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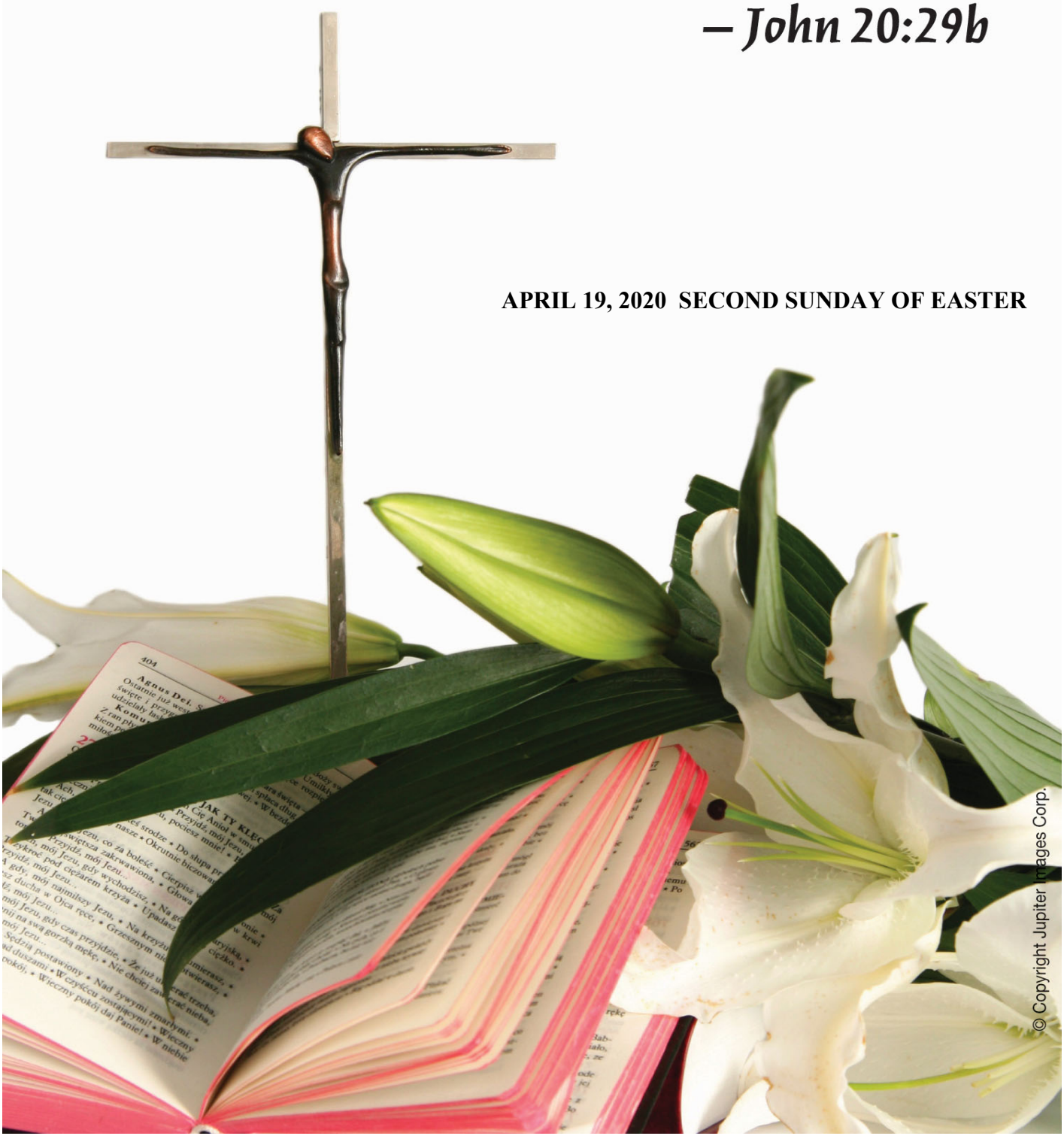
"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

– John 20:29b

APRIL 19, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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DAILY LITURGY / SUNDAY LITURGY

Weekdays	7:00 AM	9:30 AM
Saturday	8:00 AM	

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Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Please take consideration when visiting the chapel. There should be no more than 8 people at one time and social distancing needs to be respected.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms...First time parents at St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.
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FUNERAL OPTIONS AS OF MARCH 30, 2020

There are 2 options for funeral Masses:
OPTION 1 – Mass with no more than six family members plus priest, server, funeral director and musician in church. Social distancing must be respected. Mass can be livestreamed on Facebook. No luncheon available.

