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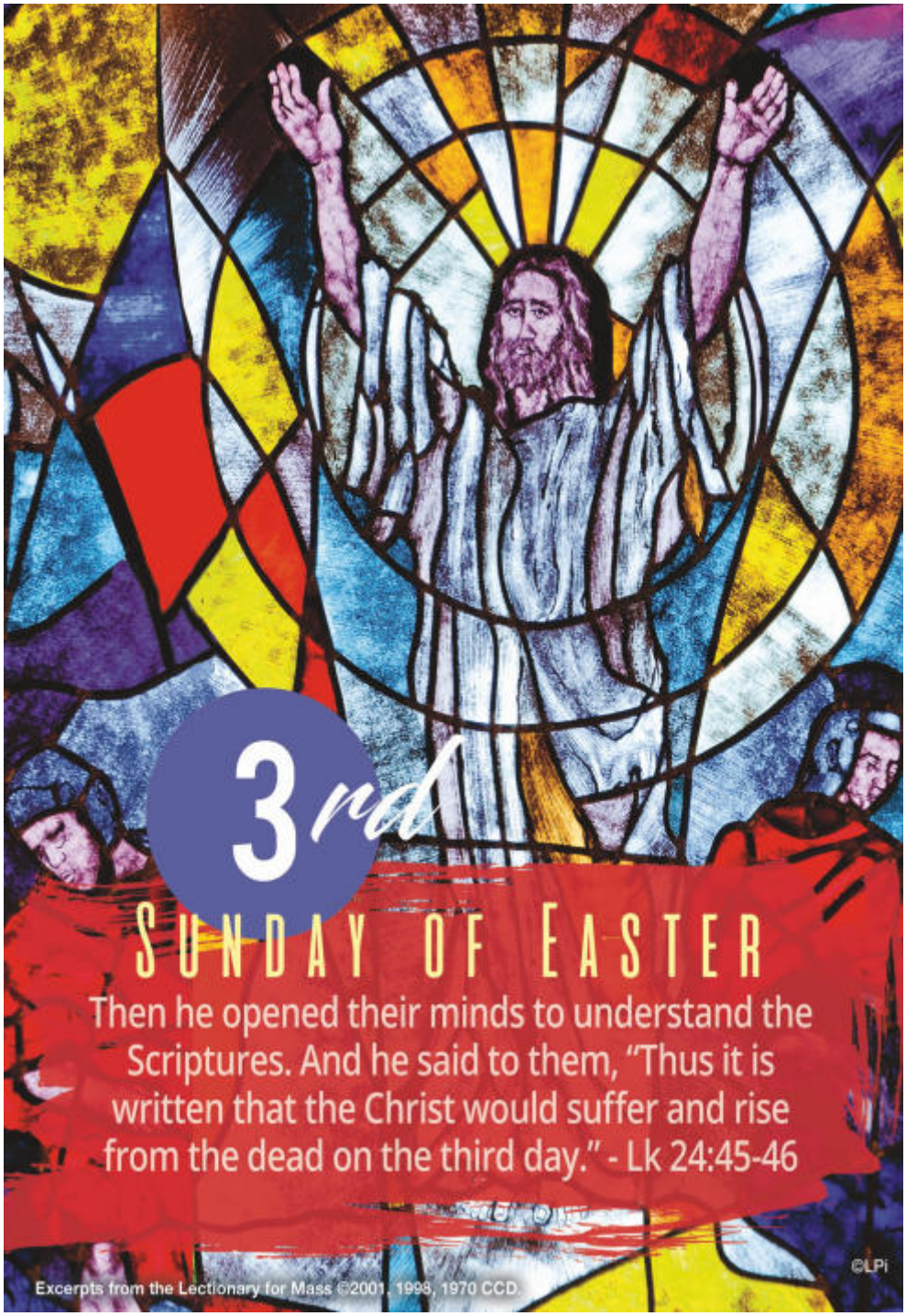
Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi



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Carmelite Quotation of the Week

Story of a soul . . .

What a sweet joy to think that God is just. . . That He takes into account our weaknesses that He is perfectly aware of our frail nature.

