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Alleluia!

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

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Kitty Alexander (RIP) Brad & Lisa Smith

Monday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Frances Starinchak (RIP) by Sally Branson

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Dave Gaul (RIP) by Dcn. John & Cindy Barbour

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Rena De Silvestri (RIP) by Mark & Paula Coleman

Thursday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Richard Carlson (RIP) by Gerry & MaryAnn Moses

Friday, April 21 St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 9:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Gribble and George Gribble (RIP)

by Susie, Rose, & Greg

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Carl Engblom (RIP) by Msgr. Paul Enke Sunday, April 23 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Tatla Dager (RIP) by Judith Novak

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

'Vivace' from Voluntary VI, Op. VII (J. Stanley, 1712-1786) INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: Alleluia! Alleluia! (#171)

SPRINKLING RITE: I Saw Water Flowing (arr. R. DeBruyn)

** see "Notes from the Loft **

GLORIA: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict (text: inside front cover or p. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good... (p. 139) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 140)

OFFERTORY: We Walk by Faith (#514)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, LAMB OF GOD: Mass in Honor of

St. Benedict

COMMUNION: Ye Sons and Daughters (#172)

CONCLUDING RITE

CLOSING: The Day of Resurrection (#167)

CANTORS TBD



WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

Happy Easter Season! We hope to see you return and be a part of the parish!
We're waiting for you. You are missed.
You are always welcome – no matter what.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

The Lenten Rice Bowl program has now ended. Please return your Rice Bowl to the box located in the Gathering Space or donate online. Thank you.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Alleluia! He is Risen! During the Easter season, we sing "I Saw Water Flowing" as we are sprinkled with Holy Water. The musical setting that our parish has sung for many years is no longer printed in our hymnal, but here are the words:

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 1) The water flowed, Alleluia! Flowed from the temple, Alleluia!
- 2) It brought God's life, Alleluia! And His salvation, Alleluia!
- 3) The people sang, Alleluia! They sang in joyful praise, Alleluia! Text: Based on Ezekiel 47:1–2, 9; © 1973, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: Randall DeBruyn, © 1987, OCP. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE A-731140.





"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Happy Easter Season! WELCOME all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship today! To our visitors, 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. Children are always welcome at Mass! We hope you will return regularly to worship at St. Edward Church! If you would like to be a member of St. Edward Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Church Office, or call us at 740-587-3254. *God bless you!*

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Ministry Scheduler Pro	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lector:	Altar Servers:		
April 15-16 – Second Sunday in Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday					
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Ava Vadala Mandy Vadala	Christopher Haight	Annabell Bergeron Kara Bergeron		
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Stephanie Dodd Dianne McDonald	Philip Stukus	Bryan Harms Andrew Harms		
Sunday,10:45 a.m.	Richard Hoben Annie Lach	Pushkar Baum	Augustine Dodd Rylee Gray		
April 22-23 – Third Sunday in Easter					
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	S.A. Beaver Karen Kolbe	Charles Peterson	Dean Long Case Long		
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Gary Carter Chris Carter	Lisa Smith	Isaac Gardner Jonathan Gardner		
Sunday,10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Joe Krempel	Robin Krempel	Ella Clark Peter Moberg		

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

SVDP - 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge

PSR - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Faith Discussion - 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on the choir loft

Knights of Columbus Measure-up Collection after Mass MONDAY, APRIL 17

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

TUESDAY. APRIL 18

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Bell Choir - 7:30 p.m. on the choir loft

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

PSR - 6:00 p.m.; High School Class - 7:15 p.m.

Painting Class – 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Men's Rosary & Faith - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY. APRIL 20

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Finance Council – 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Choir – 7:00 p.m. on the choir loft

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

No Painting Class

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Saturday Men's Fellowship - 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall Jesus Day Retreat for First Communion – 9:00-11:30 a.m. Confession - 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mass - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Mass - 10:45 a.m.

SVDP Meeting – 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge

PSR – 9:30 a.m. (NO 2nd Grade PSR)

Adult Faith Discussion - 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

Choir - 9:30 a.m.

