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Alleluia!

"Yes, Christ, my hope is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you"
(Easter Sequence)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
TBA in bulletin

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY-FRIDAY:
9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:
SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MONDAY, APRIL 17 –
Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Jane D. Chupka (RIP) (Anniversary)
by Dave & Kim Chupka

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 –
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. John L. Chupka (RIP) (Anniversary)
by Dave & Kim Chupka

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 –
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Eileen MacDougall (RIP) by Pat Belhorn

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 –
Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Anna Kocinski (RIP) by Fran Starinchak

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 –
Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Ivan K. Hall (RIP) (Birthday)
Robert & Nellie Pallagi

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
5:00 p.m. Ivan K. Hall (RIP) (Birthday)
by Janine Kozlowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
8:15 a.m. Lucille Van Order (RIP) by Linda Platt
10:45 a.m. Tom Martin (RIP) by Sharon Martin
4:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish, Mass at Swasey Chapel, Denison University

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Larry Erickson, Darlene Erickson
8:15 a.m. Lisa Smith, Jennifer Zarins
10:45 a.m. Eric Guerin, Sheila Heist

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 16, 2017 – YEAR A

PRELUDE
7:30: vocal or instrumental selections
9:00 & 11:00: Sonata in D (Purcell, organ & trumpet)

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE:
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (#172)
GLORIA:
Mass in Honor of Saint Benedict (text on pg. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalm 118: This is the day… (p. 145)
SEQUENCE (Masses TBD):
Christians, to the Paschal Victim (p. 146)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, *O Filii et Filiae*, arr. Alstott (p. 147)
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:
I Saw Water Flowing

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN (all Masses):
The Day of Resurrection (#175)
SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, AGNUS DEI:
Mass in Honor of St. Benedict
COMMUNION HYMN: Festival Canticle:
Worthy Is Christ (#567)
COMMUNION (7:30): vocal or instrumental selection
COMMUNION (Bell Choir, 9:00 & 11:00):
Risen This Day (arr. Hayes)
COMMUNION (Choir, 9:00 & 11:00):
Thine Be the Glory (Budry/Hoyle/Handel)

CONCLUDING RITE
RECESSIONAL:
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (#161)

POSTLUDE
Rondeau (Mouret)

CANTORS
7:30: Karen Bovenizer
9:00: Deb Motz
11:00: Randy Kerr

TRUMPET
9:00 & 11:00: Jeffrey Korak

GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Ruby Hall
8:15 a.m. Robin Van Order
10:45 a.m. Sharon Martin

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR …

"Resurrexit sicut dexit" the Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! This Easter chant is the source of our hope and joy, and not just for today but for the next 50 days. On behalf of the entire staff and myself, I wish you and all our parishioners and friends of St. Edward that the Lord may free us all from being Christians without hope who live as if the Lord were not risen. May you know and live this (even if you didn't have a great Lent 😃

"The dominant sentiment that shines forth from the Gospel accounts of the resurrection is joy full of wonder, but a great wonder! Joy that comes from within! Let us allow the joyous wonder of Easter Sunday to shine forth in our thoughts, glances, behavior, gestures and words. It comes from within, from a heart immersed in the source of this joy. Whoever experiences this becomes a witness of the resurrection, for in a certain sense he himself has risen, she herself has risen. He or she is then capable of carrying a ray of light of the risen One into various situations: to those that are happy, making them more beautiful by preserving them from egoism; to those that are painful, bringing serenity and hope.

– Pope Francis

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. A.J. Paumier, Joey Paumier, Audrey Stankunas
8:15 a.m. John Cummiskey, Andrew Harms, Bryan Harms
10:45 a.m. Adeline Hannig, Shelby Heist, Shannon Heist

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Gary Kristensen, John Martin, Monna McCabe-Ashcraft, Gerry Moses, S.A. Beaver
8:15 a.m. Sharon Martin, Lisa Sloan, Eric Soiu, Kathy Stukus, Phil Stukus
10:45 a.m. Charlotte Markham, Lisa Maurer, Sandy McCullough, David Moore, Anne Ormond, Chris Patin, Jim Patin, Sharon Shallenberger, Dave Shallenberger

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Barb Scholten and Robin Van Order

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going strong! For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact the new Coordinator, Lauren Alspach at 330-760-0756 or Lauren.Alspach@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The Sunday offertory collection for April 2nd was $9,885.47.

