



**APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY**

Ashes to Easter

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Each of us can help make things new for others with small, yet joyful sacrifices. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we aid our neighbor. Your generosity through the Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign, enables local missionaries to instruct, advise, console and comfort the poor in the mission areas they serve.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Mat 11:28

Inside our Church

Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm

Every First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Make a date to receive His Grace.



HOLY WEEK PARISH OFFICE CLOSING

Tuesday, April 11th

Chrism Mass

Friday, April 13th

Good Friday

Monday, April 16th

Easter Monday

Special Collection – Good Friday

On Good Friday, we are offered any opportunity to participate in a pontifical collection in support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Our donations assist Franciscan friars and others in housing and feeding the poor, providing religious education, maintaining shrines and parishes and pastoral ministry in the Holy Land. This annual collection is a request of our Holy Father as a way for the Church to help maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,



A beautiful Holy Week Reflection

By Rev. Robert J. Hater, PhD Professor Emeritus University of Dayton

“The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope” (CCC, no. 1681).

Enduring Hope: As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the last time, his time to fulfill the Father’s plan for the salvation of humankind was drawing near. Jesus’ actions in washing his disciples’ feet, giving us his Body and Blood at the Last Supper, and accepting his agony and subsequent death on the Cross give us hope in difficult times and model faithful endurance when darkness envelops us. In times of suffering, failure, family breakups, loss of friends, or a loved one’s death, Jesus’ death gives us hope for a new tomorrow. Uniting our suffering with his helps us see that to know ourselves we must turn our lives over to the Father. With hope, we trust that he will sustain us, thus preparing us for our eventual resurrection. Such enduring hope is the bottom line, if we are to recognize our true identity.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the grace of enduring hope.

Fr. Steve

Preparing for the Resurrection Celebration!

Many hands and hearts are needed to prepare and decorate our Church for the joyful Easter Season.

Saturday, April 15th at 8am, in the Church.

There is work for the whole family, so join us. What a great way to begin Easter, offering your time and talent to the Risen Lord!

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday April 10 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	5:00pm
Tuesday April 11 th	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Rm.	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Room 112	7:00pm
Wednesday April 12 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Parish Festival Ticket Count	Parish Office	4:00pm
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday April 13 th	Middle School Choir Practice	School Auditorium	No Practice
	Elementary Choir Practice	Church	No Practice
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	No Practice
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	No Practice
	RCIA	Regina Caeli Rm	No Class
Friday April 14 th	Stations of the Cross	Church	3:00pm
	Veneration of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Saturday April 15 th	Decorate Church	Church	8:00am

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Volunteers needed! The commitment, pray 1 week!

Contact the parish office for more information.

Thank you to our families, your prayers strengthen those being called by God to live out their vocation.

Apr. 16	P. & MA Everett	7:30am
Apr. 22	HM Kreitz	5:30pm
Apr. 29	K. & B. Theisen	5:30pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sun. 4/9 7pm Church of the Visitation, Westphalia
 Mon. 4/10 10am St. Paul Chong Hasang, Harker Heights
 7pm St. Paul Chong Hasang, Harker Heights



Holy Thursday, April 13th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14th

3:00pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15th

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16

Easter Masses 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Join us, as we begin the Divine Mercy Novena Good Friday following the Stations of the Cross.

On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested Saint Faustina to pray a special novena before the Feast of Mercy. Jesus also dictated the intentions of the novena for each day. We are able to pray this beautiful prayer today, in which we bring the Lord's intentions to becoming our own.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring all the kids and grandkids!

Saturday, April 15th, 9:30am,
K of C Hall.





FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

- Classes will meet on Wednesday, April 12th.
- **Holy Communion, Parent/Child** make-up session for the April 2nd meeting is Wednesday, April 26th, in the Ave Maria Building, 6:30pm to 7:45pm (during R.E.).
- **Vacation Bible School** is coming to St. Mary on Monday, June 19th to Friday, June 23rd from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily. St. Mary offers an early drop off at 7:30am and late pick up at 12:30pm.
- We are building our **V.B.S. team!** Adults, middle and high school students are all needed for this fun, creative and amazing team. Parent and grandparents too! For more information contact the parish Faith Formation office.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Letter to the Galatians

Tuesdays in the Regina Caeli Rm. Choose a time for you; afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, OR evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Cost is \$25 for the book. Contact Loris Edwards at 254-778-8692, or the parish office for more information.



St. Vincent de Paul of Greater Temple

Located at 106 W. Ave D or call 254.773.7591.

