

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

March 27th, 2016 ~ Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord



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#### **Our Pastoral Staff**

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#### **Mass Schedule**

##### **Saturday**

4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

##### **Sunday**

7:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

9:30 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays - 3:15 – 3:45 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sundays - 6:45 – 7:00 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

Or by appointment

**A Welcoming Community:** You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

**Parish Registration:** You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

**New Members:** Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are leaving the parish, please notify the office before you leave). Thank you.

**Change of Address:** Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

**Inactive Catholics:** As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

**Parish Mission Statement:** We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

#### Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.

(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.

# Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus's life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus and have their sins forgiven through him.

### Responsorial Psalm: 118

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

### Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus's tomb was open, she told Simon, Peter, and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciples came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus's resurrection.

### *In Loving Memory*

*The Altar Candles in St. Basil's & St. Francis Churches are burning in loving memory of Bernadette & Nathan Weaver by the Family*



IHM Parish Picnic Meeting  
Tuesday, April 12 ~ 6:30 PM  
St. Francis Rectory (Parish Office)

**There will be no CCD classes on Easter Sunday.** Classes resume on April 3 at 8 AM.

## Easter Sunday

*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him...He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name...For they did not understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead."*

"Lord, where are you leading me" is now answered clearly. We are called to the joy of Easter and the glory which it entails.

Television spots, radio interruptions ask us to watch or listen to an important item: "We interrupt our normal broadcast to bring you..." The Easter sermons, the proclamations by Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles are just that, announcements that Jesus has overcome sin and death and won for us the gift of new life. If we truly believe what we have just read, then we must act.

Each of us has been commissioned to preach and witness by our lives that Christ lives and that He lives in us. We take the gift of grace, the life He offers us, to experience and live as a redeemed, a forgiven people. We try to penetrate the meaning of this day, to understand the scriptures. Not looking at an empty tomb, but discovering the many ways the presence of the Risen Lord affects our lives. Are you doubtful of your ability to do this?

Reread the first line: "He went about doing good" and we can too. "God was with Him" and He is with us too.

Easter is the day of great joy and gives meaning to our lives as disciples. May we live the joy of Easter each and every day.

### DAILY READINGS

#### MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

#### TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

#### WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

#### THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

#### FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

#### SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 13-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## *Weekly Liturgical Celebrations*

### **Celebration of the Easter Vigil**

8:00 PM **St. Basil's**

*Mass of Vigil with the Sacraments of Initiation*

### **Easter Sunday ~ March 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Celebration of the Easter Eucharist***

8:00 AM, **St. Basil's** *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

10:00 AM, **St. Francis of Assisi** *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

11:45 AM, **St. Basil's** *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

### **Monday, March 28**

9:00AM **Dushore** *Catherine Mary McMahon by James and Patricia Kearney*

### **Wednesday, March 30**

9:00AM **Dushore** *Catherine Lambert by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Dailey*

### **Thursday, March 31**

9:00AM **Mildred** *Edward J. Fitzgerald by Mark & Karen Evangelisti*

### **Saturday, April 2**

4:00PM **Dushore** *Robert E. Finan by the Finan Family*

### **Sunday, April 3**

7:30AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:30AM **Dushore** *Mary & Adam Gutosky by Deb & Ron Gutosky*

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. During this Year of Mercy, it is most fitting that this Sunday is celebrated in a special way. Our parish is offering two different ways in which we can join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation for offenses against life, marriage, and religious liberty. In St. Basil's Church, beginning at 3:00 PM, we will hold a Eucharist Holy Hour for Divine Mercy. This will consist of a Scripture reading, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. In addition, the Divine Mercy Novena may be said each day beginning on Good Friday, and continuing for nine days. Pamphlets for the novena will be available in each church. Please join us!

### **Thank you!**

**The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who participated in our Lenten Fish Dinners. They were a great success! A special thank you to the ladies who provided the desserts.**

## **From an Easter homily by an ancient author**

*Christ the source of resurrection and life*

Saint Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. *Death entered the world through Adam, he explains, but life has been given back to the world through Christ.* Again he says: *The first man, being from earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven and is heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthly man, the image of human nature grown old in sin, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: human nature raised up, redeemed, restored, and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. Christ was the firstfruits, says the Apostle; he is the source of resurrection and life. Those who belong to Christ will follow him. Modeling their lives on his purity, they will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. Our Lord himself said so in the gospel: Whoever follows me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.*

Thus the passion of our Savior is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live for ever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him for ever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, crying out with evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while he was still on earth: *Father, I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.*

## Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

### *The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

**March 19 & 20**

\$5,317.87

*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### **April Second Collections**

April 2 & 3 ~ Care & Education of Priests

April 9 & 10 ~ Building & Maintenance

April 23 & 24 ~ Catholic Home Missions

#### **Word of Life**

"Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering."

~2015-16 Respect Life Program Flyer

#### **Patron of the Week**

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#### **A Prayer for our Military**

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family. Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this, our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for:

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## **Liturgical Ministers for April 2nd & 3rd**

### **Special Ministers of Communion**

4:00 PM Dushore T. Karaban, J. Hatch, T. Finan

7:30 AM Mildred J. Walsh, J. Doyle

9:30 AM Dushore T. Hembury, J. Hawke,  
J. Tourscher

### **Lectors**

4:00 PM Dushore N. Henne

7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble

9:30 AM Dushore J. Lambert, S. Wilcox

### **Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred R. Thomas

9:30 AM Dushore N. Werner, C. Werner

### **Greeters**

4:00 PM Dushore C. & C.A. Gindele

7:30 AM Mildred R. Hope

9:30 AM Dushore C. & P. Wylie, R. Hallam

### **In Loving Memory**



The Sanctuary Candle is a visual reminder of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, in the Tabernacle. Sanctuary Candles can be memorialized for \$25.00. The candle burns continuously for 14 days. Altar Candles can also be memorialized for \$20.00. These candles are lit only during Masses and last for one month. Please contact the rectory if you are interested.



### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in St. Francis of Assisi Rectory, Mildred. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Fifty Days taken as a unit comprise but a single holy day or feast, at which God gathers his scattered people to himself. He does so by joining them to Christ in the power of the Spirit. For this reason the feast is no longer a mere institution. It has become a person, the person of Christ. Crucified yet risen, he himself is our Pasch. To be gathered together in holy festivity, therefore, is to be gathered into him whose very person is itself the feast now brought to eschatological perfection.

~Abbot Patrick Regan

## Easter Feasting

We come to this solemnity of Easter, hungry for the bread of life and thirsty for the living waters Christ promises. The disciplines of Lent – almsgiving, prayer, and fasting – have taught us how to hunger, how to face our emptiness, poverty, and powerlessness. Like Mary of Magdala, we approach the tomb, expecting a corpse, but instead find emptiness and mystery. How many of us really know how to feast, how to give ourselves to the deep life-transforming love of God? We feel lost in the garden, unfamiliar with this Eden. Like Jesus's first friends and followers, we do not recognize him. We mistake him for a gardener, a stranger. The traditions of Easter season teach us how to recognize God's presence among us, even in our loss, weakness, confusion, and isolation. Whenever we recognize that God is in our midst, our mourning is turned to joy. The experience of the Triduum suggests to us that it is not our outer circumstances that dictate our happiness, but our inner state. Christian joy springs from a deep spiritual knowledge and experience of love's victory. There is no more death. Now there is truly nothing that can separate us from our God. This is what true feasting is about; we discover the miracle of God's presence where we least expect to find him – within ourselves.

A Blessing for an Easter Meal

God, our Father,  
as we gather to celebrate  
Christ's victory over death,  
we ask you to bless our family meal.

Bless all who share these foods,  
bless our absent loved ones,  
and fill us all with the joy of this day.

Bless the hands of those  
who prepared this feast.

May the food we eat  
and the fellowship we share today  
give us a foretaste of heaven  
and fill us with longing for eternity.

Grant this through Christ,  
our risen Lord. Amen.

## Hungering for Celebration



We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar, and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection or the back of the Church.

## Diocese of Scranton Human Resources/ Safe Environment Office

### Community Announcement

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.**

During the three hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider joining your community on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

**Saturday, April 9, 2016, begins at 9am**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore**

**\*Session will take place in Saint Francis of Assisi  
Rectory, Mildred.\***

**For registration and directions please call the  
Parish: 570-928-8865**

**VBS Update**

Pastors from the Sullivan County Ministerium, Ron Dyer, Redeemer Church; Cheryl Houser, United Methodist Church; Phyllis Pelletier, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; and Father Richard Rojas met on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in Redeemer Church, Dushore, to finalize plans for the annual community Vacation Bible School which will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> in St. Basil's Hall, Dushore. We will be recruiting help from parishioners to assist in different areas. Please watch the bulletin for more information. **Our first VBS planning meeting will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in St. Basil's Hall, Dushore. If you are able to help with VBS this year, please plan on attending.**

**Chosen: IHM Youth Program**

IHM Parish Youth (Grades 7-12) are invited to meet for spiritual enrichment! **The next meeting is Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM– 9:00PM in the Cave (St. Francis Rectory Basement, Mildred)** *Homemade goodies will be provided.* For more information contact Elly Rojas at 570-928-9819, register online at ihmdushore.com, or join our Facebook group Chosen by God

***Congratulations!***

We welcome to the Catholic Faith our RCIA Neophytes (newly planted). The RCIA process is challenging, transforming, and spiritually enhancing the life of our parish. We congratulate Lisa Major, Sean Murphy, Luke Manero, and Jamie Underkoffler.

New life here in our midst!

**Mission and Mystagogy**

“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” With those words, all the baptized are dismissed from the Eucharist. For those who were baptized at Easter, the significance of this is that it is a new dismissal. As catechumens, they were dismissed after the homily to continue being formed by the word of God and the teachings of the church. As neophytes, now they remain with the baptized and take their part in the work of the faithful: to offer intercession, praise, sacrifice, and thanksgiving to the Father. In other words, the baptized continue the work of Jesus, in whose name they pray, who is present within and among them and in the sacrament at the altar.

But the work of the baptized and the goal of Christian initiation is not completed by participating in the liturgy of the eucharist. The Eucharist itself is not complete until those who have celebrated it return to the world from which they came to continue to offer intercession, praise, and thanksgiving through their attitudes, actions, and interactions in everyday life. The mission of Jesus was to proclaim the Good News of God's reign and to bring all people to the Father, and that is the mission into which we all are baptized.

During the Fifty Days of Easter, and for about a year, the neophytes participate in mystagogy, a Greek word that means “teaching the mysteries.” The mysteries this refers to are primarily the sacraments. During this time, and throughout their lives, the neophytes and all the faithful deepen their understanding of what it means to continue to participate in all the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. At the end of every Mass, we are offered a small reminder that to participate in the sacraments is to take on the work and mission of Jesus.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.

<p>This space is available Call the Rectory (570) 928-8865 for more information</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.</b> <b>GOD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>We all love our dogs, but we love a clean dog even more.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mobile Dog Grooming</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I come to your home, you give me your dog and I take care of the rest!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Cathy at 570-772-8270 Call or Text 203-535-5472 or Email athy@cathyscanineconnection.com</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Backwoods Beauty</b> Men's, Women's &amp; Children's Hair Services Kayla Lambert-Stylist 570-660-4690</p>
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