- St. Therese of Lisieux

Mass Intentions 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021
4:00pm David P. Chyla †
Sunday, April 18, 2021
7:00am Tom Rego †
9:30am Hilda Martin †
9:30am Parishioners of St. Mary of the Hill (St. Therese Chapel)
Thursday, April 22, 2021
6:00pm Chester Treba †
Saturday, April 24, 2021
4:00pm Janet Rothenhoefer †
Sunday, April 25, 2021
7:00am Joan & Robert Beine †
9:30am Nancy & Steve Finnessy Celebrating their first Anniversary
9:30am Parishioners of St. Mary of the Hill (St. Therese Chapel)

Weekly Donations

Week of April 10 & 11 2021

Weekly Envelopes	$5936.55
Cash	$236.00
Building & Grounds	$322.00
Easter	$415.00
Good Friday	$60.00
Cemetery	$25.00
Annunciation	$35.00
Antique & Flea Market	$25.00
Online Giving	$1550.00
Total	$8604.55

Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Flower Donations

The flower intentions this week:
In loving memory of David P. Chyla

Prayer for Carmelites

Each week, we ask that you pray for the Discalced Carmelite Friars.
This week we ask prayers for God to continue to bless and strengthen:
Fr. Sebastian Reale

Pastoral Council Election Update

Only one Trustee nomination form was completed. Therefore, our Trustee Treasurer for the next 2 years will be Laurie Hilger.

There were 2 Pastoral Council seats available, there were 2 nominations: Kathryn Bitner and Dick Facette

Youth Representative: there is one opening: Sarah Robbe agreed to another term

They are all elected by acclamation. We thank each of them for sharing their time and talent.

We are especially thankful to Marilynn Gundrum and John Hattori who are stepping down from Pastoral Council, we appreciate your dedication and service to our Parish.

Safe Environment Week April 18th-April 24th

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 18th –April 24th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Living the Gift of Sunday Booklet

"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass" -St. Padre Pio

Sunday is a gift to us, a gift that is meant to be lived. "Living the Gift of Sunday" is a book commissioned and designed by Archbishop Listecki, and contains 10 weeks of reflections on Sunday, and suggestions on how to live out the great gift given to us in our everyday lives.

Beginning April 17/18, **Living the Gift of Sunday Booklet** will be available in the entryway. Fr. Jude will be unearthing parts of Archbishop Listecki's book at Mass.

Rosary for the Month of May

In honor of Mother Mary, we will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before each Mass at the Parish Center during the month of May.
Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary! Sign up in the entryway.

Carmelite Saints

The Carmelite Community will be making a beautiful donation to St. Mary of the Hill Parish the weekend of May 1/2, 2021. For the next two weeks read a couple facts and quotes on the Carmelite Saints:

St. Theresa of Avila

Fact: -She taught her nuns to think and pray on their own, and to concentrate in order to hear the Lord in their interior, in what she called the "Interior Castle."

Quote: "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world."

St. John of the Cross

Fact: -In 1577 church authorities, resentful of John, had him kidnapped, and he was imprisoned for nine months in a windowless six-by-ten-foot cell, with a ceiling so low he couldn't stand up. The stone cell was unheated in winter, unventilated in summer. Malnourished and flogged weekly, John was constantly ill.

Quote: "Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ doesn't seek the glory of Christ."

Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

Lifelong Learning Presentations
from 11-12pm in the Parish Center

If you're interested in strengthening your faith through lifelong learning, prayerfully consider attending our Sunday speaker series, held in the parish center from 11-noon. All are welcome!

April 25 - Various Ways to Pray by Mary Mauer
May 2 - The Apostolate for Family Consecration by Steve DeGroot

Lifelong Learning presentations, formerly known as Adult Family Faith Formation presentations, are now available on the website (stmaryhh.org) under the Events tab.
If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics please contact our Adult Minister-Brianna Vogel (adult@stmaryhh.org) or call 262-628-3606 Ext. 4

2020/2021 Family Faith Formation

Classes begin with the 9:30am Mass in the St. Therese Chapel at Holy Hill then continues at the Parish Center until 12pm.

Visit our website at:
www.stmaryhh.org ð Religious Education
Next Classes: April 25 & May 2 (last class)
Call Melinda, Taylor or Brianna with any questions at 262-628-3606 ext 4.

