## O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I Trust In You! DIVINE MERCY

## St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church

2912 W. M-113 Kingsley, MI 49649 Parish Office Phone: (231) 263-5640

St. Mary Mass & Confession Saturday Mass: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am Wednesday Mass: 10:00 am 6:00-8:00pm Adoration & Confession Friday Mass: 8:30 am Adoration 9:00-10:00am Confession 4:00-6:00 pm St. Mary: First Saturday Mass 9:00am (the first Saturday of each month)

St. Patrick Mass & Confession Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm Saturday Confession: 2:30-3:30 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am Tuesday Mass: 6:00 Adoration to follow Tuesday Confession: 4:30-5:30 pm Thursday Mass: 9:00 am Thursday Confession: 7:30-8:30 am

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Baptism: Prep Class will be May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Church with Fr. Joe. Parish membership is required.

Marriage: Arrangements and Instruction must be made with the Pastor at least 6 months in Advance.

The Right of Christian Initiation RCIA: for Adults. Please contact Deacon Tim Webb at 231-409-0786 (cell)

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the Parish office or the Rectory at 231-263-2430 if you or a member of your family would like a visit from a Priest or Deacon.

**Funeral:** Please contact the parish office to arrange for funeral services or a Mass.

Cemetery: Contact Ellen at 989-948-8866

Parish Membership is by registration in the Parish Office. To register contact the parish office or pick up a registration form at both church entrances.

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

"We the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Church believe in a loving and caring God. By our Baptism we are called to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to build the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our families, in our school, in our parish, and in our world."



## From Fr. Joe

#### HAPPY EASTER (still) !!!

Yes, it is an appropriate thing to say (well, maybe we don't have to include "still") since, as Church, we celebrate Easter for a full 8 days—**the Octave of Easter**—ending this Sunday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>. And, the Easter Season continues on through Pentecost Sunday (this year on May 19<sup>th</sup>). So, does the Church make a big deal about Easter? **Oh, yes we do !!!** 

Each year on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (aka Divine Mercy Sunday), we hear the account of the skeptical apostle Thomas ("doubting Thomas"), who wasn't with the other apostles on the first Easter Sunday, and who wouldn't believe that Jesus rose from the dead - no matter what the other apostles said – until he saw him with his own eyes. (John 20:19-31) There sure seem to be a lot of "skeptical" Catholics in our world today; and we hear of, or know personally, many Catholics who have walked away from and left the Church. And that can be - and is - such a painful thing for an individual family, and for the parish family. But what we don't always hear about is how many people are joining the Catholic Church. But, are the numbers of people joining keeping up with those leaving? At the moment, maybe not in our diocese, or state, our country, or even North America; but worldwide the Catholic Church is growing especially in less developed parts of the world. Does that mean those who are turning to the Church are less developed (hmmm, less sophisticated), less capable of taking care of themselves, and so need the Church as a crutch to lean on? No, if they are less anything, it is less arrogant. In more developed and affluent parts of the world, people seem to think they've moved beyond the need for God. (This reminds me of a joke about a group of scientists going to God and telling Him they don't need Him anymore. They've learned how to do so many things on their own, even how to bring about something living from the basic elements of the earth just like God did in the original creation. God says, "You really think so? Ok, show me." The scientists are excited to prove their abilities to show they don't need God anymore. As they gather a mound of dirt, God asks, "What are you doing?" They reply, "Well, we are gathering the basic ingredients to begin our work." God simply says, "Uhh, get your own dirt.")

In John's Gospel, we aren't told why Thomas wasn't with the rest of the Apostles on that first Easter. For himself, maybe he felt justified not being with the rest of the disciples; maybe he was so distraught, so afraid, so depressed over what had just happened to Jesus. Whatever the reason – and it may have seemed a good one – Thomas wasn't there to experience the risen Christ. And, it wasn't until he <u>returned</u> and <u>was with</u> the community of disciples that he experienced the resurrected Jesus.

Have you, or someone you know, ever been distraught about something in your life? Ever been hurt by someone? Ever had your hopes dashed? Ever been disenchanted by events unfolding about you? (Maybe even by things involving the Church?) Have you - or they — stayed away from the Church, or been tempted to stay away, because of these things and, feeling empty, thought that staying away was/is the best course of action? Ironically, that is the very time when you need to remain with the community; because, like Thomas who didn't experience the risen Christ until he was back in the company of the disciples, it is in the company of the Church that we will experience the risen Christ in our lives today. In sacred scripture, the Church is described as the bride of Christ, and Christ remains faithful and will not abandon his bride.

No, we are not told why Thomas wasn't with the other disciples that first Resurrection day; but whatever the reason was, <u>he came back</u>. You know, "doubting Thomas" might just be a perfect patron saint for those who are hurting, who are distraught, who are disenchanted, who are ..... (whatever).

Often when people are struggling with the Church it is because of a misunderstanding. How do we overcome that? One of the best ways is to learn about the Church and why it teaches what it teaches and takes stands on particular issues. Well, how does one do that? Take advantage of the opportunities in our parishes for learning about the Catholic Church: Potluck Theology, the good Catholic books available on the bookshelves in the gathering space, listen to Relevant Radio (88.3FM in our area) and good Catholic online resources and podcasts (EWTN, Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron, The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Michael Schmitz), take advantage of our parish's subscription to Formed.org (check the bulletin for how to access it), and ask questions of your priest, just to name a few.

