



3RD SUNDAY  
*of Easter*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 24

*Memorial of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Priest & Martyr*

8:00 am R † Conversion of Sinners  
8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm P † Marilyn Kurtzman

### Tuesday, April 25

*Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist*

7:00 am P † Doris Kennedy  
12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm M † Karl Roesler Sr.

### Wednesday, April 26

*Easter Weekday*

7:00 am P † Marty Moritz  
8:25 am P † Living Members of the  
Baker Family (Es)  
10:00 am M † Max McCellan (School)  
5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, April 27

*Easter Weekday*

7:00 am P Lucas LeMaster  
5:30 pm R † Public Servants

### Friday, April 28

*Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr and  
Saint Louis Grignon de Monfort, Priest*

8:00 am M † Dan Tamburrino  
9:30 am P † Deceased Members of the  
Baker Family (Hs)  
5:30 pm P † Marty Moritz

### Saturday, April 29

*Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

3:30 pm P Confessions  
4:00 pm M Parishioners of St. Mary,  
St. Peter & Resurrection  
5:00 pm P † Michael Krebs  
6:00 pm R Sick & Dying

### Sunday, April 30

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am P † Joseph Timko  
9:00 am R † Steve Korte  
9:30 am P † Donald Steele  
11:00 am M † Catherine & Nick Hagel  
11:30 am P † Janice Jurgens Baker

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

## FROM THE PASTOR:



Congratulations to our eighth graders who last Sunday received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Thomas! It was a wonderful celebration in St. Peter's church, made possible by all three of our parishes working together with lectoring, serving, singing, etc. Bishop Thomas also commented on how beautiful it was to see the unity and mutual appreciation among the different parishes present.

Bishop Thomas also commented on how well the students were prepared for the sacrament. Many thanks go to both their catechists and their parents for helping our young people to know and love the Faith Jesus has given us. The students have studied the gifts of the Holy Spirit and learned how they help them become mature Christians. They learned they received these gifts at Baptism and how each is strengthened through Confirmation. The purpose is for them to truly live the Catholic Faith as the Saints did!

The eighth graders devoted this past year to preparing for the sacrament. They came to understand that receiving this sacrament does not make them "an adult of the Church" nor is it them "making the Faith their own". These statements are said by well-meaning people who do not understand the purpose of Confirmation. The word "Con-firm-ation" tells us something about its purpose. If you know any Spanish, which has similarities to Latin, then you probably know that "con" means "with". From this we begin to understand that the sacrament is meant to help us be "firm" (strong) in living the Faith of the Church.

The reason why Confirmation is not about "making the Faith their own" is that they have been doing this and will (hopefully) continue to do this for their entire lives. Receiving the sacrament of Confirmation gives them the necessary grace to live more and more according to all that God has taught us. Those who do so are growing in Christian maturity, which is a requirement for entering into heaven, as we read in the New Testament.

Maturity is not measured by age but instead by the qualities and characteristics of a person. As a result, Confirmation does not make a person an adult of the Church but gives them the grace to become fully mature. God's help is always near! In my conversations with the students, we talked about how a mature Christian is someone who prays daily and keeps holy the Lord's day each Sunday, which includes going to Mass. A mature Christian does not use God's name in vain and does not use vulgar language. We talked about how some words that are common today would never come from a mature Christian's mouth.

We also discussed how a mature Christian does not lie, cheat, or steal. The mature Christian is charitable to other people and tries to lead them closer to God. Such a person forgives others and even prays for those who are uncharitable to him/herself. The mature Christian does not follow the trends of society but instead the will of God. That person treats sexuality as sacred and does not give in to sinful sexual desires, and respects life at every stage.

Easter blessings to you!  
Fr. Miller

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Delores Dowiatt  
Lucille Rincich

*IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY*

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

**WEDDING BANNERS**

I — Emma Lamunyon & Hayden Eighinger



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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](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).

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## PARISH NEWS



### CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI

Congratulations to the young men and women of the Mansfield Area Catholic Community who were confirmed by Bishop Thomas at St. Peter.

Please continue to pray for our youth as full members of the Catholic faith.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—MAY MEETING

The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery May meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Resurrection Parish. Mass is at 11:00 am and the luncheon and meeting will follow in the parish hall. The cost is \$17.

All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, you are encouraged to come and join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area so please call Brenda Starr-Jude, May Chairwoman at 419-610-8251 or Geri Rea, President at 330-466-2329 to make a reservation by May 4, 2023, before noon.

We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

### EASTER BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Easter Bake Sale a huge success!

This year we had a record number of volunteer bakers which made the entire event run smoothly.

A special thank you to Ann Brown and her crew for all the countless hours ordering supplies, organizing all the different baking days and making this annual fundraiser such a huge success. St. Peter Parish family is grateful for your dedicated service!