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On Facebook, search SaintEdwardsChurch

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving

Easter Offerings can be made through the Online Giving Program. The Good Friday (April 14th) collection is the Diocesan Collection for the Holy Land. Please see the parish website for a direct link to the Online Giving Program. Thank you for your generous support and for using the Online Giving Program.

Flocknote

Join us and keep up to date with what is going on at St. Edwards! Please check out this link on our parish website and register for Flocknote. You can get updates from the Parish and from the ministry or social group you are a member of. Don't miss out on what is going on at St. Edward Church. Please call the office if you have any questions!

WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16 – Easter
Easter Egg Hunt – Noon
Monday, April 17
Parish Office Closed
Eucharistic Adoration – 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Chapel
Tuesday, April 18
Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge
Wednesday, April 19
Respect Life Committee – 9:30 a.m. – Conference Room
PSR – See schedule
Men's Faith Sharing Group – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge
Thursday, April 20
Scripture Study – 9:30 a.m. – Classroom 8
Knights of Columbus – 7:00 p.m. – Hall
Saturday, April 22
TMIY – 6:45 a.m. – Hall

RCIA

There is no RCIA session this week. The period of Mystagogia begins Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION – 2016-2017

Today, Sunday, April 16
NO CLASSES FOR GRADES 5-8 –
Have a wonderful Easter!

This Wednesday, April 19
Grades 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A...
Classes from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
15 minute break for dismissal and arrival
Grades 1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B...
Classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

CRS RICE BOWL
ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at your parish. Visit **crsricebowl.org** or contact the CRS diocesan director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@columbuscatholic.org for additional information.

GRANVILLE ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS is scheduled for June 5th-9th, and the host church is First Presbyterian. Join in "the best week of summer," by participating in *Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God.* All child registrations (age 4 to 6th grade), adult and teen volunteer sign-ups, and fee payments are done online at www.granvillevbs.com. Early Bird Registration is $25.00 per child or $50.00 per family until May 7th, and after that it is $30.00 per child and no family cap. The final deadline for all registrations is May 14th, so don't miss the opportunity to register.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know of someone who has left the Church and might be interested in finding their way home? St. Edward will offer the popular 5-week series, *Catholics Returning Home* beginning **Sunday-April 23rd for consecutive Sundays through May 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge.** Please invite anyone seeking more information to contact Mike Millisor at 587-4160 or reled@saintedwards.org.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♫ Alleluia! He is risen! Thank you to all of the choir members, bell choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, and all who have shared their musical gifts this Holy Week. Today's music abounds with alleluias and Easter joy, including the Bell Choir's three-hymn medley entitled "Risen This Day." May the world rejoice during this blessed Easter season!

~ Paul (740-587-3254, music@saintedwards.org)

RICE BOWL COLLECTION AT ST. EDWARD

Parishioners can turn in their Rice Bowl collection box for Catholic Relief Services in the Gathering Space and at the west entrance door.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or 740-404-3591. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please call Cindy.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a parish Easter Egg Hunt today, April 16th at noon (after the 11:00 Mass). Children ages 8 and under are invited. The egg hunt will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Parish Hall.

2017 FATHER LOWERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applications for the 2017 award of The Father Thomas J. Lowery Scholarship are now being accepted. Applications are available in the Parish office or may be completed and submitted online. Please see "Fr. Thomas J. Lowery Application" link on the Home page of our Parish website. The scholarship was established to honor the memory of our former pastor and is presented annually to any member of St. Edward Parish who is pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited institution. Former applicants who have not been recipients of the award are encouraged to reapply. Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office by May 16th.

APRIL SVDP FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, soup, spaghetti sauce, skillet dinners and personal items (toilet paper, toothpaste and laundry detergent). Thank you for all who participated in the *40 Days 40 Cans for Lent* campaign.

