



Church
of the

Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

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The days leading up to Easter were a sight to behold. A small army of women started decorating shortly after 8 a.m. Holy Saturday morning. Having no potted flowers to work with, they got creative. By 12:30, they were done. It would have been sooner had they not stopped for Morning Prayer, the Preparatory Rites of the Easter Vigil, and the Food Blessing. They made it look so easy. Looking at the sanctuary as well as the rest of the building, one would not have known that there was a problem. That's when you know they are good.

Assembled outside the building was another small army. The first order of business was to help the Easter Bunny place eggs and bagged treats across the front and back lawns of the church. From my vantage point, I found it interesting how preconditioned we are. Once given the signal to start, the older kids immediately went for the eggs and kept on going. The smaller kids picked up the prepackaged Goldfish crackers and candy. I think the little kids got the better end of that deal.

Afterwards, the men proceeded to clean up the grounds. A lot more was done than in past years. Along with all usual cleaning, raking, and trimming, the Burning Bush hedge at the road received some long-needed attention. They are now considerably shorter and smaller than they used to be. The catch basin covers in the front detention pond, which were completely covered with overgrown grass, were also dug out.

Last weekend several young people, who had been preparing throughout the year, made their First Communion. Most certainly it was a blessed moment for them. It was a blessing for us, too.

Beginning the weekend after Memorial Day, and continuing through to Labor Day Weekend, the Saturday Evening Mass will be held outdoors, assuming the weather cooperates. The location has yet to be determined. Initially, I am thinking somewhere among the shade trees in the back yard of the church.

That said, when it comes to music, we need to improvise. The organ isn't going anywhere. Deacon Mike prefers not to play the piano as he once did

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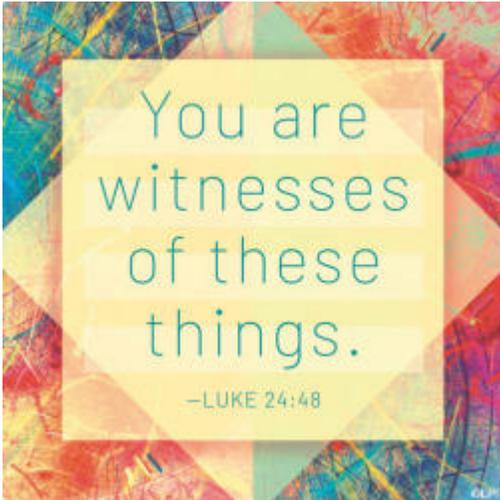
**3rd SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk. 24:45-46

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while in the marching band. [I find it interesting that as often as he has used this line, no one has ever questioned it.] If you play an acoustic or wind instrument, please consider helping out. Even if it has been a few years, that's ok. In the end, it all works out.



If the music sounds good, we'll praise the Lord. If not, we'll call it "A joyful noise" onto the Lord. In either instance, how can we go wrong? If you're interested, please see David, or call the Parish Office.

Take Care, Be Well
Fr. Wayne

Stories of Hope that Must be Told

Witness the profound beauty of ordinary people whose lives have been radically moved by Jesus Christ. Each episode of this six-part series

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This six - week series has **no homework!** Come to watch the videos and share in the discussion that follows. Each encounter will explore Catholic Social Teaching and both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Discussion guides are \$ 15.00 each. Guides are not necessary, but helpful. Financial aid is available.

Sessions will be held Monday evenings – 7-9 pm, Tuesday noon – 2 pm, and Wednesday 10 am – noon. Beginning the week of April 19th and we will finish the week of May 24th – just before Memorial Day. Contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 or jillian@holyspirthighland.com to get on the list.

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, April 19

Office Open 9am-3pm

11am-AA

7-9pm Restored: Stories of Encounters

Tuesday, April 20

Office Open 9am-3pm

10am-Women's Prayer Group

12-2pm Restored: Stories of Encounters

Wednesday, April 21

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Mass

10am-12 Restored: Stories Encounters

Thursday, April 22

Earth Day

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Mass

3pm-Scholarship Applications due

Friday, April 23

9am-Mass

Saturday, April 24

5pm-Mass

Sunday, April 25

9am-Mass

11am-Mass



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

A Reflection for Earth Day



God,
Creator of All,

We offer our prayer in gratitude and humility that we might heed your call to care for one another through our care of the least, the lowest and the most vulnerable of all your blessed creation.

Grant, we pray, the courage to speak on behalf of the soft soil under our feet, the running and still waters, the warmth of the sun on our face, and all the crawling, flying and swimming creatures you love. May our courage to speak translate into actions that protect our planet—so that our children and their children might enjoy the fruits of what we sow.