Second Collection -

Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. Congratulations to all those receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil. (see below)



From left to right, we congratulate Evan Mauger, who received Baptism; Austin Albright, who was Confirmed and received First Eucharist; Ashlynn Mauger, who was Baptized

and received First Eucharist; Frances Delaney Serrick, who was Confirmed; Sandy Tilson, who was Confirmed and received First Eucharist; Dave Addis, who was Confirmed and received First Eucharist. We pray God's blessing be upon them forever.

2. A very big thank-you to all who made our Holy Week and Easter so beautiful and prayerful: Fr. Ghiloni, Deacon John Barbour, Rebecca Bucknam, our music director Paul Radkowski and wonderful choir and instrumentalists, Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Parish Office staff, those decorating the church, Sarah Moberg for the lovely floral arrangements that grace the outdoor entrances, the Knights of Columbus who provided the Easter Egg Hunt after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, and our custodial staff, Diane and Pat Kinney and Floyd Lahmon.

And to the good people of our parish, thank you for making all of this work! It was wonderful to see all of you here!

FISH FRY FINAL UPDATE

From Jim and Kathi Jackson, Co-chairs, 2023 St. Ed's Fish Fry

St. Ed's Fish Fry season is a great parish activity, which

draws us together in a large cooperative project to serve our parish, our greater community AND support the good works of our Catholic mission. We thank all of the volunteers who made our Fish Fry a success. We had an average of 580 paid customer meals served each week totaling 2,911 meals. We served 64% of meals in the dining room, with the remainder of the customers using take-out service (400 cars in total). We served literally more than 2 1/2 TONS of food: 1,400 lbs. of fish, 1,150 lbs. of fries, 220 lbs. of coleslaw, 200 lbs. of salad, 2,200 lbs. of beverages (tea, coffee, beer, soft drinks), plus, an incalculable number of desserts (millions of calories, most likely). The final results generated \$21,460.00 in NET proceeds. Part will fund our parish, with Msgr. Enke generously directing 30% of the net proceeds to Saint Vincent Haven. SVH requires increased funding to support the recently expanded facility from 26 beds to 50 bed capacity. **THANK** YOU to all volunteers who labored to make this a huge success! THANK YOU for everyone's prayers and kindness after the eventful last Fish Fry #5. Both JD and Kathi are doing well and are encouraged by the big love that has been shared. If you have not ever helped with our Fish Fry, you don't know what you are missing! Be sure to sign up for next year's Fish Fries on February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2024!



Graduating HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Save the Date! GRADUATION MASS on Sunday, May 21st at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Following Mass in the Parish Hall

for Graduates and their Families. RSVP to the Church Office at 740-587-3254.

ST. EDWARD MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIALS



If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of your mother, please fill out the form. The suggested donation is \$10.00. You may drop

the form with your donation in the offertory basket or mail it to the church by May 7. A listing of memorials will be published in the Mother's Day bulletin.

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In Honor of:



Schedule Mass Intentions

- Please contact Maggie at the church office at maggie@ saintedwards.org to schedule a Mass Intention for a deceased or living loved one, or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.
- There are various openings for 2023 Mass Intentions starting in May.
- If you request a Mass Intention for a certain day, but that day has been previously scheduled, your intention can be scheduled on another day.
- To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.



The **Food Pantry** needs this week are canned fruit, laundry detergent, peanut butter and jelly. Hamburger Helper and toilet tissue are ongoing needs. Please put donations in the box in the Gathering Space or the wooden box outside of the Parish Office. Thank you for your continuous donations!

CAN YOU HELP A PARISHIONER?

Eugene Gray, Jr., a longtime member of the parish, has experienced some medical issues and may not be able to maintain his driving privileges. If you could help assist him with transportation, please call Lisa McClanahan at 614-306-0410. Thank you.



NEW! ST. EDWARD'S OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, April 30th, the newly formed St. Edward's Outdoor Fellowship will meet for a hike. Two hike options are available (easy and intermediate). Bring water and wear good sturdy shoes. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and then caravan to Black Hand Gorge for our first outing. All ages are welcome! Contact Craig and Dianne McDonald if you have guestions at 614-296-5910.