The Thrift Shop is in great need of unused furniture and clothing that can be resold to support their benevolence programs.

Items may be dropped off at the shop, the bins located at our Temple Catholic Churches or call for a pick-up of larger items.



#114 Monthly Business Meeting
Thursday, April 13 at 6:30pm in Ave Maria Room. Interested in joining call: Gene Pavlat, 254.778.8954



FALCON'S CORNER

On behalf of the St. Mary School community I would like to wish you a blessed Easter. We pray your time with family and friends,

during this season of renewal, are wonderful. We are very grateful to be part of such a wonderful parish, to have your friendship & support. Please do not hesitate to call on our school should your parish organization need helping hands ☺. God bless, Theresa Wyles, Principal

Alumni News

Joseph Daheim, a St. Mary Catholic School alumni, will be ordained into the Priesthood on Saturday, June 3rd, 10:15 a.m., at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. His first Mass will be at St. Luke Church at 5:00 p.m. that evening. Congratulations Joseph.

National Junior Honor Society Induction

We are proud of our 6th and 7th grade students who were welcomed into National Junior Honor Society, an organization whose members excel in Scholarship, Citizenship, Leadership, Service and Character. Congratulations:

Savannah Shadburn	Olivia Stewart
Camila Reano	Bennett Burdine
Emily Atkins	Alondra Arrendondo
John Gonzales	Alina Tavernier
Katherine Jolly	Klaire Moss
Sophia Howell- Dancer	Alycia Roman

Important Dates to Remember

Tues. April 11 th	Pretzel Sale Grade 2
Wed. April 12 th	UMHB Easter Pageant
	Grades 3-8 Service Hours for Parish Festival 4:00pm
Thurs. April 13 th	Easter break
Tues. April 18 th	School reopens
Wed. April 19 th	Grade 8 USS Lexington
	Grade 7 to Sea World
	Adventure Camp

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

April 16, 2017

T. Leos, P. & K. Cameron, P. Proctor, L. Grygar,
L. Lockhart, Deacon B. Rodriguez

April 10th to April 16th, 2017

Monday **No Mass**

Tuesday **7:00AM †** Gerard Steve Perry

Wednesday **7:00AM †** Ollie Ketterman

Thursday **7:00PM †** Mary & John Staebler

Saturday **8:30PM †** John Mikeska

Sunday **7:30AM** Barbara Tipp

9:15AM For the People

11:00AM † Clarence Entrop

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

April 2, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	8200.67
School Fund	\$	1310.69
Flower Donations	\$	180.00
Nativity Donations	\$	125.00
Total	\$	9816.36

Note: totals include online giving

Liturgical Minister Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: L. Edwards
Lay Ministers: D. Shephard, C. Hussey,
 L. Matthews

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: J. Hattemer
Lay Ministers: P. & MA Everett, J. Bartz

APRIL 15th & 16th, 2017

8:30 PM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: HM Kreitz, MA Everett, L. Edwards
Lay Ministers: J. Bartz, P. Everett
Greeters: K. Petter, R. Beck
Altar Servers: A. Morgan, M. Cruz, A. Marin,
 S. Proctor

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: N. Maldonado
Lay Ministers: P. & K. Cameron, P. Proctor
Greeters: B. & M. Hoelscher, L. Lagut,
 C. Reeves
Altar Servers: A., V. & T. Lucksinger, D. Nguyen

9:15 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: J. Hattemer
Lay Ministers: L. Grygar, D. Garza, D. Gibson
Greeters: M. Guenat, K. & J. Bartz, T. Leos
Altar Servers: S. Berumen, R. McNeill,
 A. Lambert, A. Tavernier

11:00 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: N. Pekar
Lay Ministers: J. Oakes, A. Payne, A. Mikeska
Greeters: B. Stewart, M. Cyr, L. Castillo, R. &
 J. Dudley
Altar Servers: H. & B. Payne, L. & S. Mikeska

Parish Festival

April 30th 10:30AM-4:00 PM K of C Hall

Remember to turn in Raffle tickets and money.
Drop off at the office, in collection basket or mail in.

**** All unsold tickets must be turned in by ****
**** Sunday, April 23rd ****

FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED:

***New and Handmade items for auction**

***Prizes/items for Country Store, Bingo
(adults/kids). 2- liter sodas for Ring Toss**

***Wine & spirits for the Wine Walk and desserts
for meal**

***Monetary Donations to purchase items**
Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office or the
Festival box at church.