St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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APRIL 20-26, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

REMINDER: ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS).

Rosary & Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament...Sunday: 3:15 p.m. (Carmelite Monastery)

Sacrament of Reconciliation see schedule below for weekday confessions, or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism - Call Father to set up a date, preferably before the birth of the child.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony - Call to set up an appointment *at least* 6 months ahead of the proposed date for the Celebration of the Sacrament. A date will not be set until the first meeting with Father.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 20	Mon.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Keith Haffner Intention (Fr. Cone)
April 21	Tues.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	+Ruth Pommer (Fr. Lawrence)
April 22	Wed.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	+ Virgil & Margie Schulte (Fr. Cone)
April 23	Thurs.	3:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Sharon Becker Intention (Fr. Stevens)
April 24	Fri.	3:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	+Dylan Mentele (Fr. Stevens)
April 25	Sat.	8:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	+Francis Grove (Fr. Short)
April 26	Sunday	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention & People of the Parishes (Fr. Cone)
=	•	3:15 pm	Carmelite Monastery	NO Rosary and Benediction



Please see the attached letters. Thank you.

Stay tuned for next week's communication. Stay well!!



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. (Psalm 126:1-3)

Senior Meals are available for deliver to your home for <u>anyone</u> 60+ during this time of the COVID-19, through your Senior Dining program. Please contact your senior dinner representative for further information to get signed up. Recommended meal cost is \$4.00. Bridgewater/Emery site: (605) 729-2525

James Valley Community Center in Mitchell also has curbside pickup for orders on the Second Meal Program. You can call 605-995-8441 for more details or on their website.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Social Services would like you to know that there is help out there. CSS is accepting applications for assistance (up to \$250) with basic necessities during this time, as well as telehealth. The Knights also want you to know that they are there for assistance as well.

St Mary, St Martin, St Stephen: I am working on updating everyone's information to include email address, cell phone numbers, home phone numbers (if you have one ©), mailing addresses. In these trying times, I have been using email, texting and Facebook to get any news out to everyone. If you do not have any of these, then let me know so that I can get you a hard copy to keep you informed as well. Please let me know of any changes. I will be sending out something in the near future. Thank you to all for your time and assistance in this matter. God Bless You All and stay safe!! This too shall pass!!

Knights of Columbus Gun raffle tickets. This is for the drawing for the 50 cal Black Powder rifle to be drawn at the next Knights of Columbus event. Proceeds to go to the Steubenville Youth Retreat. So far there are 4 kids signed up!!!

St Stephen's Church will continue with saying the Rosary on Tuesday mornings. Please note the time change from 8:30 to 9:00.

If you would like to give online, you may do so from the Diocese website. If you have any questions, please call Jan.

CFSA Update:

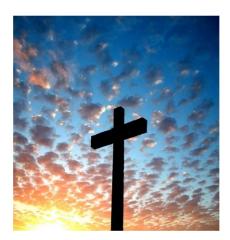
St Mary of Mercy-Alexandria has reached \$14,330.00 of \$18,000.00 which is 49% with 68 of 140 households responding.

St Martin-Emery has reached \$10,480.00 of \$15,000.00 which is 49% with 44 of 90 households responding.

St Stephen-Bridgewater has reached \$5,315.00 of \$12,400.00 which is 40% with 20 of 50 houeholds responding.

Our goal is 100% participation, please fill out your card and submit even if it is prayers or maybe donation of your talent. Thank you for your stewardship! Remember that anything over and above the parish share sent to the diocese will stay in the parish. Again, thank you for your generosity.

St Mary of Mercy Bell Tower Capital Campaign Update: A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO DATE, IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED!! To date there has been 29/140 household respond with Pledges of \$54,350.00 and \$25,950.00 already given. Again Thank you to all!!! GOD BLESS!!!!!



The Lord is Risen!! HE is right beside us through this trying time!!

Pray more, stress less!!