Remember in Your Prayers

For Catholics to Return to Church

Bishop Fernandes & All Bishops to Share the Word of Christ Msgr. Enke, Fr. Hayes & All Priests

For Young Men to Heed the Call to Become a Priest
All who were Confirmed, Baptized and received 1st Eucharist
PSR and Children's Liturgy Teachers
Youth Programs

All Sick & Homebound Parishioners

~The St. Edward Prayer Chain Will Pray for Your Needs~ Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 for prayers

WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD





Santa says there is still room in the attic. If you missed the collection weekend and can't wait until the sale set up week of October 28 to November 2, the attic still has room for your donation! Contact Selma Lesher at 740-927-3805 or the Parish Office to make arrangements for your donations.



DUFFEL BAG PROJECT by The Women of St. Edward

Did you know that 700 children, ages infant to 18, enter foster care every day, many right here in Licking County? Many who are taken out of their homes are given a garbage bag to put their belongings into. We believe the children deserve a duffel bag – not a trash bag – to transport their things.

We are collecting duffel bags or soft-sided suitcases which will be given to agencies in Licking County to give to a child who is being relocated. In each duffel, we will include a toiletry bag with items such as toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, brush, shampoo, etc. We are asking for help from the parish. We are collecting new or gently used, foldable duffel bags or soft-sided suitcases (with no wheels), along with monetary donations we can use to purchase toiletries and additional bags. We are focusing on ages 4 to 12. A box will be in the Gathering Space to receive any donations. Questions? Contact Karen Kolbe at 740-975-9490; Lisa Matula at 740-501-4491; or Betty Terlecky at 937-620-7028. Thank you!



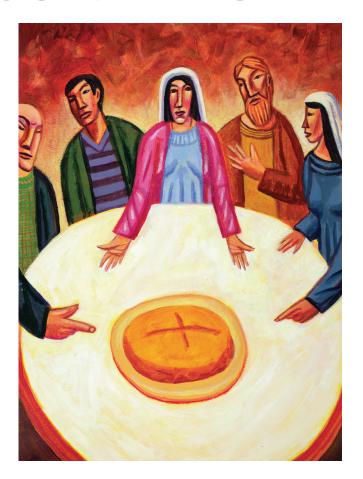
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Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. Women's Candlelight Retreat in Parish Hall

The Women of Saint Edward are planning an amazing evening of Faith Formation for women of our parish. The guest speaker is Emily Jaminet who will speak on how we can grow in our love for the Lord with the verse: John 15:9... "Abide in My Love."

Do you have God's blessing of the spirit of **Hospitality** and **Friendship?** If so, please host a table of six to eight women at the event! Invite family, friends, co-workers! Contact Janice Schroeder at 419-265-0266, Monica Addis at 740-927-3913 or Noelle Gremling at 614-323-8335.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Gift of Mercy

God of mercy, you rain down compassion upon a world in great need of healing and shower humanity with unconditional love. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts today. Help each of us to receive your gift of mercy and allow it to transform our lives. As we celebrate in Easter joy, make us instruments of peace and mercy in our families, communities, and Church. Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy

Today's readings: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31. During the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska and declared that the universal Church would henceforth observe the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. As we end the Octave of Easter, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of the resurrection in the light of God's infinite mercy. The richness of God's mercy radiates through today's Scriptures and especially in Jesus' compassionate response toward Thomas' unbelief. The gift of mercy is explicitly given when Jesus commissions his disciples as ministers of divine mercy: "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you

forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22–23). Through entrusting the first disciples with the gift of forgiving sins, Jesus initiated a waterfall of mercy for all of humanity.