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

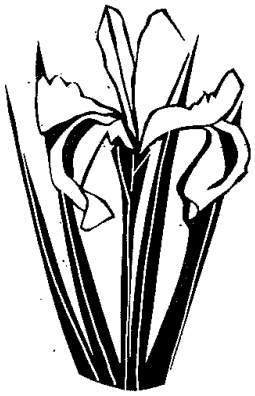
Dr. Donald Adams by Christine Adams
Dr. Donald B. Adams by June Adams
Phyllis & Ed August; and Margaret & Paul Rodocker by Jeff & Sharon Rodocker and Mark & Nita Ragor
Members of the Barbour and Terlecki Families by Deacon John & Cindy Barbour
Deacon Paul Belhorn by Patricia Belhorn
Genevieve & John Crecca, Alice & Walter Fischer, Arthur & Floss Casilli by John & Jodie Crecca
Art Curatti by Jean Curatti
Joshua Davis; Tom, Rosemary & Michael Wright; deceased Members of the Wright/Davis Family by Family
Irene Duque, Osvaldo Duque and Jack Singer by Rosalie Duque
Leslie Elfreich by Bob & Sally Elfreich
Robert & Virginia Evans and John & Davidine O'Neill by Dan & Peggy Evans
Joseph D. Feher, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Szczotka, Mrs. Nellie Kurowski, and Mrs. Anna Krutak by Mary L. Feher
Members of the Flautt and Ott Families by Martin & Carol Flautt
Ron Fuller, DVM by his girls – Sharon, Deanna & Nadine
Helen Gugle by William & Monica Graffeo
Dr. Ivan Hall by Ruby Hall
Pete & Shirley Harden, and Ron Dulan by Mark & Lynn Harden
Members of the Hinterschied and Bennington Families by Gregg & Barb Hinterschied
Mr. & Mrs. C.H. Hohman and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence O. Smith by Charles & JoAnn Hohman
Richard Horton, Eunice Archer; Harry & Ercel Wren by Paul & Kathy Horton
Members of the Jauch & Myers Families by John & Marilyn Jauch
Frances "Pat" Joliet by Jennifer Utrevis
Bud & Margaret Kalinoski by the Kalinoski Family
Members of the Kihm, Verdon McCarthy Families by Mary Verdon
Members of the Kiser and McMillan Families by Victoria Kiser
Janet E. Kistler by Harold Kistler
Betty Koenig by Jeff Huth and Jonna Koenig
Members of the Lesher and Mastenbrook Families by Robert & Selma Lesher
Members of the Lieberth and Doerger Families by John & Bernadette Lieberth
Cynthia Long by Bill & Cindy Kendrick
Rudy Lopo by Ursula Lopo
Eileen MacDougall by Patricia Belhorn
Emeline MacNealy and Margaret MacNealy Baldwin by Robert & Patricia McGaughy
Tom Martin by Sharon Martin
Matthew Joseph Mazur by Al & Pam Mazur
William McCarthy by Rosemary McCarthy
Earl, Coleen & John McCullough; and Gailard, Rita, Roger & Dave Shaw by Ken & Sandy McCullough
Elizabeth McDonald by Craig & Dianne McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Montis, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Del Viscio by Tom & Chris Montis
Dennis Mowery by John & Anne Kronk
Members of the Mullen, Levak and Carlson Families by Lorraine L. Carlson
Richard Oberfield by Family
Dorothy Plageman, Al Plageman, Vincent Meyer and Mary Meyer by Tom & Sharon Plageman
Members of the Prusaczyk and Boguski Families by Ginny & Joe Prusaczyk
Mike Quinette by Cathy & Jim Jordan
The Reding Clan by Helen Reding
Vilma Rempillo, Eden Tibor, Jonjie Rempillo, Donata Gamil, and Menandro Frayna by Kendall & Jeanette Carpenter
Sebastian & Elizabeth Reyna; Michael Smiley; and Jim & Ann Carter by Gary & Chris Carter
John Wm. Ronan by Diana Ronan
Christy Sanna by Michael Sanna
Herb & Helen Saunders by Tim & Cindy Hughes
Rosemary & John Shady; and Thomas Lamb, Sr. by Maureen & Don Yablonski
Damian Simon by Stephanie Luellen
Members of the Skufca and Stofcik Families; and Edward J. Starinchak, M.D. by Tony & Dottie Skufca
Stanley & Ann Stankunas, Willis & Betty Morris and Jim & Linda Purdy by Ray & Cindy Stankunas
Deceased Members of the Stevenson, Oliver and Diemoz Families by RoseAnn Stevenson
Phillip Valles and Josephine Shultz by Richard & Victoria Valles
Lucille (Easter Birthday) & Robert E. Van Order by Robin, Kevin & Jace
Herb Veach by Maurya Veach
Bill Vogelpohl by the Hock Family
Richard Wells by Bonnie Wells
Fr. Gus Winkler by Msgr. Paul P. Enke