In your name, we pray.
AMEN.

Earth Day
EVERY DAY



*TAG will be meeting
Saturday, May 1st 6-8pm.
Bonfire and
Volleyball Night!
Come and join us for fun!*

Petitions for the Earth

That the Earth be revered and cared for as God intends, let us pray to the Lord.

That we stop poisoning the soil and seas with trash and toxins, let us pray to the Lord.

That we repent of our greed and live simply and lightly on the Earth, let us pray to the Lord.

That global warming is halted and reversed before more damage can occur, let us pray to the Lord.

That protection of the Earth be a top political priority, let us pray to the Lord.



**THE FR. JOHN HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BY 3PM, APRIL 22ND. PLEASE SEE THE
WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

www.holyspirthighland.com/men-s-club

Meditations for April 18

Luke 24:35-48

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

If you read through the resurrection account in Luke’s Gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples.

All of the disciples—from the two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room—seemed to be “slow of heart to believe” (Luke 24:25). But the disciples’ lack of understanding was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the questions you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it.

So the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass or reading this magazine is a great start. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read “The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack” (Psalm 23:1), Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read “I go and prepare a place for you” (John 14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him “turn the light on” for you. Let him lift your hope and give you joy.

“Lord, I want to know you better. Help me understand the Scriptures more.”



Readings for Sunday, April 25
 Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Prayer

REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
03/28	\$ 7,173*	\$ 9,885	(\$ 2,712)
04/04	\$ 16,184 *	\$ 9,885	\$ 6,299
Y-T-D	\$505,171	\$485,400	\$19,771

*These numbers do not include online giving,.

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Explore the Sunday Gospel

Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem

Luke 24:35-48



The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to 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. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

We are looking to have the following hours filled.

Sunday	3-4AM, 2-3PM
Monday	2-3AM, 3-4AM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
Thursday	5-6AM, 9-10PM
Friday	5-6AM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call,
Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

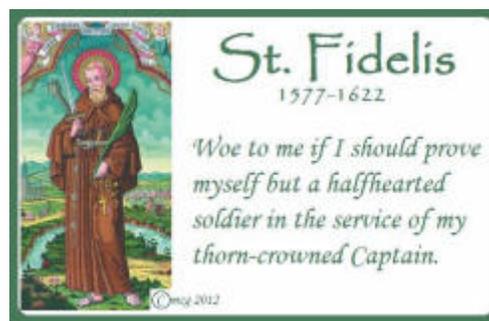
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Meet Our Extended Family

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen •

Feast Day April 24



Mark Rey was born in 1577 in Sigmaringen, Germany. As a practicing lawyer, he traveled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. If a poor man needed some clothing, Rey would often give the man the clothes right off his back. His life was characterized by complete generosity to others. In 1612, he became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis. Before entering the order, he divided his wealth between needy seminarians and the poor. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. When he was sent to Switzerland as a missionary to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians (Christians who belonged to congregations that broke away from the Catholic Church), he was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church in Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV in 1746. Fifteen years later, he was recognized as a martyr. The ministry of Fidelis exemplifies Jesus' command in today's Gospel to preach in his name and to witness to his life.

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, April 19

Acts 6:8-15 | Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20

Acts 7:51-8:1a | Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21

Acts 8:1b-8 | Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22

Acts 8:26-40 | Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23

Acts 9:1-20 | Jn 6:52-59

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Brenden Perry

Saturday, April 24

Acts 9:31-42 | Jn 6:60-69

5:00 p.m. †Jim Pixley

Sunday, April 25

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

9:00 a.m. †Krysna Kobierecki

11:00 a.m. †Helen Perkowski

11:00 a.m. †Patrick Feeley



Let's Plant a Garden!

Genesis 1:29 "God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.'"

Our Grotto area is usually planted with annual flowers each spring. Their beauty might feed our souls, the insects might feed on their pollen, yet they do nothing to physically nourish the needy. That is about to change!



If you are interested in helping transform the Grotto into a vegetable garden to help feed the clients of our Food Pantry, please contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634, jillian@holyspirithighland.com Thank you.

Saturday, April 24:

5:00 p.m.

Carol Ramirez

Sunday, April 25:

9:00 a.m.

Ron Shankin

11:00 a.m.

Joyce Lucas

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor
Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

Parish Offices

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Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

Marriages

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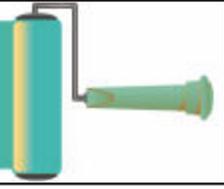
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