Sr. Faustina repeatedly heard a call to proclaim God's mercy to the world. She promoted the chaplet of divine mercy to raise spiritual awareness of God's mercy. Today, many Catholics will visit shrines devoted to divine mercy and pray the chaplet of divine mercy. Our Church announces to the world that God is merciful and that we are invited to rest in his loving embrace. May our hearts grow more aware of the mercy of God in our lives. In turn, may we actively show mercy to those who need it most.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 17 Follow Acts

A reading from Acts is proclaimed on nearly each day of the Easter season. Written as a continuance of his Gospel account, Luke paints the broad strokes of the Church's development from the resurrection of Jesus to Paul's first imprisonment. Luke emphasizes the powerful role of the Holy Spirit in the formation of the Christian community and the spread of the Word of God. Read Acts through to gain a perspective of how this period unfolded. *Today's readings: Acts* 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.

Tuesday, April 18 Everyone Had Enough

The early Christian community laid the groundwork for upholding the common good by placing their treasure in a common purse to be shared fairly across the community. As a result, everyone had enough. Religious communities and some other intentional Christian communities follow this practice to this day. The care for the whole community supersedes the wants of the individual. While this ideal may seem radical to our modern way of thinking, there is much to be learned. How can you more intentionally share from our wealth with the most vulnerable in society? *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 19 Walk in the Light

During the Advent season as we await the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah announces, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus himself proclaims, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). In today's Gospel reading, Jesus equates light with the eternal power of good and dark with the power of evil. As Christians, we are invited to walk in the light,

to seek the truth, and to practice goodness. *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, April 20 Obey God

When confronted by the temple leaders about their bold preaching, Peter and the apostles reply, "We must obey God" (Acts 5:29). The Latin root of the word *obey* means "listen" or "hear." This is powerful instruction for us today. There are so many loud and competing voices in the world. As Christians, we are charged to listen to the voice of God. Attending carefully to the preaching of the apostles in Acts and the speeches of Jesus in the Gospel of John will strengthen the words of truth in our hearts and help drown out all others. *Today's readings: Acts* 5:27–33; *Psalm* 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; *John* 3:31–36.

Friday, April 21

My Light and My Salvation

Our responsorial psalm for today captures the essence of Easter faith. We keep our eyes glued on the Lord throughout our earthly life with hope that we will rest in the house of the Lord for all of eternity. Carry Psalm 27 in your pocket, tape it on your bathroom mirror, and pray it daily until you have it memorized. It will carve a path to holiness. *Today's readings: Acts* 5:34–42; *Psalm* 27:1, 4, 13–14; *John* 6:1–15.

Saturday, April 22

Miracles Abound

We hear of two powerful miracles in today's readings. Acts relates that the number of those in Jerusalem coming to believe in Jesus "increased greatly" (Acts 6:7). John's Gospel recounts how Jesus rejoined the disciples in the boat by walking across the water. Which miracle stirs your heart more: the exponential number of people coming to faith or Jesus walking across the sea? Take it to prayer. *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*





Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments

"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)

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

"If souls would put themselves completely in my care, I myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart." +Jesus speaking to Saint Faustina Kowalska, The Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary, 1682 (59) May 1, 1938.

Monday, April 17 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-8 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Meditation: Notice how hungry Nicodemus was for God's word – so hungry that he became the closest disciple of Jesus. He sought Jesus out, though surreptitiously in the dead of the night. Why? Nicodemus was a "leader of the Jews" and "a teacher of Israel" (ref. John 3:10), and a member of the religious party most opposed to the teaching of Jesus. In fact it was Nicodemus' own group, the Pharisees, which intimidated the authorities against confessing Jesus (ref. John 12:42).Instead he engaged him in a seemingly unrelated topic of conversation. Jesus said that rebirth was necessary to enter the kingdom of God. Of course, Nicodemus the Pharisee had already found religion, so he thought that Jesus must have referred to physical rebirth. No, Jesus responded, someone who is reborn spiritually knows the experience as surely as one who has been refreshed by an invisible breeze. How can a respected rabbi among the Jews not know this? And that is precisely the point. Nicodemus is the first of what we might loosely call the official clergy with whom Jesus has personal engagement. The Gospel portrays Nicodemus as a defender of Jesus' right to a fair trial (ref. John 7:51). Nicodemus also helped to bury Jesus with honor. Nicodemus did not understand the new birth which Jesus spoke of until after the resurrection.

