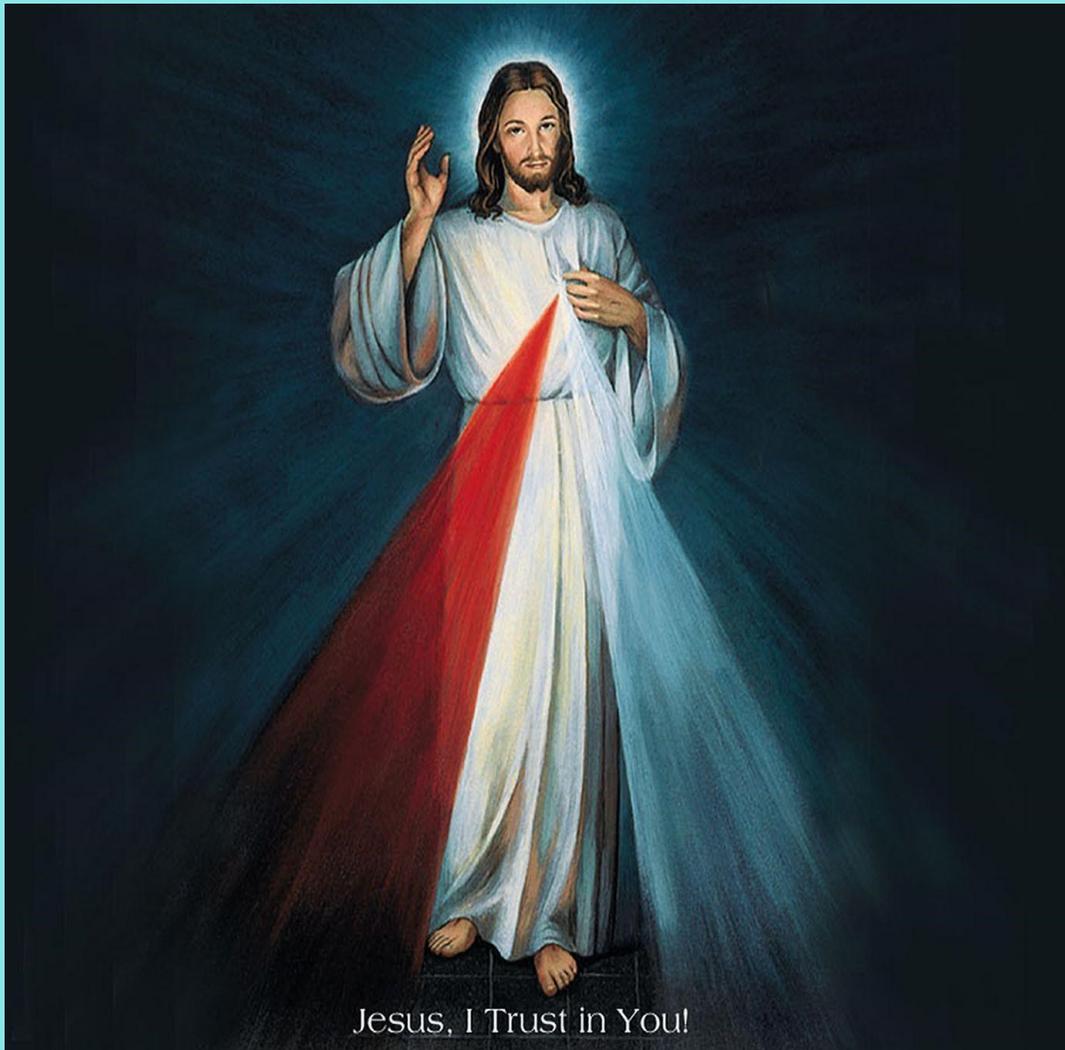


————— MOST HOLY TRINITY —————

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
CHRIST IS RISEN!**



Jesus, I Trust in You!

*“I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted, it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.”
(St. Faustina’s Diary 1273)*

From the Pastor's Desk



THE HOLY SEASON OF EASTER AND BAPTISM

At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, one of the first things we do is to renew our baptismal promises. That's important. Because the Church is signaling to us that the whole of the Lenten season finds its culmination in the renewal of our baptismal commitment - to live for God and to be holy.