In Joe

St. Thomas the Apostle, pray for us.

HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER (still) !!!

## St. Mary of Hannah ~ Second Sunday after Easter ~ April 7, 2024 SCHOOL NEWS

## **†** PARISH NEWS **†**

**Job Opportunity:** St. Mary of Hannah Parish Secretary Please apply at Diocese of Gaylord, and Bookkeeper. Human Resources.

https://dioceseofgaylord.org/job-opportunities

Altar Society Bake Sale: There will be an Altar Society Bake Sale the Weekend of April 27-28. Please donate or purchase baked good to help support the Altar Society.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: Our young Catholics will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 am with Bishop Walsh at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Please keep them all in you prayers as they prepare for these special sacraments.

Rice Bowls: Please return your Rice Bowls by Sunday, April 14th. There are boxes at each entrance to put them in. Thank you for your support.

There is a cemetery meeting, Cemetery Meeting: Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Parish office. Anyone wishing to attend for questions or concerns may do so.

### **THINK Spring! St. Patrick Rosary Garden** Annual Potted Plant Sale!

St. Patrick Rosary Garden welcomes the parishioners of St. Mary Hannah to participate in our annual potted plant sale. The pots sell for \$15 and include 4-6 different varieties of annuals all in one pot. The flower quality and selection are outstanding and last all summer long! The sale is May 4th & 5th and pre-sale orders are available at St. Patrick's website or church office and vestibule). The Rosary Garden Committee appreciates all your support. For additional information, contact Mary Terese Meernik mtmeernikod@gmail.com.

# COFFEE &

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### JESUS IS RISEN!!

Jesus our savior has opened the gates of Heaven for us to spend eternity with Him.

Our students continue celebrating the Easter season with special lessons and gifts while learning more about the resurrection of Jesus. Ms. Kathleen's young students opened 12 different "Resurrection" eggs that told of His rising from the dead while listening to the Resurrection story.



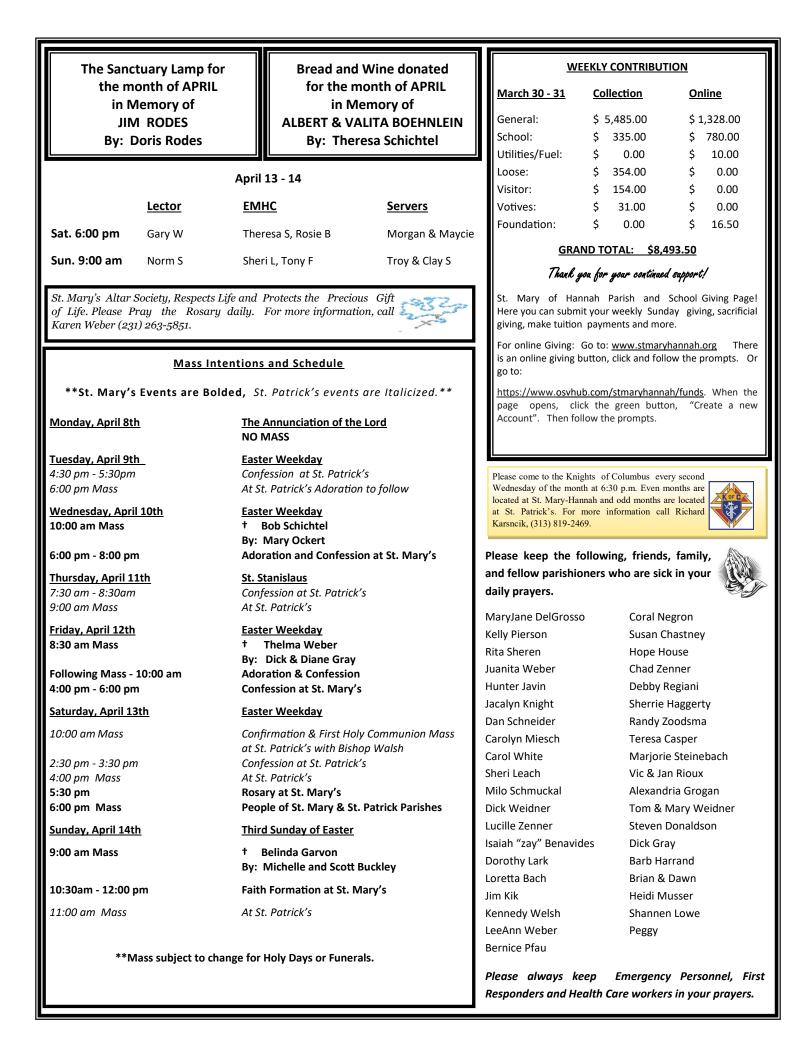
Ms. Medina's students in grades 2-4 answered the question: "Why I love Easter?" These are their answers:

- Jesus rose from the dead.
- He showed he loved us by dying for us.
- God is real.
- He suffered two days just for us.
- Jesus is truly God and truly man through His death and resurrection.
- Jesus is very powerful.
- Jesus set the example for us.
- His Resurrection.
- Jesus knew the pain and did it anyway.

Ms. Suomi's Spanish class learned about "cascarones" which are brightly colored eggs filled with confetti. Each student received their own egg and, like the people living in northern Mexico, celebrated by cracking their eggs open.



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