

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter



"Touch Me and See."

*The disciples are surprised,
no, amazed, awed!
He is Alive!
After Death!*

*You have let them feel and see
your hands and feet
and you unlock their minds.*

*Oh, Jesus, release our own minds.
Let us see you in the beauty
of the sun and moon and stars,
in the faces of the needy and forlorn,
in the breaking of the bread,
in loving our friends.*

*Let us find you
a hundred ways
every day.
(Anne Osdieck)*

SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

+It sparks my faith to know there are politicians who resist the temptation to lie about something that displeases their constituents -- that they understand that lying is not acceptable to us.

+A person who helped me set my faith on fire was a woman I knew 40 years ago who really lived the Lenten season and was ecstatic when Easter came, as though it were the first Easter she had ever experienced.

+People who are persecuted for their faith are an inspiration to me, to keep my faith on fire.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., April 18 7:45 AM Morning Prayer
Fri., April 20 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., April 14 4 PM Bertha Walke
Sun., April 15 10 AM Elizabeth Schwering
Sat., April 21 4 PM Tony Wagner
Sun., April 22 10 AM Thomas Merkel

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – April 21 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Ken and Dottie Hellmich
Nathan and Courtney Wagner
Servers: Cloey Simon, Kayla Simon
Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning
Lectors: Elizabeth Hermes, Dottie Hellmich
Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Terry Harmeyer
Janet Wagner, Roseann Wirth

Sunday – April 22 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Matt and Leslie Hicks - *back*
Jason and Lauren Wagner - *back*
Greg and Becky Simon - *side*
Servers: Caleb Simon, Spencer Johnson
Cantor: Brooke Payne
Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Jane Pictor
Euch. Ministers: Scott Simon, Sharon Miller
Ray Merkel, Mary Merkel

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3169.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 14.74
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 241.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3424.74
Church in Africa	\$443.00
Rice Bowls	\$137.46
Holy Land	\$95.00
Smorgasbord Donation	\$25.00

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"When you argue against Him, you are arguing against the very power that makes you able to argue at all: it is like cutting off the branch you are sitting on." ~ C.S. Lewis



STEWARDSHIP – The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn April 15 through April 22 for Bertha Wagner.

ANNIVERSARY EVENING – What a beautiful, fun-filled anniversary evening. A total of **1,286 years** of loving among **39 couples!** Omer and Frances Werner have been married the longest - soon to be 64 years. Thank you to all our couples for witnessing God's love to us through your marriage.

We are grateful to the committee: Terry and Ken Harmeyer, Marge and Paul Thole, Amy and Greg Kinker, Flora and Dennis Wagner, Paul and Dolly Stirn. Thank you for your enthusiasm and work in preparing for the evening. You just might become the new Social Committee!

Thank you, too, to those who served the meal: Jayson Purdy and Amber Stier (Parish Council members) and to our youth, Logan Cobler, Elizabeth Newhart and Blake Simon. We were blessed to have you present also!

MASS CHANGE – There will be **NO 8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen next Sunday, April 22.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Members will meet Thursday, April 19, 7:00 PM. There are many items on the agenda, as well as preparing the 2018-2019 budget, so mark your calendar.

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, April 18, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 10 next Sunday, April 22, 8:30 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED – Jim and Marieda Koors would like to invite you to their 60th wedding anniversary Mass and reception on April 22 at Immaculate Conception parish. Mass begins at 4:30 PM followed by an open house at the Millhousen Knights Hall. They ask that gifts be omitted.

LIBRARY – Two new books: (1) *The Catholic Grandparents Handbook: Creative Ways to Show Love, Share Faith, and Have Fun* and (2) *A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A man calls home to his wife and says, "Honey, I have been asked to go fishing at a big lake up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting, so would you please pack me enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and tackle box? We're leaving from the office, and I will swing by the house to pick my things up. Oh! And please pack my new blue silk pajamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a little fishy, but being a good wife, she does exactly what her husband asked. The following weekend he comes home a little tired but otherwise looking good.

The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish. He says, "Yes! Lots of Walleye, some Blue Gill, and a few Pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?"

The wife replies, "I did. They were in your tackle box." (Happy Catholic)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Psalm 4, proclaimed this Sunday, assures us and all who listen that God hears our prayer: "The Lord will hear me when I call upon him." It offers images of peaceful sleep and security within the care of God, simply by having God's face shine upon us.

In the midst of their struggles and doubts, the disciples simply had to see the Lord's face and hear his words of peace. He asks 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."



Do we call out? Do we see? Do we recognize God's peace when we see it? When we do, the risen Lord invites us to live as witnesses to the world. (Deacon Dick Folger)