It's amazing to me that most of us Catholics were bap-

tized when we were infants, but we often know very little of what "baptism" means. We can say, it's the gift of new life, it's when Jesus took away our sins, and all this is true, but it also means that we were brought into a new realm of living, of existence.

St. Paul reminds us that "those who are in Christ Jesus, are a new creation." Throughout Lent we are encouraged to "listen," to Jesus' teachings, to the stories like the Samaritan woman who thirsts for living water, the man born blind who opens his eyes to the light, Lazarus who walks out from the tomb. Why do we do this? Because these Gospel stories have within them the power to transform us, to help us increase our faith, to resist the temptations of the evil one, who is seeking to control our lives, and to move more and more into a life of service, love and newness of life.

The Resurrected Christ is often referred to in the Scriptures as the "first born from the dead." It doesn't say the "only born of the dead," but the "first born," which means where Jesus led, we can follow. That's what the new life of Christ does, it never dies again. The new life of the Risen Christ is in the Eucharist, we can be fed, nourished and strengthened every Sunday, and receive more of

this new life. It is in the Church, in you and me. The only way we get to heaven is by living that risen life. That's how Jesus gets us there.

We lose the meaning of baptism if we begin to think that it's some nice ceremony we celebrate, a stole and candle we save somewhere. When you and I live in a state of grace, Christ is in us. That happens through baptism. We receive "sanctifying grace," that is the grace that makes us holy. Wherever there is sanctifying grace there is the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. Stop during the day and acknowledge that presence of Christ in you.

I found such joy in working with our adult candidates in the RCIA. It's always an encouragement to me to see people blossoming in their faith. But I also had the privilege to work with three little boys, the Schlaufman brothers, Collin, Drew and Reid, who were baptized on Easter Sunday. At our last meeting the boys came in with their mom to practice for the big day. They came in to the office and picked up every holy card and picture they could get their hands on. Pictures of Divine Mercy, prayer cards, etc. As we talked, they asked what each of these holy images meant. They looked at every icon, every holy picture that I had in my office. They asked: "What does that mean?" They were so excited and amazed as I explained all these things to them. We also squeezed in all the stuff I had planned to talk with them about. I thought to myself after, they were just eating it all up, they were hungering for more, they were moved and amazed by the stories and meaning of each saint, every story. That's the hunger and amazement I hope all of us can have this Easter season.

God bless you,
Fr. Dennis

"For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have received.... For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began.... who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel..."

1 Timothy 1:6-7, 9-10

First Holy Communion

Let us pray for our young people who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30th at the 4:30pm Liturgy



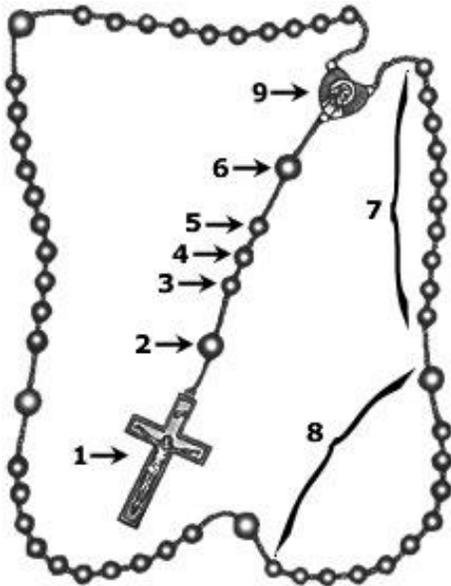
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Enah Goerge
Danica Loynes
Jack Platte

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Wyatt Rademacher
Mason Rehmann
Owen Rhynard
Andre Rotary

Valerie Schafer
Collin Schlaufman
Lillian Schrauben
Karrigan Schueller
Lillian Simon
Waylon Simon

Autumn Thelen
Kaylee Thelen
Owen Thelen
Zachary Thelen
Kennedy Weber
Quinn Wieber
Kody Witgen

How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy



Step 1: Make the Sign of the Cross, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Step 2: (Optional Opening Prayers)

St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your

incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Step 3: Our Father, "Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen."

Step 4: Hail Mary, "Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen."

Step 5: The Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

Step 6: The Eternal Father, "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement

for our sins and those of the whole world."

