peggy McClure **5:00 pm P** † Bernard E. Alfieri

6:00 pm R Vocations to the Priesthood

#### Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am P Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Peter & Resurrection

9:00 am R † Catherine Schroeder

9:30 am P † Samuel Tridico
11:00 am M † Ben Zirzow

11:30 am P † James & Catherine Liston

3:00 pm P Comfirmandi (Confirmation Mass)

The Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before every Mass. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before weekend and most weekday Masses.

M-St. Mary | P-St. Peter | R-Resurrection

#### IN GOD'S ARMS

David Louthan Jerry Bradner



#### Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The parish Office will be open Monday, April 10 from 8:30–12 pm.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please welcome the following individuals to the St. Peter Parish family.

Gui & Andrea Alves

If you are new to St. Peter Church, you can register online at **mansfieldstpeters.org/ parish** and click "I'm New Here". You can also call the parish office.

#### FROM THE PASTOR:



Easter blessings to you and your family!

What we celebrate today with Easter is not simply that Jesus has power over death. Jesus clearly demonstrated this with the three people He raised from the dead. Lazarus seems to have been the most convincing of these since he was already four days in the tomb before Jesus

brought him back to life.

This was so well-known and convincing to the people of the time that the religious authorities also plotted to kill Lazarus since people believed in Jesus because of him.

The only question people should have had about Jesus's power over death is whether He could raise Himself from the dead. It would seem that when life is lost, power is lost. However, Jesus did say beforehand that He would freely lay down His life and freely take it up again (John 10:17). So, if the apostles were really listening to Jesus, they should not have been surprised when Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. But they were surprised and found it difficult to believe, even after Mary Magdalene told them what the angel at the empty tomb said about Jesus having risen.

The disciples needed to focus more on what Jesus was telling them and less on their own preconceived ideas. It is also likely that the apostles were allowing their feelings and emotions to get in the way of moving from listening to believing. Does this sound familiar in your own life? Some of Jesus's hardest teachings are: forgiving those who intentionally and maliciously hurt us, loving our enemies, marriage being between one man and one woman, not having lust in our hearts, carrying our crosses in life without complaining, etc. Jesus also taught us to pray always and to seek purity of mind, heart, and soul. Jesus summarized by saying that if we love Him, we will keep God's commandments. Do your actions say you love Jesus?

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. This designation was made by St. John Paul II as a result of what Jesus spoke in the 1930s to a Polish nun named St. Faustina. Jesus was speaking to all humanity through her. The message is a simple one – turn back to God and trust in His mercy.

There is no limit to God's mercy as long as we are humble enough to turn to Him and acknowledge our sinfulness. Jesus said: Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Among the various spiritual insights, prayers, and devotions that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina, one of the most important was the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Hopefully, you began the nine-day novena on Good Friday and will continue praying it each day this week, preferably at the three o'clock hour. We will end the novena at 3 pm next Sunday (April 16) at St. Mary Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chanting the Divine Mercy chaplet, quiet time, etc. Please consider joining us for this special time of prayer.

A very blessed Easter to you!

Fr. Miller

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#### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am — 5:00 pm Wednesday: 8:30 am — 6:30 pm | Saturday & Sunday: Closed

#### **New Parishioners:**

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

#### Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should always be made at the Parish Center office at least twelve months in advance of the ceremony.

#### **Bulletin Deadline:**

Friday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to **bulletin@myspartans.org**.

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#### PARISH NEWS





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Resurrection	St. Mary	St. Peter
8:00-Noon	Noon-5:30	5:30-9:00
	Resurrection	Resurrection St. Mary

#### **WELCOME TO THE CHURCH!**

Congratulations to the newest members of the Catholic Church and the Mansfield Catholic community!

#### **Adults:**

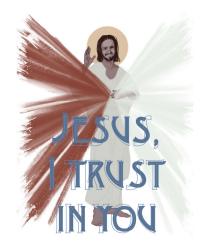
Rebekah Allen, Erin Brubach, Faith Elert, Diane Emser, Louise Hayslip, Jacob Kirkpatrick, & Jared Tacket

#### Children:

La'Maiyah Allen, Micah Allen, Xavier McNeil, Gianna Rohl, Theodore Rohl, Aubrey Stafford.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday, April 16. St. Mary will be hosting a **Divine Mercy Devotion** at 3 pm. This will include the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a period of reflection, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. You are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday by using the pamphlet from the entrances to church.



