

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Apr. 2	\$1,787
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MASS SCHEDULE

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (EASTER)

Sat. Apr. 8	8:00 PM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz
Sun. Apr. 9	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Apr. 10	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Apr. 11	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Apr. 12	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Apr. 13	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Apr. 14	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER)

Sat. Apr. 15	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Apr. 16	9:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeamme Eames. Bill Schneider (In Storrypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), and Ree Wagner.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr.3-William Beck, Apr. 4-Ethan Thorwarth, Apr. 10-Caity Schroeder, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, Apr. 13-Tori Schroder, Apr.13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 14-Peter Cooper, Apr. 20– Hudson Feinauer, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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APRIL 9, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDIES—Matthew Wiseman has graciously agreed to extend our Monday evening bible studies so we will continue to meet at church at 6:30 PM on Mondays. Don't miss this. It is very enlightening as Matthew is so knowledgeable about theology.

NKY PREGNANCY CARE NETWORK will be having a Community Baby Shower on Apr. 26 from 5pm-7pm at Covington Life Learning Center. The network relies on local churches and organizations to supply the needed items for the showers. Items needed are diapers (sizes 2-5), baby wipes, new onesies, new swaddle blankets, and sleepers of various sizes. Larger items can be donated such as strollers, portable size baby beds, infant seats, and highchairs. These will be used as raffle prizes for those attending the baby shower. There will be a bin under the front table for your donations. Please return them by **Apr. 16** so we can get them down to the Learning Center in time. Thank you!

DPAA 2023—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$1,440. Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

LECTOR—April 8 (Holy Saturday)-Bill Funke, Linda Fryman, Lisa Cooper, Bernie Rawe, Apr. 9-Bernie Rawe, Apr. 16-Julie Feinauer.

CLEANING—Kathy and Wanda Bach

*CHRIST HAS RISEN!
TRULY HE HAS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!*



FROM THE PASTOR – EASTER BASKETS AND EGGS

One of the beautiful customs to continue in our own time for the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead has been the Easter basket. This is more typically known for children rather than adults in our time and area, but there is a custom of adult Easter baskets in many Christian regions. It is a fantastic way to enter more deeply into the mystery of Easter and what we are only beginning to celebrate.

The traditional Easter basket is filled not with sweets but meats and butter and eggs, depending on the region. This stems from the ancient observances of Lent, in which none of these products were consumed for the entirety of the forty days. Easter ends our penitential observance and inaugurates a time of celebration along with feasting, and these baskets would be blessed by the pastor so as to sanctify the Easter feasts. Nothing is beyond the sanctifying touch of the Risen Lord.

One aspect of the Easter basket which must be expounded upon with particular attention is the Easter egg. Eggs were also traditionally abstained from during the Lenten fast, and so are a part of the basket blessed for the Paschal feasts. Yet eggs have been traditionally decorated and stand out in the basket above most other foods. In fact, the decoration of eggs pre-dates Christianity by many millennia, with ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian cultures showing signs of decorating eggs. What has led to this particular activity? How does this relate to Easter and the Resurrection?

The egg is a sign of new life from apparent death. While the outside of the egg appears dead or lifeless, inside life is developing and will eventually hatch into a chick. So too is the tomb sealed and filled with a dead body for a time, only for Christ to emerge alive on the third day.



There is also a tradition which stems from the legend of Saint Mary Magdalene concerning the egg. The legend reads that this repentant woman—the first witness of the Risen Christ and messenger to the Apostles of His glorious Resurrection—went in her later years to Rome to preach the Gospel to the Roman emperor. The emperor was incredulous at the proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ, stating that this was no more possible than an egg at his table turning red. God then worked a miracle, turning said egg blood red so as to affirm His Son's rising from the dead.

May your homes be immensely blessed by the Paschal Lamb, and may you feast richly on sweets or meats in thanks for His victory over death & sin. Christ has risen! Truly He has risen! Alleluia! *Fr. Jacob Straub*