OPTION 2 – Rite of Commendation & Burial with eight family members, priest and funeral director present at cemetery. Social distancing must be respected. A Memorial Mass at a later date can be held when restrictions are lifted.

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From the Pastor's Desk

What's goin' on? I am sure this is a question you have asked often of family, friends, co-workers and neighbors in the recent weeks. In the absence of knowledge, there is speculation. Speculation is all about assumption. And you know what they say about that: When I assume I make an *ass*of*u*and*me.* :)

I thought it might be helpful to share a bit of what these last few weeks have been like for your parish staff, the ministries of the parish and financial status. As with you, much adjustment had to be made by the parish staff and many ministries we as a parish promote.

About a week before the stay-at-home order was given we realized that this direction was most certainly going to happen. I realized that we as a parish might not have public Mass but that we could not and would not "shut-down." Thus, all of the staff members had their laptop computers installed with the necessary programs to remotely access the main parish data base. This way, the part-time accounts receivable clerk could do her work from home and the part-time accounts payable clerk could prepare the weekly list of bills to be paid and the parish accountant could keep track of all of this and the finances of the school and the parish all remotely if necessary.

Our pastoral associate immediately coordinated a team of volunteers to call all those in the parish over the age of 60 to check on them and extend our assistance if they needed it at any time. The great people leading the ALPHA program didn't miss a beat and set up the remainder of the sessions on–line though the ZOOM app. Much of the same out reach has been taking place with the RCIA team working with our catechumens, candidates and our Elect. We pray especially for our one Elect, Jode. His Initiation (baptism/confirmation/first communion) has been delayed until we can celebrate this safely.

Our school Principal went into e-learning mode without missing a beat and provided the students and parents with a wonderful Holy Week at home retreat experience too. Our teachers have done a yeomen's job in being in daily contact with their students via the internet and even much appreciated "facetime" opportunities. Our Faith Formation director has been assisting her catechists in reaching their children to continue their faith formation studies especially for those in their 3rd grade and 8th grade years as they prepare for particular sacraments to be celebrated as soon as we can do so safely.

Our Good Samaritans have truly been selfless in their concern and energy to keep our food pantry going. And with the help of our Knights of Columbus and all of you, they have been able to keep it stocked. Thanks to those "younger" people who have stepped forward to help in this particular ministry. You enable the many "senior" members of this ministry from not exposing themselves to possible infection.

Financially, all I can say is thank you. Your generosity to the regular collection, the OLL and to the Good Samaritans (and other funds) has been remarkable. Presently we are hovering around $18,000 a week. Even though that is down by about $3,000 a week, it is manageable. Your generosity allows us to continue to keep "the place" up and cared for appropriately.

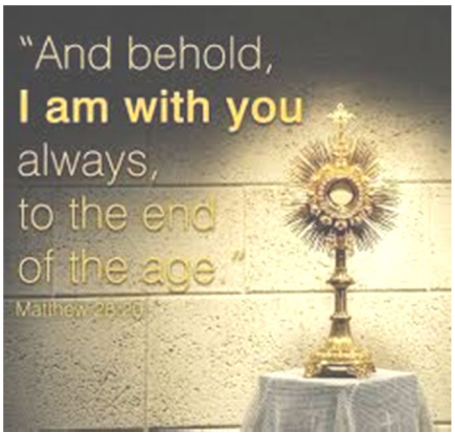
Some might ask, "Father, what have you been up to?" Well…. a week after the stay at home order, I was asked to house two of our seminarians so that they could remain in an environment of religious formation as they completed their semester via e-learning. They have been, along with Adam Sieracki, a big help in assisting me in providing the Mass on line and on YouTube. In this regard, I thank Debbie Mangione for all her assistance too. Together with Deacon Ron, who works from home and pretty much stays there 24/7, we form a little secure community.