#### THANK YOU FROM BILL JOHNSON

Dear Friends, Fellow Parishioners and Everybody else who attended the fundraiser held for my medical expenses and all who donated money before and after the event:

To say that I am overwhelmed and deeply moved by your care and generosity would be a terrible understatement. I have no words and no gestures to express to you the depth of my gratitude. Your care and concern humble me, and they testify to the truth of the Body of Christ.

Jesus tells us that so far from hiding our light under a bushel basket, we are to let it shine so that the entire world can see it. By your example, keeping the commandment of Jesus to "...love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34/John 15:12) I can tell you that light is burning very brightly in Mansfield. I pray everyone around us will see it and say, "...See how they love one another!" (Report of Aristedes to the Emperor Hadrian, 2nd century A.D.; Tertullian, second century A.D.)

As I noted earlier, I have no words or gestures to express the depth of my gratitude to you. I suppose that the only way for me to do so is to be the very best music minister that I can be (with God's help) for this parish and for the whole Body of Christ for the rest of my career.

Thank you so much. Bill Johnson



#### PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

We had an extremely spiritually uplifting weekend at RiCl. Deacon John Reef was with us Friday evening to talk about a variety of



devotions, litanies, and other prayers to add to our daily disciplines. Our RiCI brothers are great prayer warriors and Deacon John provided further inspiration. On Saturday afternoon we concluded our weekly Stations of the Cross powerfully with Voices of Witnesses, a re-enactment of Jesus' road to Calvary, complete with costumed characters and a life-sized cross, all made by our creative brothers. Fr. Kishore presided at Palm Sunday Mass, beginning what will be a most Holy Week.

#### 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith,



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#### FEED THE NEEDY

Due to Holy Week and Easter activities, there will be only one Feed the Needy meal in the month of April.

The next meal will take place on Sunday, April 23, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please arrive at 1:15 pm at the door behind the high school.



**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, APRIL 14** 10—11 a.m. & 2–4 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND

APRIL 15 & 16

#### PARENT EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACT

Senate Bill 11, called the "Parent Educational Freedom Act," will expand eligibility for Educational Choice scholarships (EdChoice) to all students in Ohio beginning with the 2023–2024 school year. It would provide to parents for each pupil up to \$5,500 for grades K-8, and \$7,500 for grades 9-12. It also increases the amount of homeschooling expenses that a taxpayer can claim as an income tax credit each year, from \$250 to \$2,000. The Catholic Conference of Ohio asks you to please take a moment to visit the link below to contact your state senator today: votervoice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Campaigns/101143/Respond

If passed, this bill would allow all families in Ohio, regardless of income or school district, to send their children to a school of their choosing.

#### SEMINARIAN BASKETBALL GAME

On Monday, the "Minor Prophets" paid a visit to the Franciscan Activity Center to take on the "Spartan Almost All-Stars." The All-Stars were made up of members of the Senior Class.

The Minor Prophets, defeated the Almost All-Stars by two in the first-half action. In the second-half the Minor Prophets faced off against the Spartan Junior High basketball team, and the junior high cagers faired much better against the prophets. While they made a run at the end, the junior high Spartans won easily.

During halftime, students heard from Curtis Gross who is a seminarian at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati.



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#### KOFC COUNCIL 687—CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

In support: Landree Rennpage Respect Life Campaign at Richland Pregnancy Services

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023

Time: 7pm-11 pm

Location: Mansfield Knights Hall

1114 Park Ave West

Taco Bar with all the toppings, lounge open, games of chance, silent auctions. Tickets \$15 or 2 for \$25.

#### THEOLOGY ON TAP: APRIL

Date: April 19th

**Time**: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Place: Ralphie's Sports Eatery in

Galion

Presenter: Father Nick Weibl, who will be presenting

on discernment and vocation

**Information:** Everyone is responsible for the cost of their meals and drinks, and an RSVP is appreciated

but not required.

# In the Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND 11 Days Departure October 30 , 2023 With Fr. Kishore Kottana For more information contact: Can't Be Missed Tours, LLC was attenuation contact: Can't Be Missed Tours, LLC principles and the second contact in the second contact in

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Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: \$623,151 Total Budgeted Sunday Collection: \$580,978 Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) \$42,173

**School Collection** 

Total School Collection: \$68,613 \$80,000 **Total Budgeted School Collection:** 

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$11,387)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, Monday:

9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Wednesday:

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9;

Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a;

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt

1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31







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