Step 7: On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Step 8: Repeat for the remaining decades saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

Step 9: Conclude with Holy God **(Repeat three times)**, "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Step 10: (Optional Closing Prayers)

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.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven.
(Diary, 1570).



REGIONAL DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

April 24, 2022 at 2:30pm

Saint Mary's Cathedral
219 Seymour Ave, Lansing

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction & the Sacrament of Reconciliation

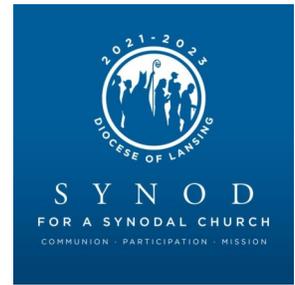
"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." (Divine Mercy in My Soul# 699)

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (300)

All are welcome!

"A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery."

(St. Faustinas's Diary 113, page 63)



Diocesan Synod Update

We have a few weeks left before our Diocesan synod portal closes on the diocesan website.

The deadline for submitting your conversation notes is April 29th.

The Diocese is particularly interested with anyone who is in contact with our Hispanic or Latino brothers and sisters, to invite them into conversation.

These conversations will generate valuable feedback for our pastoral efforts. For more details and resources visit:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/synod>

DIOCESAN SERVICE APPEAL 2022

50% of contributions over our goal will be returned to the Parish.

We have currently raised
\$30,372.77

(approx. 42% of our parish goal)

Our parish goal is **\$72,170**

Envelopes are available in the entrances of Church or the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!



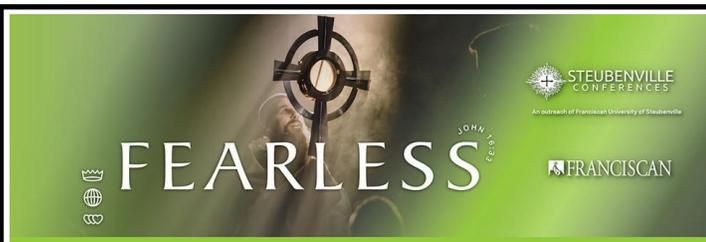
SATURDAY MORNING ROSARY

When: Saturday Mornings at 9:00am

Where: Most Holy Trinity Cemetery

A time to pray the rosary for the parish and come together for a sense of community

**Event should be considered cancelled if it is raining at 9:00am

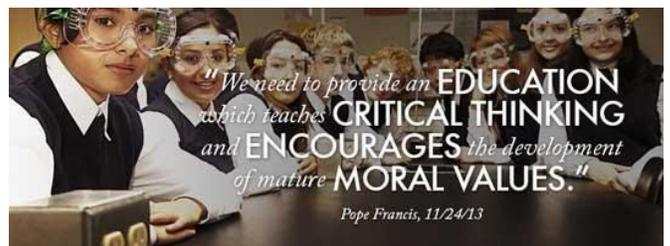


**Summer Youth Conference
Franciscan University of Steubenville**

June 17-19, 2022

If you would like to sponsor our young people who will be attending the conference, you can put your envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory, marked Steubenville support.

Thank you and God Bless!



MHT Educational Trust Fund

The weekend of April 24th, you will find the new brochures for the ETF. The ETF provides resources for our parish school, for our religious education program and for adult faith education. We encourage you during the future estate planning to include the ETF in your wishes.

www.mhtparish.com



MHT
Cemetery Clean-Up

Monday, April 25 | 10am

Please bring a rake & gloves.
Should take approximately 2 hours.

Thank you & God Bless!

MHT School - Connecting faith to Life
Anne Hufnagel, Principal

By connecting our Catholic faith to life, we at Most Holy Trinity School seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to proclaim the Gospel, restore all things in Him, strive to lead our students to the Truth for the betterment of this world and prepare them for the age to come.

Important Upcoming Dates:
 Tues., April 26 Mass @ 8:15am
 Sat., April 30 First Communion Mass @
 4:30pm
 Fri., May 6 Mass @ 8:15am/First Friday

School Registration: Emails were sent out last week regarding registration. If you did not see it or would like more information, please contact the school office (989)593-2616

NEWA MAPS Testing: Our final testing window will begin Monday.