In Honor of:

June Rose Adams by Christine Adams
Members of the Barbour and Terlecki Families by Dcn. John & Cindy Barbour
Jo Ann M. Clarke by Charles Clarke
Members of the Stevenson, Oliver and Diemoz Families by RoseAnn Stevenson
Bill & Cindy Kendrick; and Eric & Pam Soiu by Cathy Wine

Donations from:

Debbie Boissy
Philip Cassone
Mary Elliott
Mark Mitton-Fry
Gaylynn Gonzales
John & Clodagh Grayson
Wayde & Susan Gutridge
Herb & Pat Murphy
Stephen & Lori Noth
James & Patricia Ott
Al & Iris Pyzik



2017 The Edwardians!

A Senior Social Group – Men and Women, age 50 and up

"A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER SEASON TO YOU FROM THE EDWARDIANS."

****Please note: Accepting RSVPs on all events. Motorcoaches limited by number of seats ****

THURSDAY, May 11th – Luncheon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, located on Seminary Road off of Thornwood Drive, Heath**. Arrive 11:45 a.m. Lunch served 12:00 noon. Cost $13.00 per person**. St. Edward Parishioner, Robert Montagnese, President and CEO of Licking Memorial Hospital, will speak on: Active and Fit Program for Seniors, Health Care Today and Future, Drug Addiction – all ages, etc. Question and answer session. **Reservation due and paid by May 7th.**

MONDAY and TUESDAY, June 19th and 20th – Two Day Motorcoach Trip to Marietta, 51 seats. Cost $58.00 per person – Double Occupancy. Bus arrives at 7:30 a.m. Depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. **The Catholic Foundation Grant contributed to this trip**. **Seats sold out!** Taking names for a waiting list.

TUESDAY July 11th – "MYSTERY DAY" trip on a Deluxe Motorcoach. 50 seats. Inclusive price of $48.00 per person. Motor Coach arrives at St. Edward at 7:30 a.m. Departs promptly at 8:00 a.m. Don't miss this day of adventure, thrills, surprises, etc., that you will long remember and upon return, will tell all of your friends about this mystery. Dress very casual! Reservations close when bus is full. Bus is not handicap-accessible. **Reservation due and paid by July 6th.**

FRIDAY, August 11th – "Back Woods Whole Hog Roast" at Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Shelter House, located on Seminary Road off of Thornwood Drive, Heath. Cost $3.00 per person, arrive 5:30 p.m. eat 6:30 p.m. Looking for **100 people** to come and enjoy the feast of a whole hog on the grill cooked by Chef Chris and served with all the trimmings! Coffee and soft drink beverages furnished. Bring your B.Y.O.B. cooler. **The Catholic Foundation Grant contributed to this event. Reservation due and paid by August 7th.**

For full details on any activity, email lindawoolard@windstream.net or phone 740-323-3105. Note: You may pay for multi events in one check. For all events, make a check payable to THE EDWARDIANS. Mail to Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road, Newark, OH 43055.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

HELPING HANDS – A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVICE OUTREACH

On Saturday, April 22nd, our Knights Council at St. Edward's will begin a service outreach for people in need within our Parish and local community. The goal is to provide labor and assistance for necessary home repairs and maintenance or minor home improvements to those in need. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in this ministry, and also collecting applications for assistance. The number and priority of projects selected will be dependent on the urgency of the need, available volunteer manpower and timing. To sign up as a volunteer, or to submit an application for assistance, please call the Helping Hands Message Line at 740-527-0517.

ST. EDWARD PRESCHOOL 2017-2018 REGISTRATION

St. Edward's Preschool is accepting applications for enrollment for 2017-2018. We welcome families to visit our preschool and ask that you call/email ahead so we can arrange a tour. Packets of registration information are available on a table outside the Preschool office, in the Gathering Space by the doors, and are downloadable from www.saintedwardspreschool.org. For more information, contact Adrienne Evans, St. Edward's Preschool Director, at (740) 587-3275 or preschool@saintedwards.org.