Our Sisters, as you know, are nurses, with the exception of Sr. Serene who teaches Middle School Science. They are those "front-line" care givers for those who are have contacted COVID-19. At first I was able to celebrate Mass for them in the chapel, as many of you had seen. But, when they began to nurse COVID patients I was not able to continue. They are all doing fine and thank you for your prayers.

I have been very busy with the pastoral visits that I can make and anointing of the sick when possible and needed. Of course, this is all done with in the CDC guidelines for contact. I also have been providing and coordinating for you, and the diocese, many of the resources made available for Holy Week at Home and other resources for our priests in this unpresented time. I feel for our new Bishop; he just gets ordained and bang, this happens. A few other priests and I have been helping him in developing responses to the many sacramental and pastoral questions that have arisen and continue to arise. Sadly, I have had no time to paint my bedroom, which I though I might get to during this "quarantine." It certainly has not been boring; rather it has been quite a whirlwind of activity, parish-wide, diocese-wide and even nation-wide as I am in continual contact with my colleagues in Worship Offices throughout the country. This work continues as we are beginning to consider "what's next." How do we return to normal in the practice of our faith and attending church together again when the stay at home orders are lifted? No one knows when this will happen but we want to be a prepared as possible. Please keep us in your prayers.

There is much more to share, but these are the highlights. When this is past us I look forward to our coffee and rolls Sunday when we can all share our experiences and give thanks together in one place for God's mercy, compassion and love.

Spirituality and Worship Commission



Eucharistic Adoration April 22nd 12:00-1:00 PM via Facebook.

Commission Members: Director of Liturgy, Art & Environment, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cross Bearers, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, Ministers of Care, Deer Creek/Clarendale Ministers

Spiritual Communion Prayer

As you temporarily participate at Mass by remote viewing, you and your families are encouraged to make a daily Spiritual ommunion by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Education and Formation Commission

Commission Members: Director of Religious Education, School Principal, Sport/ School Advisory Board/HSA Representatives, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Adult Catholic Education, RADIATE Youth Ministry, Bible Study

SCHOOL NEWS

Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is Damien Guijosa. Damien has been a student at St. Michael School since 4th grade, and he will be attending Mount Carmel High School next year. Damien plays soccer outside of school, and also played for the Warriors in 6th and 7th grade. He played basketball in 7th and 8th grade for the Warriors as well. He says, "I am volunteering for safety patrol to help Miss Kennedy open car doors in the morning and make sure that students get into the building safely." Damien's favorite thing about SMS is "my homeroom teacher because she is very fun and she laughs at the jokes that her students make." He says that his favorite memory from SMS is "when I bought my 4th grade teacher a huge Yoda." The most important things Damien has learned at SMS are "when I'm angry to bite my tongue and not say anything bad. One of my teachers also taught me to do good things for no rewards."

Submitted by Jen Poskin

Education and Formation Commission

2020/2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance
Financial Help for the School Year Ahead

The application window for the 2020-2021 Diocese of Gary tuition assistance is open. FACTS Management will continue to provide and process the online tuition assistance applications that can be found at the Diocesan website, www.dcgary.org. Find the application by clicking on the "Schools" tab and then clicking on the blue rectangle labeled "Tuition Assistance Application". Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are active registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary. You may complete an application if you have: Children entering grades kindergarten to Grade 12. Preschool/Pre-K students are not eligible for this assistance. There is a $35 fee per family to apply and only completed applications will be considered. If you need help with the application, FACTS will have an email address, phone number, and chat line on the application website for customer service. The Diocesan Office will not be able to help you.

Get your tuition assistance application in as soon as possible, before funding runs out!

Things to Do with Your Child While Indoors

Tea Time

The afternoon transition from school to home creates a natural break in the day and a deadline to get things accomplished. You can mimic this by having snack or teatime at the same time every day.

Keep it simple. Gather around the table, begin with a little prayer, and then snack and talk, or listen to an audio book, or pray the Rosary together. It doesn't matter so much what you do around the table—you could draw or tell silly jokes, anything works!

