



Looking ahead.

I know in these days that many of us are looking ahead to the days to come. Whether it is finally getting a haircut, returning to work, or a "new" normal many of us have started looking to the future. While I don't have answers for any of those things, I do want to look ahead to next week. May 3rd is the world day for vocations and the church asks us to pray for people who are discerning where God may be calling them. In this time of solitude and increased quiet it is easier for us to pray, so let's make sure that we're praying. While we're doing that, let's make sure that we're praying also for those people discerning their vocation and praying that they may hear God's voice and respond generously with their lives.

On that note, I have some good news. The diocese has accepted three new men into seminary formation, four men will be ordained priests this summer, and here in Shelby and Plymouth, we will again be hosting a seminarian. There are resources online about how we can pray for vocations in general; but I ask, in your kindness, in this time especially to pray for the new men beginning formation, for our new priests, and for Brad. I'll be giving you more information on him in the days to come.

Until then, let's keep praying.


Father Chris



Hi everyone! It's been a minute! I pray that you all are staying safe & healthy during these difficult times. I thought this might be a good time to send you all an update. All of the seminarians were sent home last month to finish our classes online. It's been a blessing to be here with my family, but online work is not easy! Easter was definitely not the same without anybody in the pews, but it was consoling to see how the Mass goes on no matter what happens in the world around us. In non-COVID-19 related news, I wanted to let you all know that my next summer assignment will be at Norwalk St. Paul! I'm glad I won't be too far away from last year's summer home, and I look forward to beginning this next adventure in Norwalk. Maybe our paths will cross sometime over the coming months...as long as we stay socially distanced! Know of my prayers! Kory

KEEP IN CONTACT WITH KORY: Kory is currently at home and he welcomes any mail or email you would like to send! You can email him at kwise@stmaryshelby.org or send mail to: Kory Wise, 300 S Township Road 113, Tiffin, OH, 44883. Please continue keep Kory in your prayers.

CANCELLATION: The Catholic Women's Club meeting for May 13, 2020 has been cancelled.



ALL OFFICES CLOSED

The parish and school offices are all closed until further notice. Staff members are checking emails and voicemails. We will return phone calls as soon as possible.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 27

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28

Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; John 6:30-35

Mass Intention: Chad

Wednesday, April 29—Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66:1-7; John 6:35-40

Mass Intention: Deceased Members of Rose Biglin Family

Thursday, April 30

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

Mass Intention: Kathleen Metzger

Friday, May 1

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1-2; John 6:52-59

Mass Intention: Raymond Hartz

Saturday, May 2—Memorial of Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-17; John 6:60-69

1st Saturday Mass Intention: Paul Carriere

Mass Intentions: Daniel Cooper, Mary Alt, Donna Hicks

Sunday, May 3—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:20-25;

John 10:1-10

St. Joseph Mass Intention: Colin Studer, Connie Blum

MPHM Mass Intentions: All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

FISH COLLECTION UPDATE: All is well at the FISH pantry. They have continued to serve clients with lots of special precautions for those in need and their volunteers. In this time we ask that you bring your FISH donations when you come to church to pray. Be careful to only donate foods that are not outdated on the labels. Helpline cannot distribute outdated items that are provided for those in need. The FISH pantry is especially in need of the following items: **spaghetti, elbow macaroni (1 lb), pasta sauce (in cans or plastic bottles), brownie & cookie mixes, stuffing mix (turkey, chicken, and cornbread flavors), canned corn, canned green beans, boxed rice, laundry detergent, and facial tissues.** They have been inundated with macaroni and cheese and do not need any more at this time. FISH encourages you to donate your favorite brands of cereal and favorite canned fruits and veggies. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the pantry!

Youth Ministry News



In this time of social distancing, we are doing our utmost to stay connected to you! We are meeting virtually on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. for SLAM for all 7th-12th graders. 6th-12th CCD classes are meeting weekly as well. If you need any links or more details about any of these events, send Kari an email at kwens@stmaryshelby.org. Know we are all praying for you.