THREE BAGS FULL EVENT

Three Bags Full is sponsoring a Kids Clothing, Toys & Baby Gear sale April 26th-29th at the Hartford Fairgrounds in Croton. If you would like to donate items there is a special pick-up here in the church parking lot on April 23rd from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. or you can call ahead at 614-325-0063 for a special pickup time. **A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Edward and the St. Vincent Haven.** See the flyers on our bulletin boards for more details. www.threebagsfull.info

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER DAY

On Friday, May 5th, Newark Catholic students will be volunteering their services to those in need. St. Joseph the worker Day has been a long tradition in service of our community. Students are available for yardwork and light housework on May 5th from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. If you would like to schedule help for loved ones, please email Julie Waggoner at waggoner.julie@gmail.com or leave a message with your name and contact number, at 740-344-3594 no later than April 17th.

SAVE ENERGY & SAVE MONEY FOR FAMILIES IN NEED DONATIONS OF LED LIGHT BULBS ARE NEEDED

Electricity prices continue to rise, which means more of your hard earned money goes to pay the electric bill. For low income and needy families in Licking County, the struggle to pay basic household costs, including their electric bill is particularly challenging. St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Licking County Solar Cooperative have teamed up to distribute energy efficient LED light bulbs to families utilizing the SVdP Food Pantry.

LED light bulbs use 85% less energy than regular incandescent bulbs. Less energy used means lower electric bills. Replacing just three incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs can save a household at least $32 in annual electricity costs.

Donations are needed! **Please donate 60 watt equivalent LED light bulbs for distribution via the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.** LED light bulbs can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 135 Wilson Street in Newark.

Funding for this effort is also being accepted to support this project. Your financial contribution enables St. Vincent de Paul to take advantage of tax-free, bulk purchase pricing (approximately $1.00 per bulb). Your support means more bulbs and more energy savings for even more families. **Checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul with "LED bulbs" in memo line and mailed to St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville, OH 43023.**

"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY …."

We are seeking volunteers in two areas: to cook dinner, and assist staff at the **St. Vincent Haven, our St. Vincent de Paul shelter for men that are Homeless**. Most volunteers schedule themselves for one night a month, or are on-call as occasional subs, in case another volunteer is sick. Training is provided. Volunteer job descriptions:

– **Meal preparation:** Meal volunteers typically work with a team of 2-6 people. The team can be from your church, your work, your friends, or your own family – a rewarding way to spend time together and put your faith into practice. Most people prepare the food off-site and deliver and serve at the Haven at 5:30 p.m. However, there is also an opportunity to teach cooking to help the men be more self-sufficient when they get housing, so let us know if that interests you.

– **Staff Assistants:** Work near the front door, 4:00-8:00 p.m. to buzz in visitors and residents and answer questions or summon staff. Some volunteers prefer to work with a friend or family member, but that is not required.

The Haven is located next to the SVDP Thrift Store at 115 Wilson St. Call Judith Waite Allee, (740) 975-9606, to talk about volunteering, including other talents you may wish to share.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thanks to many volunteers, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 135 Wilson Street in Newark has had a facelift and reorganization!

With our increased sales, we are in need of more volunteers to help sort donations, or run the register and help customers check out. No experience needed, just a willing heart to help! If you have even an hour or two each week to help out, you would be appreciated as part of an enthusiastic and vital group of volunteers that enable the store to accomplish our mission: to support the Food Pantry and Men's Haven, as well as the fund for homeless women and children in Licking County. Please consider stopping by the Thrift Store (anytime Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. or Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) and see where YOU might help!

Many thanks to those of you who are already part of the fantastic volunteer team at the store! Questions? Call Barb Scholten at 740-258-3230.