Prayer: Grant we pray, almighty God, that we, who have been renewed by Paschal remedies, transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage, may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We're familiar with the term "born again" or to be "reborn" in Christ. What does it mean? The new birth Jesus speaks of is a spiritual birth to new life and relationship with God as his sons and daughters. This new birth is made possible when one is baptized into Christ and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. God wants to renew all his people in the gift of new life in his Holy Spirit. This new life brings us into God's kingdom or heavenly rule – a never-ending life of love, peace, joy, and freedom from sin and the fear of death. Do you know the joy and freedom of new life in Jesus Christ?

Tuesday, April 18 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:7b-15 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it

goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to him, 'How can this happen?" Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Meditation: Jesus spoke to Nicodemus of the power of his cross and a "new birth in the Spirit." The Hebrew word for "spirit" means both "wind" and "breath." Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You can hear, feel, and see the effects of the wind, but you do not know where it comes from. In like manner, you can see the effects of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those the Spirit touches." Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus the necessity of the crucifixion and resurrection by analogy with Moses and the bronze serpent in the desert. When the people of Israel were afflicted with serpents in the wilderness because of their sin, God instructed Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Book of Numbers 21:8).

Prayer: Enable us, we pray, almighty God, to proclaim the power of the risen Lord, that we, who have received the pledge of his gift, may come to possess all he gives when it is fully revealed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The bronze serpent points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (ref. Isaiah 11) that we may live for God and serve him in the power of his strength. Christ came to serve, not to be served. Do you lovingly serve others as Christ served us?

Wednesday, April 19 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:16-21 God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Meditation: Do you know the love which surpasses all else? A true lover holds nothing back but gives the best that can be offered, even everything in their possession for the beloved. God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer – his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. Abraham's willing sacrifice of his only son, Isaac prefigures the perfect offering and sacrifice of God's beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This passage in the gospel of John tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love.

Prayer: As we recall year by year the mysteries by which, through the restoration of its original dignity, human nature has received the hope of rising again, we earnestly beseech your mercy, Lord, that what we celebrate in faith we may possess in unending love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. This all takes place by the choices

we make – our "free will." If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Does he take first place in your life, in your thoughts, and actions? Are your choices guided by the love of God? If not, why not?

Thursday, April 20 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.

Meditation: God's truth has consequences and he gives us the freedom to choose how we will respond. The choice he gives us has eternal consequences – everlasting life or everlasting death. God challenged his people in the Old Covenant: "See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil...I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him" (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). And he issues the same challenge to the people of the New Covenant today. And so we must ask ourselves... Do you weigh the consequences of your choices? Do they lead you towards life or towards death? If you choose to obey God's voice and to do his will, then you will know and experience that life which comes from God himself. If you choose to follow your own way apart from God and his will, then you choose for death – a spiritual death which poisons and then kills the soul until there is nothing left but an empty person devoid of love, truth, goodness, purity, peace, and joy. Do your choices lead you towards God or away from God?

Prayer: O God, who for the salvation of the world brought about the Paschal sacrifice, be favorable to the supplications of your people, so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf, may by his likeness to ourselves bring us reconciliation, and by his equality with you free us from our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you hunger for the true life which God offers through the gift of his Holy Spirit? The Jews understood that God gave a certain portion of his Spirit to his prophets. When Elijah was about to depart for heaven, his servant Elisha asked for a double portion of the Spirit (2 Kings 2:9). Jesus tells his disciples that they can believe the words he speaks because God the Father has poured his Spirit on him in full measure, without keeping anything back. The function of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth to us. When we receive the Holy Spirit he enables us to recognize and understand God's truth. Jesus is the Word of God and he gives us his Holy Spirit so that we can recognize his truth and live according to it.

Friday, April 21 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter Optional Memorial: Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-15 John Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Meditation: Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life.

