



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SEE**

**So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil .....6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon  
 Weekdays..... 7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday  
 School Mass.....9:00 a.m. on Fridays

**HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:** See Mass Intention Times Inside

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.

Anytime by calling the parish office for an appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child’s baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. Sessions are held at 1:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Baptisms are at 1:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December and on the fourth Sunday of April.

**WEDDINGS:** Please phone the parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein 1-937-299-9005.

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**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME**

Please come to the parish office to register. If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please inform the parish office.

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 26, 2017

## Reflection

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry it out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

I.C. will have individual confessions Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Individual confessions will be held Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. No Saturday Confessions April 15.

## Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Bob Kleinhenz

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. All Souls

### Tuesday, March 28

7:30 a.m. Ralph, Millie & Doug Bomholt

10:00 a.m. Mass at The Gardens

### Wednesday, March 29

7:30 a.m. Ann Knapke

### Thursday, March 30

7:30 a.m. Margaret Winans

### Friday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Rita Fisher

9:00 a.m. Don Bertke

### Saturday, April 1

6:30 p.m. John Ley

### Sunday, April 2

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Crouch & Franck Family

12:00 noon Fullenkamp, Pleiman, Rable, and Diehl Family

## Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Walt Fleck.

## ✠ Vocation Cross ✠

April 2-8 -- Dennis & Dwyn Hirt

April 9-15 -- Cal & Maria Laborde



Congratulations to the following who were recently Baptized: Liliana Victoria, Jayson Kingston, Ayden James and Myles Alan, children of Ryan & Ashley Baker; Ella Renee, daughter of Craig & Amy Broering; Nolan Scott, son of Scott & Mindy Dues and Clare Marilyn, daughter of Chad & Karen Stolly.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John will have their meeting on March 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the PAC. Auxiliary members will be selling pies on March 31 at the K of C Fish Fry.

Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember Immaculate Conception Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

## Pictorial Directory

It has been five years since our last parish pictorial directory with an update being essential. We will be combining efforts this year with St. Teresa in creating a cluster pictorial directory. Life Touch will take family portraits starting August 8 through the first week of September. Appointments will be scheduled Tuesdays through Saturdays. Watch for more information on scheduling this summer.

## Special Presentation

The I.C. Men's Ministry Group is hosting a special presentation titled "Creating A Catholic Culture At Home" on Wednesday, March 29 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the I.C. School cafeteria. Seminarian Ambrose Dobrozsi will talk about the things parents can do to keep their children Catholic. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.

## Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed

Have you ever felt bored or confused during Mass? Do you sometimes find yourself distracted and find it difficult to stay focused? That's OK! We are all human, and we know that people today are not used to long periods of silence. Mass on Sunday may be one of the few times during the week when you are not "plugged in" to your smart phones, iPad, or computer.

God needs us to take this hour every week to step back from our busy lives so that we can truly encounter him. But it helps if we understand what is happening at Mass and why it is so important. There is so much more to the Mass than meets the eye.

The I.C. Men's Ministry Group would like to invite you to join us for *Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed*. We are offering this as a one time session which will feature a powerful video presentation and the opportunity to ask your own questions about the Mass and the Catholic Faith. Please join us Sunday, April 2 from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in room 103 in the Parish Activity Center. Childcare will be provided.

## Church Cleaning

It is once again time for Spring Cleaning of the Church. We invite all men and woman of the parish to come and help. We will be cleaning Wednesday, April 5 after the 7:30 Mass with an alternate date of Tuesday, April 11. Please bring a bucket. Remember many hands make light work. Lunch will be served in the PAC when we have finished.



## Faith, Family and Farming

- If this describes your family's way of life for 100 years or more, Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys and Sidney Deanery would like to recognize you. Families who have nurtured the same land for 100 years or more are eligible for a Catholic Century Farm Award. Deadline to register is Friday, March 31. The registry is sponsored by Catholic Rural Life of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries. We'll honor the distinguished families at the Rural-Urban Mass at Doug and Brenda Schmitmeyer's Farm, 11811 Marshall Road, Versailles on Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside. An application and eligibility information is available on the Archdiocesan website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2017-Application-St-Marys-Sidney-Deaneries-Century-farms.pdf>. Please send the completed information to Catholic Rural Life, c/o Willard Dahlinghaus, 2711 State Route 364, Minster, Ohio 45865. For more information please call Pam Long at 937-224-3026.

