

MASS INTENTIONS—April 29th—May 7th

Saturday—5pm +Fr. Donal O'Hare (Pam Brungardt)
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am +Mother's Day Novena
Monday—8am Matt and Megan Gudde Family
 (Carl and Donna Treiber)
Tuesday—8am John Sears (Becky Morgan)

Wednesday—6am Latin Living & Deceased of Eck Family
 (This is the right time, again!) (Mary Brown)
Thursday—Prison Mass Richard George (Lisa Harriger)
First Friday—8am Merlin Gottschalk (Ilene Ritz)
First Saturday—8am Father's Intention
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm +Bernard & Jeannie LaForge
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am Rikki James



PLEASE PRAY FOR: For an end to abortion and all sins against life.

PARISH NEWS

KATY DAYS PHOTO PROJECT—We are putting together two slide shows of photos to show during Katy days. We are looking for photos of Parsonsians who worked on the MKT and/or served in one of the World Wars. You can scan and send photos to KatyDaysWVRRProject@gmail.com or you can take them to Carson-Wall Funeral Home any weekday between 9am-4pm, where they will be scanned while you wait. It will only take a few minutes. The ideal information we need with each photo is 1) Name of individual (and if desired, names of family members still living in Parsons area), 2) Approximate Date, 3) If military photo—branch of Armed Forces, and 4) If railroad photo—specify MKT or UP and Position. Deadline is May 5th, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the above email address or call 423-4453.

THERE'S STILL TIME...—to get your Mother's Day Novena Mass envelopes in! Honor your mother/grandmother with a Novena of masses. Fill out the Mother's Day Novena envelope and put it in the collection plate. Don't forget to pick up a Mass card to give to your loved one at the Rectory.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY—Do you or someone you know need a little extra help with maintaining your home? Crews of Catholic teens and chaperones will be in Parsons July 9th-28th to joyfully assist you in getting on top of these tasks. The teams are equipped to weed, mow, trim, and clear overgrowth. They can also prep and paint smaller (1 or 2 story) houses, garages, sheds, fences and decks. Many hands make light work! Let these energetic young people demonstrate their care for you in this practical way. Contact the Rectory for more information."

TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED—St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting Totus Tuus June 24th-30th. Housing for two young men and two young women is needed. If you are interested in hosting please contact the Rectory at 421-6762.

BREAKFAST CLUB—Meets on the first Thursday of the Month at Four Square Church in Parsons from 9am-10:30am. The Breakfast Club is for caregivers of individuals with a dementia illness like Alzheimers. Come visit and enjoy a free breakfast. It is possible to cope with this illness, but one cannot do it alone. For more info, call the Rectory.

LUNCHEES NEEDED—St. Patrick's will be hosting Totus Tuus June 24th-June 30th. We need to provide lunch each day for the team at the Parish Hall. If you are interested in providing a meal for four to seven people, please call the Rectory at 421-6762.



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:

Wed 3-4am, Thur 9-10am,
Thur 11am-12pm, Thurs 10-11pm,
Fri 8-9am, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am.

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Third Sunday of Easter

Who are these two troubled disciples on the road to Emmaus? They have seen all that happened to Jesus and had great expectations for what was to come. But they seem disappointed in the empty tomb. Their faith is incomplete, and they do not understand all that has truly happened. They do not recognize the stranger who literally breaks open the scripture and explains precisely how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. These two men could easily be you and I. We can, at times, be blinded by our own expectations of how things should go. We can only hope that Jesus will be there to spell it all out for us! Stewardship means being open to God's plan; it means that we recognize that same burning in our hearts, and we respond in gratitude...even when things seem uncertain!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Apr 30	*RCIA Class —Mass: <i>A Way of Life</i>	9:15am
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm
Mon May 1	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Ultreya—Parish Hall —Lent is over...bring a snack :) and a friend!	7pm
Tue May 2	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Parish Council—Parish Hall	6:30pm
Wed May 3	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	5:30am
	*SPCS MS Boys trip to Clear Creek Monastery, OK	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 Family Night—Parish Hall	5:30pm
	*CYM Meeting	7pm
Thur May 4	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Theology on Tap	6:30pm
Fri May 5	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church	
	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
Sat May 6	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7am
	*First Saturday Confessions	7:15am
	*First Saturday Mass	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun May 7	*RCIA Class —World View	9:15am
	*HS Senior Graduation Mass	10am
	—Reception to follow in Hall after Mass	
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

YEARBOOK ADS—are being sold by the SPCS yearbook staff: \$25 for 1/4 pg., \$50 for 1/2 pg., and \$100 for full pg. Contact Carrie Manners at 778-3304.

FYI—Listen to Sunday homilies on the parish website. They are accessible from the Home page—www.stpatricksparsons.org

Stewardship of Treasure
YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 April 22nd–April 23rd

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$11,898.06

Altar Servers:

May 6—5pm E Wheat/L Gilmore/Z Collins
 May 7—8am A Nibarger/M Bogner/C Westhoff
 10am Farris/Waun/Waun/L Forbes

Extraordinary Ministers:

May 6—5pm Steve Ramsey
 May 7—8am Cindy Dhooghe
 10am Sherri Martin

Lector:

May 6—5pm Mike Carson
 May 7—8am Stephanie Reitemeier
 10am Joanna Wilson

Offertory Gifts:

May 6—5pm Nick and Allie Pfeifer
 May 7—8am Dan and Doris Sweeney
 10am Greg and Diane Young

Ushers:

May 6—5pm VanMieghem/Cupp/Ritz/McKinney
 May 7—8am Aaron and Terri Saye Family
 10am V & M Schibi/L Schibi/J Alexander

Money Counters:

May 6 & 7—Sue O'Brien
 Peter and Ruth Hutley

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.

2017 marks the **54th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Here are a few interesting facts about the Liturgy...

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR EASTER—

From *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*:

22. The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung.

23. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

24. The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

25. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, except where, not being observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it has been assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (cf. no. 7).

26. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

The liturgical color for Easter is white. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (no. 346) also states: "On more solemn days, festive, that is, more precious, sacred vestments may be used even if not of the color of the day. The colors gold or silver may be worn on more solemn occasions in the Dioceses of the United States of America."

Especially during Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

There are six metropolitan sees and their suffragan Dioceses which maintain the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday: Boston, Hartford, Newark, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. Every other region of the United States has opted to transfer the Solemnity to the following Sunday (the Seventh Sunday of Easter).

365 DAYS WITH MARY APP—

Download this free app and use the content for daily reflection on growing in mercy through prayer and reflection on Mary's example. Read the Daily Mercy quote and "Ponder" questions as a meditation after communion at Daily Mass. Download the app on your Android or Apple smart device today!



Month of Mary