"The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in." -Peter Marshall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETURNS FOR VOCATIONS UPDATE

Due to the generosity of those continuing to donate their returnable bottles and cans we had enough volume to justify a 'mini sort' with a small number of volunteers in April. Thank You to all those who donated, those who helped with the mini-sort and to all those who helped take thousands of miscellaneous returns back to the stores for redemptions! For the April drive we have sorted and counted over **31,000** bottles and cans which will be tallied with our 2022 Returns for Vocations fundraising drive to support Men and Women pursuing religious vocations. The previous mini-sort we did in November was 31,000 which brings us to **62,000** for 2022 already!

A big Thank You! to **Main Beverage Company of Owosso** who arranged to take all our aluminum returnables and the Budweiser branded glass.

Reminder: July 9th is the date of the main 2022 Returns for Vocations drive. It will be announced as the date approaches but similar to last year the Knights will plan to collect door to door in late June. Also, we collect year-round so please feel free to drop off at the Koenigsknecht farm or call us to pick up Agnes Koenigsknecht 593-2614 or Kurt Koenigsknecht 517-282-0343.

Knights of Columbus -Returns for Vocations



Petition to fund scholarships and tax credits to fund Catholic Schools

All children deserve an exceptional education!

Let's trust parents, not bureaucrats to make the best decisions for their kids The pandemic took a heavy toll on Michigan students. Now's the time to support Michigan's students, to give parents more control, and to expand opportunities for every student.

Both the Michigan House and Senate passed this legislation, but Governor Gretchen Whitmer wouldn't add her signature for it to become law. Now if more than 340,000 Michigan voters add their signature to our initiative petitions, these opportunities can be a reality for Michigan children and families.

The Michigan Catholic Conference is asking parents to sign a petition which would provide scholarships and tax credits that will help Catholic school children. If you would like to sign the petition, they are available at the parish office, and MHT school.



The Blessed Mother Statue Sign-up

If you would like to take the Blessed Mother statue home along with the list of parishioners to pray for, please use the sign-up sheet hanging on the pro-life board in the back of the Church.

The statue and prayer list is kept next to the reliquary in the sanctuary when no one is signed up to take her home.



Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE OFFERED IN THE CHURCH FROM 5:45AM - 6:45AM ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS



"THE TIMES WE LIVE IN"

Some of the Saints lived during terrible times. Take Catherine of Siena, who lived in 14th Century Italy. During her times, the Black Death raged throughout Europe killing 26 million people (an estimated 30% to 60% of Europe's total population!), mercenary armies prowled the countryside cutting a path of death and destruction wherever they went, and Pope Gregory XI was hiding away in Avignon, France, leaving the Church in the hands of corrupt leaders. In many ways, Catherine's times were "the worst of times."

But Catherine did not bemoan her times. She did not say, "If only the Black Death would go away... If only the world were at peace... If only we had perfect Church leaders, then I could really live my Christian faith." No, Catherine became a saint by accepting her times as the context in which she was called to live her faith. She did not run away from the critical issues of her day; she engaged herself with them.

Sometimes we are quick to bemoan our own times. We assume that the world used to be a kinder and gentler place, and our ancestors had it easier than we do. But a quick perusal of history shows that every age, for one reason or another, could be called "the worst of times." But, as Christians, we believe our age is precisely the context in which we are being called to live our faith. Like Catherine, we are being called to respond to the critical issues of our times with attentiveness, courage, love, persistence, and great faith in Jesus.

"Love Is not Fair"

As children, most of us had a keen sense of fairness. If our brother got a bigger cookie, if our sister was allowed to stay up later than we were, if it wasn't our turn to feed the dog and yet we were told to feed him, we were quick to protest, "That's not fair!"

No wonder Jesus' teachings on love are so hard for us..."Forgive your brothers and sisters not seven times, but seventy-seven times.." We protest: "But that's not fair, Jesus!" But when we recall God's incredible love for us, we realize: that's not fair either! That the God of Goodness and Power and Beauty and Truth should create us, should love us, should love me, a sinner, is not fair. But both our existence and our salvation are rooted in the unfairness of God's love and mercy. And here's the hard part: As Christians, we are called to love others as God loves us: compassionately, consistently, inclusively, and forgivingly. To do otherwise, would not be fair!

By: Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND

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Weekday Rosary The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for the First Communion candidates as they receive our Lord in Holy Communion.