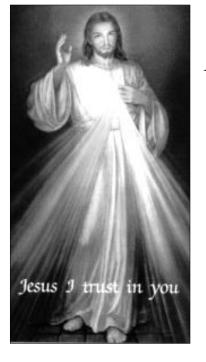
Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren - him shall you heed (Deuteronomy 18:15). The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his sacred body and blood. Saint Ignatius of Antioch calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

Prayer: O God, hope and light of the sincere, we humbly entreat you to dispose our hearts to offer you worthy prayer and ever to extol you by dutiful proclamation of your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you? Do you share freely with others, especially those who lack even the most basic necessities? How about doing some spring cleaning, and take what you're not using in your home (items in good condition, of course) and give them to any number of Catholic organizations reaching out to help those in need?

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Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

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SVDP TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022 - During that period, we helped an average of 38 families/ month, with an average cost of \$193.00/family. This new fiscal year we are serving 45 families/month. We are experiencing greater need per family than we have in the recent past. During October, November, and this current month, we have visited several families with children facing eviction: owing rent of two months or more. This translates into these families needing more than the \$200.00 our conference can provide. At the same time, donations are decreasing. Please consider increasing your donation, or if you don't donate to our Parish Conference, please consider doing so. Your Conference Vincentians personally met or consulted and advised via phone conversation with 494 families (1,001 people).

REVENUE

Parish, Conference Members & other Donations	\$ 98,698.00
SVDP Center Food Pantry	\$ 11,008.00
SVDP Center Homeless Fund Donation	\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 121,706.00
EXPENSES	
Family Aid*	\$ 100,081.00
SVDP Center Food Pantry	\$ 11,078.00
St. Vincent Haven Homeless Shelter	\$ 8,350.00
Disaster Contributions	\$ 672.00
Society Dues & Operational Expenses	\$ 1,376.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 121,557.00
TOTAL YEAR SURPLUS	\$ 149.00

*Family Aid consists of the following:

- \$22,811.00 provided 98 families with rent
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- \$18,288.00 provided 100 families with electric, gas, water, and
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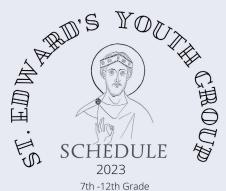




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MEN'S HAVEN 04/16

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Meet at Men's Haven to serve food

(5:00)

· Eat with residents

04/23 MOVIE NIGHT

 Movie: "Silence"
 Popcorn and snacks 6-8PM

YOUTH GROUP 04/30

· Why does Prayer Matter?

· How To Pray

Dinner: Jimmy Johns

05/07 HOMELESS OUTREACH

• Meet at St. Edward's at 3:00

• Prepare Spaghetti and Meatballs

Meet in Downtown Newark 5:00

• Distributing Food, Water, Clothing

05/14 Cookout/Last Youth Group Meeting

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Games, and Payers 6-9PM • Family and Friends are Welcome

05/21 No Youth Group

05/28 **No Youth Group**

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Congratulations to our newly-confirmed Confirmation Class!

"JESUS DAY" for those preparing for First Communion is Saturday, April 22 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

7th Grade "Mini-Retreat" with parents is Sunday, April 23 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION is Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m.

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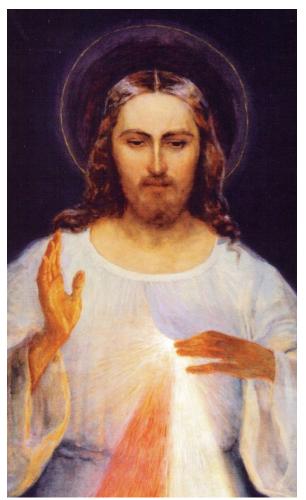
Know Your Saints

St. Stanislaus ~ Feast Day April 11. People have been opposing the evils of government for thousands of years - just as did St. Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government. Born near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072. During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands. Boleslaus was forced to flee to Hungary. It is thought that he spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

(From Franciscan Media)







APRIL 16, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

ACTS 2:42-47; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 PT 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation Our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth – job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife – loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today – until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel Our Lord, they actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord – in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities – and just as He did for Thomas, Our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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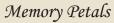
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