MOM PROM

ALL ladies are invited to the 5th Annual Mom Prom for Heartbeats! This year's Mom Prom will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Annex, 411 East Main Street, Newark on Friday, April 21st from 7:00-10:30 p.m. Don't stress about the dress! Pull out your old prom dress, bridesmaids or bridal gowns, anything goes at this true Ladies Night Out for Charity! The cost is $25.00, which includes appetizers, mixers, dance music and a photo booth donated by Big City Photo Booth! **One hundred percent of ALL profits go to Heartbeats of Licking County!** Please RSVP by Monday, April 17th to 740-345-4125 or 740-345-4290.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us at Blessed Sacrament Church (378 E. Main Street, Newark) for **Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23rd** with Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation will be offered from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction is at 3:00 p.m**. *Everyone is invited and encouraged to come, sit in Adoration and attend this very beautiful and moving devotion.* For more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

PILGRIMAGE TO CAREY

The St. Leonard Women's Guild is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, on Tuesday April 18th. There are a limited number of seats available. Please contact Susie Gribble at skgribble@gmail.com or 740-404-9853 for details.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Proclaim New Life in Christ

Great and glorious God,
you who have given us life from the creation of the world
you who have raised Christ from the dead,
you who have sent us holiness each day,
dwell in our hearts joyfully.
May our joy never cease,
our faith never waver,
and our life in Christ continue to flourish.
As we proclaim Christ risen and alive,
may we find him each day
in one another, in our homes and our work,
and, strengthened through our lives of faith,
bring all home to new life in him.
We ask this through Christ,
our Risen Savior, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen. Alleluia.

April 16, 2017
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; Sequence Victimae paschali laudes; John 20:1–9. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, Mary Magdalene is expecting to spend time in the quiet in the darkness before dawn to mourn the death of Jesus. But she finds that the stone has been removed. Peter and other disciples come to the tomb, with their own expectations, and find only the burial cloths. Christ, the Paschal Victim, has been raised from the dead. Where is the stone?

Have you removed the stone that has been blocking your heart? Have the cloths that have covered your buried goodness been set aside? Resurrection is the joy of living fully in Christ. New life in Christ must be celebrated. It is all good news. Christ, who is our hope, our Redeemer, and our life, is with us.

Easter is an opportunity to begin anew. The joy of the Resurrection should be unabashed joy, bold and unafraid. Christ has removed our burial cloths, and our renewal of baptismal promises reminds us that life in Christ is lived in the assembly of the faithful. The whole community shouts for joy: Alleluia! Find your newness of life and name it. Celebrate that new life with wholehearted singing and laughter. What has died within you has been changed into new life for the future. Throw open the windows, let in the light, and sing Alleluia! The Sequence today announces it firmly: Christ is risen from the dead, by this he has given us new life.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 17
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad!

We hear in today's Gospel that the Apostles took hold of Jesus' feet and worshipped him. This week is full of the joys of the Resurrection. Let this be reflected in your home with flowers, white cloths, and any kind of light, from natural sunlight to candles. May your environment reflect the Alleluia brought to our lips with the Risen Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 18
I Have Seen the Lord! Alleluia!

"I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." In Jesus' words to Mary Magdalene, we are reminded that we are united with Christ through our belief in him. Through the Risen Christ, we are joined to the Father. In being joined to Christ, we are also joined to all who believe. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 19
Our Hearts Were Burning

When Jesus is walking with us, we can discern the true path. When Jesus is in our conversation, our hearts burn with the understanding that the Holy Spirit brings. When the bread that we break reveals God in our midst, we proclaim: Alleluia! During this Easter season, we may want to seek to open our hearts to the ways Christ is present to us. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 20
Faith in the Name of the Lord

Peter and John heal not by their own power but in the name of the Lord. That faith and that name are our inheritance. Repentance, healing, preaching to all nations—all are to be "in his name." Carry with you this day that joyful message: that it is God working through us that accomplishes our salvation. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 21
God of Surprises

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus provided an abundant number of fish for the disciples when they cast their net as he directed. As these disciples came ashore, he surprised them further with a breakfast that had been cooked over coals. How open are you to the surprises that God has prepared for you? *Today's Readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2, 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 22
Rejoice, Believe, and Proclaim

Have you found joy in your encounters this week? We carry our Easter joy especially throughout the Octave of Easter, finding daily opportunities to discover light, happiness, and good news in daily tasks, encounters, and experiences. It is not a time for hardness of heart, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today. Let your attitude spread the Good News of Christ, who has died and risen for us. Alleluia! *Today's Readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1, 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*

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The Catechism Corner

Happy Easter – On this Easter Sunday we read paragraphs **638-658,** entitled "On the Third Day he Rose from the Dead." **638 –** The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ. Christ is risen from the dead! Dying he conquered death; to the dead he has given life. **639 –** The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified. **640 –** The first element we encounter in the framework of Easter is the empty tomb. **641 –** Mary Magdalene and the holy women who had come to finish the anointing of Jesus body were the first to encounter the risen Christ. **642 –** Those who were witnesses of the risen Christ remain the foundation stones of the Church. **651 –** The Resurrection, above all, constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. **652 –** Christ's resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises of both the Old Testament and Jesus himself during his earthly life. **654 –** The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death Jesus liberates us from death, by his Resurrection he opens for us the way to new life. **655 –** Finally, Christ's Resurrection, and the risen Christ himself, is the principle and source of our future resurrection. In Christ, Christians "have tasted … the powers of the age to come." Alleluia He is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!!