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is now available every week at all three parishes.

Morning, afternoon and evening times are available and all are welcome to spend some quiet time in prayer.

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



**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, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services.



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<b>St. Peter Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$59,068</b>
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$27,198.75
% of Goal	46.05%
Total Families Donated:	137

**SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP**

We are brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep



inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling Sara at Resurrection at 419-884-0060.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

**FEED THE NEEDY**

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.

**WHY WE'RE PROLIFE**

**Why We're ProLife** booklets, authored by Catholic apologist Trent Horn, and provided by Catholic Answers, is available at our church entrances for you to take, read and share.

Since the overturning of Roe V. Wade, individual states now have the opportunity to re-engage and build a culture that reflects the respect and dignity of the human life of the unborn. This easily readable and compelling resource will deepen your understanding of the ProLife position and prepare you for peaceful dialogue on this divisive topic.

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

We give thanks for our priests, volunteers, and visitors to Richland Correctional. Our RiCI Catholic community is filled with gratitude and joy for our many blessings - and for the extraordinary opportunity to gather daily for worship, prayer, music, fellowship, and more.



As we reflected on all we experienced and sacrificed during Lent, Holy Week, and the Sacred Triduum, our brothers described the personal and communal growth in prayer, discipline, perseverance, connectivity, concern for others, and the gift of opening the eyes of our hearts to all God gives us.

**April Tri-Parish Youth Events**

Youth Minister Contact: Mikayla Metzger - mikayla@resurrectionlexington.com

**Upper Room**

Sunday, April 2, 16, & 23  
Resurrection  
6-8pm  
Grades 6-12

**High School Bible Study**

Tuesday, April 18 & 25  
Resurrection  
6:30-8pm  
Grades 9-12

**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
10-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

**H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND**  
MAY 13 & 14



BACK TO WORK

Students were back at work this week after a well-deserved Easter Break. However, the countdown till the end of the school year is on! It's a busy month ahead as we charge forward to the end of the school year!



KINDERGARTEN CHICKENS

Mrs. Baker's Kindergarteners returned from Easter Break to find a new addition to their classroom—chickens. Well, chicken eggs. Over the next couple of weeks, they'll keep a close eye on their growing eggs and hopefully will see them hatch into new chickens in mid-May.



BUILDING BRIDGES

Students in Mr. Wynn's physics class have been working on constructing their final projects. This group of seniors is working on building bridges out of popsicle sticks. Next week, the students will test their bridge design by adding weight to them.



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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: [votervoicenet.org/OHCATHOLIC/Campaigns/101143/Respond](https://www.votervoicenet.org/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.*



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and food from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### Sunday Stewardship As of March 2023

#### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$706,119
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$653,601
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$52,518</b>
<b>School Collection</b>	
Total School Collection:	\$78,138
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$90,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$11,862)</b>

## CHRIST REMAINS PRESENT

A powerful thread of truth runs through each of today's Easter season readings: Jesus resurrected. "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses," (Acts 2:32). The Apostles testified to this raising of Jesus, but also, and maybe even more powerful, is the testimony of those who did not want this truth to be known. Scholars often refer to the latter as "hostile witnesses." People who could not deny what they saw but did not wish to perpetuate the following of Christ become witnesses to the majesty of God. It's fascinating how differently the world perceives the history of secular nature from that of religion. We possess many history books filled with events, teachings, and speeches; we do not doubt nor question; we trust what was seen and recorded is accurate. And it is taught from generation to generation.

Yet how few believe "God raised this Jesus." The Resurrection opened heaven to those, "who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory so that your faith and hope are in God." St. Peter reminds us to hold fast to this truth so that our hope and faith remain with God. The testimony of those who saw, spoke, and ate with the Risen Lord provides us a confident hope in the Good News. No one but One ever claimed to be the Son of God and then rose from the dead. Two thousand years later we are still speaking of his salvific work upon the cross; still re-presenting those moments upon altars across the world; still worshiping and singing praises.

The 24th Chapter of Luke's Gospel includes the Walk to Emmaus. Jesus journeyed alongside those disciples, but they did not recognize him. He is still with us today, a true and ever-present companion. How often do we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst? In the Emmaus encounter, in the breaking of bread, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him," (Luke 24:31). Jesus offers the faithful that same wondrous opportunity at each and every Mass to be present at the blessing and breaking of the bread.

When the disciples encountered Jesus on the road, they urged him to stay with them. Through God's mysterious, remarkable workings, which we will never comprehend this side of heaven, Jesus remains with us still at every Consecration, in every Tabernacle, and within the hearts of those who receive him in the Eucharist.

