

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday -**

7:45 a.m. Rosary & Morning Prayer

**8:20 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Ceremonies**

**9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass** - Mary Ellen Geimer + by Frank Zepka

**Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Deceased Parents of Tom & Ann Reifsteck + by Their Family

**Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu, will be out of the office**

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17, 18 and 19. There will not be Morning Prayer, Mass or Rosary while he is away; he will celebrate the Mass Intentions for these three days wherever he is.**

**The Office will be closed on Monday, April 17th as well.**

**Monday, April 17**— Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

**Tuesday, April 18**— Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey

**Wednesday, April 19**— Gerald Beckman + by Family

**Thursday, April 20**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Margaret & Anne Kuzmitz + by St. Joseph Parish Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

**Friday, April 21**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson + by Anna Mae Henry

8:30 a.m. Rosary

**Saturday, April 22**

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention

8:30 a.m. Rosary

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Gaylen Ed Smith + by Doral & Helen Smith

**Sunday, April 23**

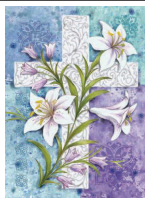
**- Second Sunday of Easter or (Sunday of Divine Mercy) -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Larry Sanders + by Marj Sanders



### An Easter Blessing For YOU...

May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Dolores Borton, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Dennis Heyne, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Priscilla Rogers, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Larry Dustman, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Gary Cook, Michael Green, and George Bitzer.

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2017 YR. A. (ABC)



*From the Pastor's Desk:*

**TODAY IS EASTER SUNDAY, THE DAY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM DEATH. WE ARE CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND CHRIST'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY. YES, GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU AND ME. CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US AND YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR NEIGHBOUR. WE NEED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT IN LOVE WE RISE TO EVER LASTING BLESSEDNESS, TO ENJOY THE LIFE OF RESURRECTION.**

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, rejoice as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, Easter. I want to congratulate Britteny Cerna who received the Sacraments of Initiation last night: Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Communion. I want also to congratulate our Confirmation Candidates: Grayson Christal, Quinn Dreiband, Sophia Emrah, Danika Harris, Andrew Hartman, Brittny Ho, Faith Loshe, Justin Mayer, Brendan McCorkle, Juan Ortiz, Marco Sanchez, Kendall Smith, who will be confirmed on Friday April 21, 2017 and Randy Anderson who receives the Confirmation at St. Aloysius. It is a wonderful thing that they receive this all important Sacrament of Confirmation as we are celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.

The Resurrection is what we are celebrating today. It is Easter. The life of love in Christ Jesus, when our mortal bodies will take on immortality, the corruptible bodies will take on incorruptibility, the perishable bodies will take on imperishability and then we will take on glorified bodies. What we are celebrating is not fairy tale but a historical fact as we read in the 1st reading: Act 10:34a, 37-43. "You must have heard about the recent happening in Judea, ..." about "Jesus of Nazareth" and how "... He went about doing good ..." and to the fact that: "They killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, ..." yet three days afterwards God raised Him to life and allowed Him to be seen, ... Now we are those witnesses – "we ate and drank with him after his resurrection from the dead" - and He has ordered us to proclaim this to His people. That is: "you". God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, to die for our sake. And Christ so loved us that He gave Himself up to death, death on the Cross, for us. Why so such great a love? It is because Christ knew that we need His help to be saved and so enjoy the blessedness of God in heaven. As the Responsorial Psalm said: "This day is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Let us really be happy. "HAPPY EASTER! HAPPY EASTER!! HAPPY EASTER!!!"

So, we are called to be happy, to rejoice, to love as God loves, to love as we should. How? The answer is: "What so ever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me. When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink. Now enter into the home of my Father".

It was this love that made Mary Magdalene to go to the tomb early in the morning, as we read in the Gospel; Jn 20:1-9: And when she did not see the body of the Lord Jesus she ran to Peter. The same love made Peter and the disciple the Lord loved, that is, John; to also run to the tomb. We are invited to run to the tomb to look for the Lord Jesus. We are invited to love one another for God's sake and for the life of blessedness.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: From my personal experience, I was in prayer of meditation, thanking God for all He did for me, so many of them. Then I asked Him: "What I should do for You My Lord Jesus, for all these you have done for me? For all your love on me?" He said, "Love me and care for me in the poor and the needy". To love God is to love the poor and the needy around you. Help them. Do not close your eyes on them. Help them. Whatever you give to the poor and the needy, you really reserve them for yourself in heaven. (That is: In your heavenly bank account). Love and give so that love will be shown to you and gifts be given to you. Alleluia. God bless you.