Totus Tuus— Totally Yours

Totus Tuus registration opens this weekend! Simply go out to www.stmaryhh.org › Events›Totus Tuus to register through WeShare. Registration will remain open through **May 30, 2021**. Please contact Melinda Diels, Child Minister, or Taylor Kressin, Youth Minister, at 262-628-3606 ext 4 if you have any questions.

Coming In May . . .
St. Dymphna Mental Health Group

We are a Catholic mental health and spiritual group, for people with mental illness who also have problems with addictions. We will meet the first and third Monday of each month at the parish center at 1pm beginning in May.
My name is Kim M. Geisler, I am a parish member, a consumer, and an advocate for the mentally ill and addicted. I would like everyone to know that if you or a loved one is struggling with addictions or mental health issues, I am here to help. Washington County has many resources available to help you or someone you love that may be struggling. I can help navigate you through the system. Please feel free to call, 262-229-0821 or email: mikey28.max@gmail.com. God bless you all,
In Christ, Kim Geisler

Year of St. Joseph Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021

Fr. Jude dedicated our parish to St. Joseph on March 18th

St. Joseph spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil
'Year of St. Joseph' proclaimed by Pope Francis

Personal Reflection: We are called to be a temple of God where his Spirit dwells. If you are married, treat your spouse with the dignity she deserves in all aspects of your marriage, so that when that final days comes, you can joyfully meet the Lord and present her without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.
Heavenly Father, Teach me to love my bride as you love the Church, and help me to preserve her dignity and purity. Guide me in the ways of St. Joseph, always putting the needs of others over my own desires.
St. Joseph: Unveil for me the love of the Holy Spirit present in my spouse. Amen.

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22 -29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 ©LPi

Liturgical Roles

April 17 & 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

Extraordinary Ministers
4:00pm Francie Robbe
7:00am Christine Wolf
9:30am Art Noe

Lectors
4:00pm Bernie Poppie
7:00am Amy Faust
9:30am Ann Brower

Altar Set-Up
4:00pm Patty Sukalich
7:00am Mary Whelan
9:30am Michelle Dickau

Musicians
4:00pm Anne Breitenbach
7:00am Anne Breitenbach
9:30am Anne Breitenbach

Ushers
4:00pm Scott Martin, Bev Meyer
7:00am Gary Vogel
9:30am Melinda & Chad Diels
9:30am Chris & Dave Schmitt
(St. Therese Chapel)

April 24 & 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

Extraordinary Ministers
4:00pm Lorraine Neu
7:00am Volunteer
9:30am Ken Schultz

Lectors
4:00pm Karen Kiser
7:00am Mark Bourgeois
9:30am Barb Schultz

Altar Set-Up
4:00pm John Strachota
7:00am Amy Faust
9:30am Pat Merkl

Musicians
4:00pm Richard Smith
7:00am Tim Thompson
9:30am Tim Thompson

Ushers
4:00pm Blaine Lauersdorf
Norbert Neu
7:00am Don Strobel, Volunteer
9:30am Dean & Sandy Schill
9:30am Diels Family
(St. Therese Chapel)

How To Live Out Today's Gospel This Week

1. Earth Day is this week. Volunteer to clean up an area in your community.
2. Pray for our First Communion students who are having their retreat this weekend.
3. Spring is here! Simplify your life by doing some closet cleaning and donate items to St. Vincent de Paul that are no longer needed.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 & 9:30 am
Reconciliation: Call Holy Hill Monastery for times

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 17th - 4pm Mass
Pier Giorgio Frassati Youth Group 5pm
Sunday, April 18th - 7:00 and 9:30am Masses
9:30am Mass in St. Therese Chapel
1st Communion Retreat 10:30-Noon
Monday, April 19th
Finance Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, April 20th
Staff Meeting 9:45am
Wednesday, April 21st
Flea Market Meeting 7pm
Thursday, April 22nd
Eucharistic Adoration Noon-6pm Mass 6pm
Friday, April 23rd
Parish Office Closed
Saturday, April 24th - 4pm Mass
Building & Grounds 2nd Collection
Sunday, April 25th - 7:00 and 9:30am Masses
9:30am Mass in St. Therese Chapel
Family Faith Formation 9:30-Noon
Building & Grounds 2nd Collection

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