PART-TIME PARISH OFFICE CLERK

St. Francis de Sales Church is seeking an office clerk to work approximately 10 hours a week. The primary responsibility will be compiling the weekly bulletin information for the printer, with filing and other miscellaneous administrative duties as assigned. Candidates should possess customer service skills and be proficient in Microsoft Word. Please submit resume and cover letter by Friday, April 21st to bhoward@stfrancisparish.net

PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

Discover the key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage at this special event led by author and speaker, Dr. Allen Hunt of Dynamic Catholic Inc. It will be held Sunday, May 7 at St. Catharine Church in Columbus from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $25.00 per person and can be obtained online at www.DynamicCatholic.com. A limited number of tickets can also be obtained through the Religious Education Office here at St. Edward 740-587-4160 or reled@saintedwards.org

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St. Edward Stewardship

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It is Easter! Today is a day of great joy for us as Catholics. The joy is reflected all around us in the way that people are dressed, in the way they approach Mass on this day. They key for us today is to carry that joy away from Mass to our celebrations and our lives.

We hear about similar joy in today's Gospel from St. John. When Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb and discovers it empty, she does not walk leisurely back to tell the others. She runs, filled with excitement and with the same joy we must feel. Joy is contagious. That is what we need to spread when we go forth on this glorious day.

Easter for us should be an encounter with the Risen Lord. We are to share the Good News. That is what Mary of Magdala does. Perhaps we have a difficult time talking about the joy we feel at Easter and at other times in the Church. We should not be hesitant; sharing the joy is part of being a disciple of Christ; it is what makes us an "Easter people."

All of the Gospels tell of the Resurrection of Christ. They may differ in some details, but they all agree that Christ is Risen. When His Apostles go forth to spread the Good News, they speak of His Resurrection, not the empty tomb. That is what we need to do, what we need to share — the Easter joy of being a Catholic and a Christian. www.catholicsteward.com.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE DINNER EVENT

Bethesda Healing Ministry invites you to gather for a very special Dinner Event on Thursday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Agatha Parish. We gather in the name of "The Family Circle" delightfully directed by Father Wm Hahn, Coordinator of Catholic Parishes in Chillicothe Ohio. Fr. Hahn brings a deep Love for men, women and family to his keynote. Patrick Madrid graciously serves as Master of Ceremonies and pre-dinner 5:00 p.m. Mass Celebrant, Fr. Martin Martiny, O.P., brings unique insights and experience having served in a Dominican Mission in Kisumu, Kenya serving with special emphasis on God's love and mercy. For reservations: Tickets are $40.00 each and can be purchased online at BethesdaHealing.org or by calling Kathy Conway at 614-309-7958.

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

***"Christ gives us his risen life, he rises in us, if we become sharers in his cross and his death. We should love the cross, self-sacrifice and mortification. Christian optimism is not something sugary, nor is it a human optimism that things will 'work out well.' No, its deep roots are awareness of freedom and faith in grace. It is an optimism which makes us be demanding with ourselves. It gets us to make a real effort to respond to God's call." ~*SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**

Monday, April 17 ~ Monday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.' And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

Meditation: Have you ever asked what the basis is of our faith in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"(Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the "eyes of our hearts" that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with "new life in his Holy Spirit". Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. "Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?" Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

Tuesday, April 18 ~ Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18 Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you

carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

Meditation: The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

Wednesday, April 19 ~ Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Meditation: St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth "that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth" (from The Harmony of the Gospels, 3.25.72) How often do we

fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

Prayer: O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Thursday, April 20 ~ Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Meditation: Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Saint Jerome, a Bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

Prayer: O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Friday, April 21 ~ Friday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

Meditation: Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people" for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation, "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life and do you receive his word with faith?

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