**Remember: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".**

**HAPPY EASTER, HAPPY EASTER, HAPPY EASTER.**

**God bless you**

**Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu**



### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they continue their faith journey to Confirmation on Friday, April 21st at St. Mary's of the Assumption, Decatur, IN.

Randy Anderson (Confirmation at St. Aloysius), son of Mike and Becky Anderson

Brittney Cerna (Baptized, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Holy Saturday Night), daughter of Roy Cerna and Mayra Espinoza  
Grayson Christal, son of Mike & Angel Christal  
Quinn Dreiband, son of Kim Dreiband and the late David Dreiband  
Sophia Emrah, daughter of Josh and Tori Emrah  
Danika Harris, daughter of Larry & Bella Harris  
Andrew Hartman, son of Todd and Anjie Hartman  
Britney Ho, daughter of Tom and Vivian Ho  
Faith Loshe, granddaughter of Jerry and Kareh Loshe  
Justin Mayer, son of Patrick and LeAnn Mayer  
Brendan McCorkle, son of Dale and Sarah McCorkle  
Juan Ortiz, son of Juan and Rosa Bravo Ortiz  
Marco Sanchez, son of Francisco Sanchez and Librada Cuautle  
Kendall Smith, daughter of Karl and Anna Smith



"The Lord is close to all those who call on him..."

Psalm 145:18

May the Lord's blessings be with you on Easter and always.

**MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST-** You are invited to attend the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. at the Arts Commerce Visitors Centre, 211 West Water Street, Bluffton, IN. Featured Speaker: Congressman Jim Banks. Advance Registration is required. Men and Women of all faiths are encouraged to attend. Make your reservation by stopping by the Mayor's Office at 128 East Market St., calling 824-1520 or on-line at [www.blufftonindiana.net](http://www.blufftonindiana.net). Cost is \$15.00, Please register no later than April 13th.

### ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., Apr. 17- Office Closed Today
- **Mon., Tues., Apr. 17 & 18- No Morning Prayer, Rosary or Mass and Wed., Apr. 19- No Evening Prayer, Rosary or Mass- Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu gone.**
- Fri., April 21- Confirmation at St. Mary's, Decatur- 7:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 23- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 Masses served by Knights of Columbus.
- Wed., Apr. 26- New Evangelization Team Mtg.- 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 3- Parish Council Meeting- 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 7- First Communion Mass- 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 20- Appreciation Dinner- 6:00 p.m. (after 5:00 Mass)
- Sun., June 11- Graduation Mass- 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., June 13- Evening Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers, Homebound Ministers, Lectors and Cantors- 6:00 - 6:35 dinner in social hall; 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. reflection in the Church.
- Sun., June 18- Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday- 8:30 a.m.
- Sun., June 18- TINCAPS game- Parkview Field- 1:05 p.m.
- Sun., June 25- June 29- Vacation Bible School
- Fri., June 30- VBS Carry-in/Pool Party at Wells Comm. Pool- all are invited and welcome!

### WEEKEND OF APRIL 22 and 23, 2017

#### CANTORS:

- 5:00 Nancy Leitz
- 7:30 Tammy Horn
- 10:00 Jay Crisp

#### LECTORS:

- 5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
- 7:30 Steve Wagner
- 10:00 Jay Crisp

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon
- 7:30 John Horn, Sherry Makowski, Donna Geisel
- 10:00 Luisa Sumabat, Rick Singer, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller, Ann Reifsteck

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Nathan/Missy Huss Family
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Todd Hartman and sons/Chris Reifsteck and sons

#### SERVERS:

- 5:00 Huss sibling, McKenna McNabb, Emma Roembke
- 7:30 Oriana Makowski, Mark/Beth Geisel
- 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grayson Christal, Grant Reifsteck

#### Collection for Weekend of April 8/9, 2017

- Adult Envelopes- \$4,389.00
- Child Envelopes- \$29.91
- Loose- \$143.00
- Religious Ed. Fund- \$85.00
- Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$567.00
- Easter Flowers- \$15.00
- Total- \$5,228.91**

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

#### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$112.51 ahead of budget from last week.

#### Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$766.00

#### Diocesan Special Collection-

Holy Land- \$5.00  
Catholic Relief Services- \$20.00

#### SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon., April 17 - Monday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:14,22-33/ Mt 28:8-15**
- Tues., April 18 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18**
- Wed., April 19 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35**
- Thurs., April 20 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48**
- Fri., April 21 - Friday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14**
- Sat., April 22 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter - Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15**
- Sun., April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) - Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31**

#### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jericho Kobryn, son of Mike and Gail Kobryn, died April 4, 2017.

May God welcome him home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.