



Monday	April 21st
5:00 p.m.	Gene Wukie
Tuesday	April 22nd
8:30 a.m.	Frank Korzan, Sr.
Wednesday	April 23rd
5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Thursday	April 24th
8:30 a.m.	Chris Meanor
Friday	April 25th
8:30 a.m.	John Hungerman
Saturday	April 26th
9:00 a.m.	Jane Stamp
4:30 p.m.	Jane Kirkbride
Sunday	April 27th Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m.	George Straka
9:30 a.m.	Dennis & Karin Knox ~ 40 th Wedding Anniversary
11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish

Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

alleluia

My Friends,

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! In a world fraught with bad news, it is hard not to grow cynical about the future. We are skeptical of any 'good deed' and despair of any way out of this morass. I have to think that the disciples of Jesus shared these same emotions as they laid their hope in the tomb. But the good news this Easter Sunday morning is that death is not the end nor can it destroy the hope that is ours in Christ. He is risen and opened the way for us to share in his resurrection and a life of love in the Father's Kingdom.

Everyone has their own pet theory on why the world is coming apart at the seams. I would submit that once we take God out of the picture in this secular world, death rules. What is left except eat, drink and be merry because tomorrow we die. The resurrection is the heart of Christian belief. St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." The resurrection of Christ opens up the possibility of a whole transcendent way of being. I'm not sure people of faith are convicted in this belief. It would have to change the way we live our life.

Society's basic ethic, contrary to the Christian gospel, is all about self-preservation. We need more guns to protect our assets. After all, I worked hard for everything I own and it is there to serve me. Somehow I have not located this sentiment in the gospel. We protest that we are a Christian nation but as Pope Francis has proposed, there are some serious challenges. In the Christian perspective, all we have is a gift from God. When we speak of the resurrection of the body, we are talking the whole Body of Christ. We cannot segregate the parts. We need to be connected in love with one another. This is the purpose of Sunday Eucharist. We are to become one body. Yet so many do not feel drawn to this deeper intimacy in Christ.

I have some good news for you! Jesus Christ is risen! I wish there were a better market for good news in today's culture. Still we may need to do a better job of proclaiming it in our lives. Let's center our hope on the risen Lord and then see what kind of world tomorrow brings. Pope Francis is already showing us the way!

Fr Charlie

Readings for the Week of April 21st:

Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tues	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wed	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thurs	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Fri	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Sat	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends



in need, especially: **Ann, Ann Lou, Bette, Carmen, Gary, Gene, George, Jeanine, Jeff, Jim, Joanie, John, LaVera, Lea, Lois, Margaret, Mary, Matt, Meg, Nancy, P.J., Pam, Paul, Quintine, Robert, Rose, Sally, Sr. Joan, Tom, Valarie** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (04/04/14)	\$6,212.00
Sunday Collection (04/13/14)	\$11,102.70
Envelopes	330
Capital Improvement Fund	\$622.92

Thank you for your generosity.

[Good Friday Collection April 18th - Holy Land]
[2nd Collection April 20th - Education Endowment Fund]
[2nd Collection April 27th - Catholic Home Missions]



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The second collection on Easter will be for the Education Endowment Trust Fund.
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St. Mary Church along with its family & friends are sponsoring a Free Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday from Noon-3pm. ALL are welcome!



EASTER SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Tuesday April 22nd
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

Wednesday April 23rd
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room

Thursday April 24th
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
 6:00 p.m. Parish Council - Conference Room

Sunday April 27th
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
 12:00 Noon Cub Scouts - Cafeteria

200 CLUB WINNERS: 04/20/14 Herman Plas #69



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Our speaker will be Mary Ewers, Senior Naturalist – Lorain County Metro Parks. Please call in your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.

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Altar & Rosary Society



Save the Date: May 14, 2014
Day of Recollection for Women
 (open to ALL women of St. Mary Parish)

Easter Memorial Fund donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection – please be sure to include your name and in whose memory you would like the donation to be made. A Memorial List will be published in the bulletin during the Easter Season.



Thank you for your continued support!

* *Free Rosary Pamphlets [for Children and Adults] are available to anyone interested in praying the Rosary – they are in the Book Rack in the back of Church.*

[Handmade Rosaries are available in the Parish Office.]

Anyone with Operation Rice Bowl donations can drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

OPERATION
RICE BOWL



The St. Mary School community would like to wish all of our parishioners and friends a Blessed Easter Season. We thank you for your prayers and support of our school. May the Resurrected Lord continue to guide St. Mary Parish and its ministry of education.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Charles T. Diedrick, Pastor
 Deacon Edward R. Dillon, Permanent Deacon
 Sister Mary Dorothy Tecca, C.S.A., Parish Catechetical Leader
 Mrs. Sharon Brunkow, School Principal
 Mr. Michael J. Moore, Dir. of Music Ministries & Business Mgr.
 Mrs. Annie Cunningham, Dir. of Development

Contact Information:

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
 Phone: 323-5539; E-mail: stmaryelyria@windstream.net
 Website: www.stmaryelyria.parishesonline.com

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm; Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:00pm
 Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 8:30am
 Saturdays: 9:00am

New Parishioners are welcome and asked to register at the Parish Office.

Hour of Great Mercy Devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th at St. Jude Church [590 Poplar St. Elyria ~ 366-5711] beginning with readings & reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina @ 2:35pm; Chaplet of Divine Mercy @ 3pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome...bring a friend. Stay for refreshments & fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MAY 2ND: A Closer look at Today's Needs. A Human Face. New, Local Approach to Solutions "IN SEARCH OF A WAY OUT" a local panel ~ responding to the current 'war on poverty'. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Fri. April 25th.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides the skills needed to reconnect and get back on track. Husbands & wives are provided an opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples who were experiencing marital difficulty, disillusionment and even deep misery to find new hope. The next weekend is April 25-27th. For confidential information about or to register for the program call Al & Diane at 800-470-2230, email: Cleveland@Rerouvaille.org or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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