Take this time to be together for half an hour and then transition to your afternoon/free time/chores, or whatever your family would normally do after school

Check Lists

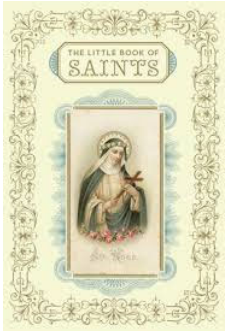
As tempting as it may be to let everyone sleep in and bum around, a schedule will serve everyone well.

Kids often thrive with their own little "to-do lists." They enjoy checking off items.

Make sure each kid has a to-do list for the day so that 4 P.M. doesn't roll around with nothing accomplished. Nothing makes a person grumpy like sitting around. Help everyone feel good by letting them know what they can do and thanking them when they do it!

Take the time you need to pray. Say your Rosary, listen to a meditation, podcast, or online course. Take the time you need so that you can be a gift to your family!

Learn About a Saint-Pray to a Saint



The saints are here to assist and help us! Pick a patron saint for this new and challenging time and look to them when you feel frustrated.

Mother Teresa is a great one for situations like this, but you can choose whomever you feel connected to.

"*If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.*"
\—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Submitted by Janice Gatons

Please print this page and the next page for your child to have a fun activity to do.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+ April 19, 2020 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples — except for 1 — were together in a room with the doors locked. Which disciple was not there?

Find and circle Thomas.

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Now Thomas believed. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have ...

Match the puzzle letters. Write each letter.

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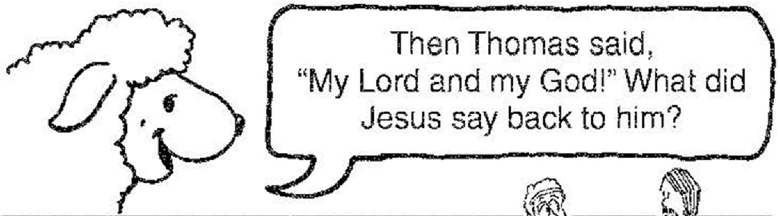

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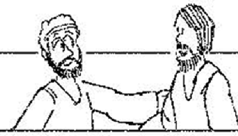

1. VIDAD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (6, 2)
2. LAPU ___ ___ ___ ___ (12, 9)
3. RAMY ___ ___ ___ ___ (10, 5, 14)
4. BOCAJ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (17, 13)
5. PHOSEJ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (15, 18)
6. REWAND ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (16, 1)
7. BELITHEZA ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (8, 3, 7)
8. ONHJ ___ ___ ___ ___ (4, 11)

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Children's Worship Bulletin™

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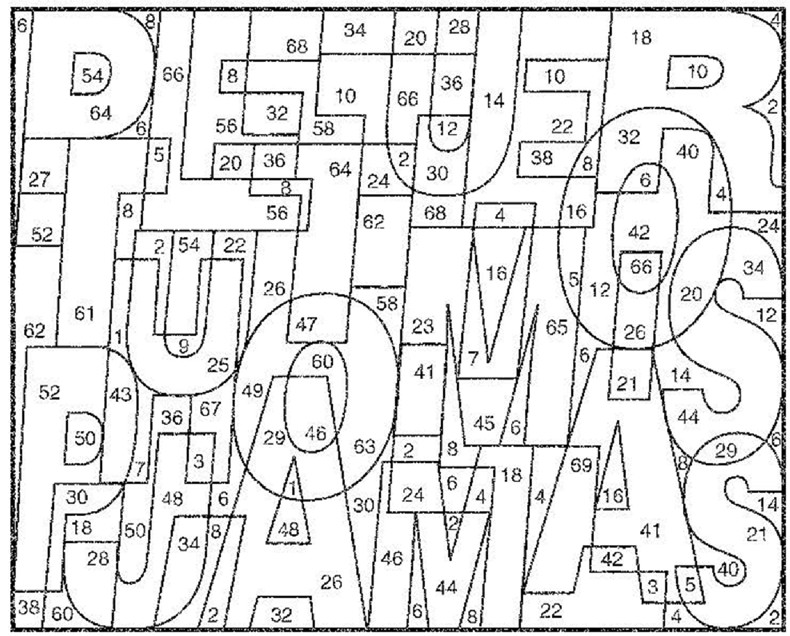
Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the disciples. But one of them was not with them when Jesus came. Which disciple was missing?

