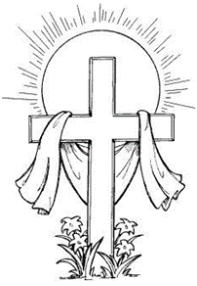


# April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday



## TIME FOR FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER “EXERCISE”

On Easter Sunday, anything seems possible. The triumph of life over death and heaven over hell seems to resound throughout a world poised on the cusp of spring. But it’s hard to hold on to the euphoria of resurrection for fifty days. White lilies fade and are discreetly removed from the altar while the rush of baseball and soccer starts. As the planet spins from one day to the next, we get caught up in ordinary life until one day that newness of purpose is gone altogether.

Faith is like a muscle: healthier when exercised. In the years after the resurrection, the Church flourished because Christianity wasn’t just something you did on Sundays and holidays. It was something radical—something so powerful, so threatening to the establishment that claiming it could get you fed to wild animals. That kind of commitment changes what you do and think and say every day.

You and I will probably never face execution for our beliefs, but the reality of the resurrection should still impact the way we live—not just on the holy day itself, but throughout the Easter season and beyond. It should illuminate what endeavors are worthwhile and which are not. It should challenge us to temper our anger and expand our willingness to sacrifice for others.

Nobody needs a longer to-do list. But living the faith doesn’t require commitments of epic proportions. Imagine what could happen if every one of us celebrated the fifty days of Easter by doing one thing each day to grow, demonstrate, or share our faith. It doesn’t have to be earth shattering in importance. It just needs to be real. Set aside five minutes for quiet, contemplative prayer. Count to ten before reacting to that inflammatory tweet. Dig into the mystery of death and resurrection with your children. Read the Acts of the Apostles and figure out one concrete way you can imitate their fervor in the context of your life. Read a book about the saints. Pick up that fast-food bag blowing around the mall parking lot. Send a donation to a crisis pregnancy center. Buy a can of coffee and deliver it to the homeless shelter.

Doing one thing every day may not change the world, but it will change us. Our souls and our bodies are made to work in harmony to reflect God’s image. Our actions shape our inner reality. The more we act as Christ would have us act, the more our view of the world reflects his. In short, by doing as God does, we become more like God. And that can change the world. Imagine what could happen if every one of us celebrated the fifty days of Easter by doing one thing each day to grow, demonstrate, or share our faith. (Kathleen M. Basi)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 24 – Richard and Dolores Wagner  
May 1 – Ray and Wanda Geis  
May 8 – Bob, Jean, and Doug White

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 23 – Francis Vawter  
April 24 – Glenna Schuler  
April 30 – Allie Walke  
May 1 – Charles Simon

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – April 30 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Tara Ricke  
*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner  
*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – May 1 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Grace Truesdell  
*Gifts:* David and Jenny Hardesty  
*Eucharist Minister:* Amanda Schutte

### Saturday – May 7 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Judy Steuri  
*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan  
*Eucharist Minister:* Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – May 8 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker  
*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner  
*Eucharist Minister:* Cindy Weisenbach

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2728.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 32.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 895.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3655.50
Capital Improvement	\$255.00
Good Friday	\$631.00
Easter	\$2058.00
Donation For Turkeys	\$330.00

## **YOUR GIFTS WILL ALWAYS BE RECEIVED WITH GRATITUDE!**

*“The presence of God among us did not take place in a perfect...world but rather in this real world, which is marked by...good and bad, division, wickedness, poverty, arrogance, and war. He chose us to live in our history as it is...In doing so, he demonstrated...his merciful and truly loving disposition.”*  
~ Pope Francis, General Audience, December 18, 2013

**SMORGASBORD DRIVE-THRU** – TODAY, Saturday, April 23, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

**THANK YOU** – To our Faith Formation Committee, Youth Ministry, and children, we say “thank you” for planning and participating in our Easter Egg Hunt!

“To You Kind People: Thank you so much for your generous donations to help the people of Ukraine. You’re making a difference in the lives of more people than you can imagine. Your kindness touches me deeply and for that I am forever grateful. With much love, Diana Ewald.”

**WE’RE BETTER TOGETHER** – (*Parishioner’s Reflection*) After not being able to gather in church for a while, when I think of Together in His Love, I also think of when Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them.” As with anything, there is strength in numbers, so I think it is important to pray together.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Committee #5 with Molly Wagner as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of May. We thank you ladies for doing a good job!

**RUMMAGE SALE** – The Mary & Martha Circle Spring Rummage Sale is coming up on May 6, 8:00–6:00, and May 7, 8:00–Noon. You can bring your donations to the parish hall starting Monday, May 2, through Wednesday, May 4. If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will have class on Wednesday, April 27, 6:45 PM. Party for winners of the pennies project!

*On May 4, a 7:00 PM Mass, which Grade 5 will plan, will be celebrated in church along with the crowning of Mary.*

Junior High and High School will meet on Sunday, May 1, 8:30 AM, beginning with a breakfast in the hall. This is the last class for this year’s program.

**ADORATION** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Friday, May 6, 8:00 - 12:00 noon.

**CEMETERY** – The mowing season has begun, so I ask that you please clean up around your family plots. Anything left unattended or unsightly will be disposed of by the Cemetery Board. During mowing season, flags may be placed on graves Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. Flags are subject to removal within ten days after the holiday.

There is a limit of two memorial items allowed per plot and within the confines of the stone. Items are not to be placed anywhere in the grassy area of the plot.

A copy of St. Maurice cemetery constitution and guidelines will be placed as an insert in the May 15<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Thank you for assisting us in maintaining the cemetery as a place of beauty for our loved ones.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral will be celebrated on August 14 at 2:00 PM. Couples married for 25, 50, or 60 years will receive a blessing for the renewal of nuptial commitment and a certificate of recognition. Registration is required and begins on May 14, 2022. Register at [CCorona@archindy.org](mailto:CCorona@archindy.org) or call (317)236-7310. The celebrant for this beautiful Mass is Archbishop Charles Thompson.

If you would like to request a Papal Blessing Parchment for a special anniversary, please go to the Vatican’s website to learn more and place your order.

**THE LORD’S LAUGHTER** – A pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation for more money to repair the roof of the church building.

Because the regular organist was sick, a substitute had been brought in at the last minute for the Sunday service. The substitute organist wanted to know what to play.





"After I make the announcement about the church finances, you'll have to think of something to play," the pastor replied.

During the service, the pastor announced: "We are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played The Star Spangled Banner.

And that is how the substitute organist became the regular organist. (via Mrs. Donna Benson, Albuquerque, NM, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
RE Classes with Breakfast 8:30 AM  Mass for Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM  Baptisms 11:00 AM			Religious Education Classes with Mass and May Crowning 7:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon  50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ken and Janet Harlemert  Rummage Sale 8:00 – 6:00	Mass 4:00 PM  Rummage Sale 8:00 – Noon
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Mass for Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM  			Religious Education Classes Awards Night 6:45 PM		  Feast of Our Lady of Fatima	Mass 4:00 PM
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Mass for Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM  Baptism 11:00 AM			Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM  Catechist Meeting 7:00 PM		Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM	Mass 4:00 PM
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Mass for Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM  <b>GRADUATION MASS</b>						Mass 4:00 PM  Collection for St. Maurice Cemetery
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Mass for the Ascension of the Lord 10:00 AM  Collection for St. Maurice Cemetery	<i>Memorial Day</i>  				<b><u>THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u></b>  For faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.	