Sacramental Emergencies
567-275-1112

Sponsor of the Week

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Mission Statement
 "Leading all families in loving, serving,
 and knowing Jesus in our community."

ST. JOSEPH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,485.00

April 19, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$	1,547.00
Sunday Offering Online	\$	250.00
Easter Online	\$	200.00
Easter	\$	225.00
Maintenance Online	\$	170.00
Maintenance	\$	10.00

Please consider signing up for Online Giving by calling the parish office, drop your envelope off at church under the office door, or mail it to us.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus's Love & Generosity

Here are some key events that are at the heart of our faith, and the love and generosity given to us freely by Jesus.

Mighty deeds - the gospels are full of stories of Jesus driving out demons, calming the winds of the sea, healing people, and raising others from the dead, just to mention a few of his miracles.

Delivered up as God's Plan - Jesus's death was not an accident, it was part of the plan. Jesus went willingly to his death, so he could deliver us from our sin.

God raised him up - Jesus broke the chains of death by his resurrection, not just for himself but for all of us who follow him.

The promise of the Holy Spirit - because of the Holy Spirit we experience God's love, life and generosity within ourselves. This promise fills us with hope, and through that hope we know forgiveness, and this allows us to live a new life here and forever.

All these events and many more contained in the scriptures are the story of our redemption. These are a series of promises for physical and spiritual healing, forgiveness, eternal life and the Holy Spirit.

All of this is our heritage. Jesus died for us to secure everything for us. This is how much he loves and treasures us.

Let us all treasure these promises and hold them dear to our heart as we journey through this time of social distancing. God is traveling with us, just as he traveled with those on the road to Emmaus. Let us continue to pray for each other, until we see each other again.

Submitted by:
 Sherry
 Stockmaster



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jensen Kurtzman, Darian Miller, Jason Moore, Ryan Athy, Roger Endicott, David Metzger, Amy Adkins, Melissa Kaple, Lisa Obojski, James Young, Abbey Korbas, Diana Miller, Richard Allwine, Casey Clevenger, John Fisher, Joshua Hoffman, Philip Korbas, Terri Manns, Carey Miller, Courtney Snider, Gary Spangler, Karen Winters

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 11 & 12, 2020

Sunday & Holy Day Collections [Excludes Christmas & Easter]

Sunday Offertory Collection Basket	\$	4,675.00
54% Gave in the Collection Basket		
Sunday Offertory Electronic Giving	\$	3,213.50
46% Gave through Electronic Giving		

Weekly Budget Needed	\$	9,249.00
Total Sunday and Holy Day Receipts	\$	7,888.50

Weekly Over/**Under** Budget **\$ 1,360.50**

2019/2020 Annual Budget Year to Date \$ 388,458.00

Total Sunday & Holy Day Receipts to Date \$ 400,052.03

Year to Date Over/**Under** Budget \$ 11,594.03

Easter Collection	\$	6,006.00
Easter Annual Budget	\$	22,700.00
Total Easter Year to Date	\$	9,461.00
Easter Over/ Under Budget	\$	13,239.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$	45.00
Holy Land & Good Friday	\$	265.00

Other Parish Collections

Capital Improvement	\$	70.00
Excel Beyond the Basics	\$	125.00
Religious Education	\$	115.00

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.
 Deuteronomy 16:17

Of our 366 families that give to the Sunday Collection...
 27% now give through ConnectNow!

RECYCLING NOTICE: Our recycling services have been suspended with the exception of the cardboard. **We will only be accepting cardboard at this time until further notice.** Thank you!

Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot water.
 Submitted by: Janet Kehres



Continue to pray for all our families of St. Joseph and Most Pure Heart of Mary parishes!



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 Melvin Manley, Jeannine Wilhem, Eileen Eisenhauer,
 Greg Cornish, Nolan Bond, Ed Kanney,
 Mary Beamer, Rachel Yetzer