Shade in all the areas with an ODD number. Find the answer.



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Peace & Social Justice Commission

For Those Who Have Died…

Paul Horgash, Sr.
Theresa Castelnuovo

Life has changed, not ended

Commission Members: Ministry of Consolation and Hope, Good Samaritans, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Health & Spirituality Committee, Parish Nurse Ministry, Rebuilding Hope Mission Team, Labors of Love

Elinore Melle, Phil Kadner, Dawson Cade Kaczimorzewski, ***Kathleen Ludquist, Marie Mosher, Audrey Weber, Mark Biegel,*** Dave Kintzel, ***Ed Zurawski, Helen Hazard, Nick Barone, Tim Hazard*** and all those in need of the healing touch of God.

Life is precious; handle with prayer.

Placing the name of a loved one or yourself in the bulletin *Prayer List* can be done through Monica at 322-4505, ext. 8220 in the parish office. The names are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel. In praying for a sick person, we show our solidarity with that person and we remind ourselves to do all that is within our power to help in the healing done through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

NEED HELP?

We have several volunteers in our parish who are willing to help those who are homebound to pick up groceries and prescriptions. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please contact Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.

The Good Samaritans

We are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Schererville, Dyer, or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act)** call 322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message.

Stewardship & Parish Administration Commission

Stewardship Challenge

Extend Christ's peace and forgiveness to yourself and others this week.

Commission Members: Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Education Foundation, Cemetery Committee, Campus Facilities Coordinator, Stewardship

CONTRIBUTIONS

Did you know that you can make your weekly or monthly contributions through Electronic Fund Transfers? You can use your debit card, cancelled check or even a credit card. Please call Jesica at 322-4505, ext. 8226 or email Rhonda at bulletin@stmichaelparish.life to set up a plan or if you have any questions. Also a drop box for your contributions is available on the west side of the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 12, 2020

Adult	$17,298.00
EFTs*	$1,000.00
Children	$1.70

Total Weekly Offering
$18,299.70

Easter Collection
$11,328.00

**Electronic Funds Transfer*

We Remember . . . We Prepare . . .

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY APRIL 19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions
✞Rosalba Hernandez
✞Stu & Alice Wilson
✞Len Lula
St. Michael Parish

MONDAY APRIL 20
7:00 AM ✞Daniel & Victoria Alspach

TUESDAY APRIL 21
7:00 AM ✞Wayne Sherrick

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22
7:00 AM ✞Robert Ayersman, Sr.
✞Charles Cary
✞George & Marlene Sarros

THURSDAY APRIL 23
7:00 AM Jerry & Sharon Roe

FRIDAY APRIL 24
7:00 AM ✞Sharon Kras

SATURDAY APRIL 25
8:00 AM ✞Nicholas & Genevieve
✞Tony Fus

SUNDAY APRIL 26 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 AM ✞Joseph & Ruth Hisick
✞George & Marlene Sarros
✞Departed Souls of the Carmelite Sisters
St. Michael Parish

✞*indicates deceased*

Reflections

The Word

(Readings for April 26, 2020, Third Sunday of Easter)

I. *Acts of the Apostles 2:14,22-33* Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders and signs so that people could know of God's love.

II. *1 Peter 1:17-21* The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

III. *Luke 24:13-35* Two disciples bound for Emmaus were joined by Jesus, whom they did not recognize. They discussed the death of Jesus and the disappearance of his body from the tomb. Jesus explained to them through the Scriptures the meaning of the events that had taken place. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

Please join Fr. Marty for Mass on https://www.facebook.com/pg/StMichaelSville/videos/ or you can watch on YouTube. You can watch without an account. A schedule of virtual masses with a link is on the website.

..I was smiling yesterday,
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