## Prayer, Basking in God's Presence,

Presentation by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics Thursday, April 6, 10:00-11:00 a.m. This session on prayer will consider what prayer is, when and how we pray, what are the prerequisites for prayer and practice composing prayers according to liturgical patterns. The session will be a combination of reflection on and practice of various forms of prayer, with an eye to looking at how prayer is an encounter with God that deepens our relationship with God and with each other.

## Permanent Deacon Information Session

Have you ever given any thought to becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Perhaps you have questions about what the life of a deacon is like and what the basic requirements for the diaconate are. If so, please attend a casual information session with Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, on Tuesday evening, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at St. Michael's Hall, 33 Elm St., Ft Loramie, Ohio. For married men, wives should attend as well. For more information, please contact Deacon Mark at 513-421-3131, ext. 2641. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bulletin articles are due in writing by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. You may email article to: [ann@celina-ic.org](mailto:ann@celina-ic.org).**



## Calendar of Events for the Week

### Saturday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Reagan Liggett and Nolan Liggett  
 Commentator: Charles Mescher  
 Lector: Pat Meikle  
 Gifts: Steve Eichler  
 E. M.: Joan Stelzer, Jane Mescher, Jeanne Braun, Janet Smith, Gerard Ahrns, Joe Hoyng, Tom Drexler, Sue Siebert, Dan Siebert, Katey Wibbenmeyer, Marge Waterman  
 Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

### Sunday, April 2, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: RJ Muhlenkamp and Collin Williams  
 Commentator: Joshua Muhlenkamp  
 Lector: Bud Schoenleben  
 Gifts: Sara Schlarman  
 E. M.: Larry Braun, Pat Hoyng, Freda Lochtefeld, Ron Hoyng, Patty Schoenleben  
 Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

### Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Ariel Musgrave and Justin Bruggeman  
 Commentator: Judie Braun  
 Lector: Jean Giesige  
 Gifts: Matt Heckler  
 E. M.: X Jane Homan, Donna Hartke, Craig Lunz, Richard Carlin, Karen Stolly, Diane Wagner  
 Ushers: Team H, Joe Bruns, Captain

### Sunday, April 2 12:00 Noon

Servers: Alex Knapke and Alicia Knapke  
 Commentator: Thomas Rable  
 Lector: Joan Koontz  
 Gifts: Kent Bryan  
 E. M.: Anne Knapke, Joyce Johnson, Kylie Johnson, Becky Lipp, John Schmidt  
 Ushers: Team I, Anna Garman, Captain

**Nursery April 2, \*Kathy Coon & Jeanette Walls**

### Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

### Monday, March 27

4:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in the PAC

### Tuesday, March 28

7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

### Wednesday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Religious Education Grades 1-9  
 7:00 p.m. "Creating a Catholic Culture"

### Friday, March 31

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Prayer before the Tabernacle  
 5:00-7:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry

### Saturday, April 1

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

### Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC  
 10:15 a.m. "Altaration"  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

## Bingo

**Chairperson April 2:** Mike Shaffer

**Crew Captain April 2:** Don Springer

**Workers April 2:** John and Marie Sacher, Tom & Donna Hartke, Dorothy Springer, Tony Schindler, Joe Langenkamp, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Nick Fleck

**Chairperson April 4:** Jerry Stachler

**Crew Captain April 4:** Mary Kay Gehle

**Workers April 4:** Mike Gehle, Jerry Stachler, Toma Overman, Lou Ann Knapke, Joe Voss, Lori Vian, Carol Fisher

## Artistry Under The Dome

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Fair will be held at St. Charles Senior Living Community, 2860 U.S. Route 127, Carthage, in the Gaspar Room and in the Auditorium. Join us Friday, March 31, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Art Fair features 33 artists from Mercer or Auglaize counties displaying a variety of media. Some art work will be available for purchase. Seven area High School art departments will include students' work. This year 4 different artists will give demonstrations in the Auditorium both Saturday and Sunday, 11:00-12:00 and 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Open to the Public. Free-will donations are appreciated for this program. For more info go to <https://www.facebook.com/ArtistryUnderTheDome>.

### Stewardship Offering March 19

Envelopes/online (263)	\$ 11,576.00
Loose	<u>1,136.25</u>
Total Received	\$ 12,712.25
Weekly Offering:	\$ 12,712.25
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 1,591.75)
YTD Total Collection:	\$522,867.39
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>529,248.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 6,380.61)

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