On behalf of the family of Charles (Chuck) Miller, we would like to express our deepest and most sincere appreciation to all of those who performed services at his funeral. A special thanks goes out to: Father Dennis for leading us in prayer, gratitude, peace and acceptance during the funeral Mass. Cliff Thelen, the musicians, and the choir for providing some of the most heartwarming music during the mass. Chuck/Dad would have been so touched by your kindness. Kendra Speers for proclaiming the readings during mass. Julie Gould for reading the petitions. Mark & Mertz Schneider for acting as Ministers of Holy Communion. Easton, Davison, and Coewyn Curtin for taking up Offertory. Altar Servers, Jonah Thelen & Jonathan Koenigsnecht. The VFW Post #3733 Honor and Color Guard for providing full military honors. Sparrow Clinton Hospital staff for their strength and dedication. McGeehan Funeral Homes Keck-Coleman Chapel for providing comfort, care, and compassion throughout these difficult days. Julia Schueller for saying the rosary at the visitation. And finally, we would like to thank everyone that took time out of their day to stop by, provide food, offer words of comfort, prayers, and stories. Words cannot possibly express how grateful we are to each of you.

**Forever in our hearts,
The Family of Chuck Miller
(Joanne, Jenny, Kelly, Dan, David, and Vickie)**

- Our Parish Stewardship -

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

April 9 & 10 Collection	\$ 6,981.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,121.00
April 15 - 17 Collection	\$ 9,252.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,595.96

Special Collections (x2 weeks)

Capitol Improvements.....	\$ 5.00
ETF.....	\$ 295.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 230.00
Newspapers	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 615.00

Monthly Finance Report For March

Sunday Collection-All Sources.....	\$ 53,327.01
Sunday Collections-Year to Date.....	\$ 557,929.87
Sunday Collections- FY 21 Budget....	\$ 750,000.00
Percentage Collected Through March.....	74.39%

- Wedding Banns -



First Publication
Madelyn Thelen, daughter
of Mitch & Marti Thelen

Quinn Myers, son of
Ted & Lori Myers

Second Publication
Jessica Snyder & Joshua Hengesbach

Third Publication
Kailey Gauss & Anthony Kazenko

- Baptisms -



**Collin Michael, Reid
Adam & Drew Thomas
Schlaufman,**

Sons of Adam & Torey
(Nobach) Schlaufman

We Welcome
Collin, Reid & Drew
to our parish family!

- Sponsor of the Week -

Our thanks to the many businesses that make it possible for the bulletin to be cost-free to our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

- MASSES THIS WEEK -

Monday - April 25

7:00pm A Special Intention, Including Toni, Joanne & Neil

Tuesday - April 26

8:15am Julius & Martha Schmitt, Including Arlene & Doris

Wednesday - April 27

5:45am **Eucharistic Adoration**
6:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration**
7:00pm Therese Weber

Thursday - April 28

8:15am Joseph Pung, Including Genevieve & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Friday - April 29

8:15am Regina Martin

Saturday - April 30

1:00pm Wedding of Kailey Gauss & Anthony Kazenko

3:30pm **Confession in Server Sacristy**
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday - May 1

8:30am Emily Goerge & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
10:30am Leon Armbrustmacher & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

April 25 - May 1

Servers this Week

Monday - 7:00pm	Jonathan Fowler
Tuesday - 8:15am	MHT Students
Wednesday - 7:00pm	Andrew & Logan Platte
Thursday - 8:15am	Sacristan
Friday - 8:15am	Sacristan
Saturday - 4:30pm	Jamison, Donnivon, & Remington Schueller
Sunday - 8:30am	Mitchell & Madison Wirth
Sunday - 10:30am	Peter & Xavier Simon

April 30 & May 1	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday - 4:30pm	Jim Andros	Cindy Halfman, Jean Koenigsknecht, Volunteer Needed	Lonnie Schueller, Larry Jandernoa, Mike Koenigsknecht, Volunteer Needed
Sunday - 8:30am	Gerry Davis	Susie Koenigsknecht, Ralph Feldpausch, Anne Hufnagel	Kevin Koenigsknecht, Robin Koenigsknecht, Ryan
Sunday - 10:30am	Kristin Phillips	Jennifer Koenigsknecht, McKenzie Koenigsknecht,	Roy Witgen, John Rademacher, Kirk Phillips, Neil Feldpausch