

4TH SUNDAY of Easter

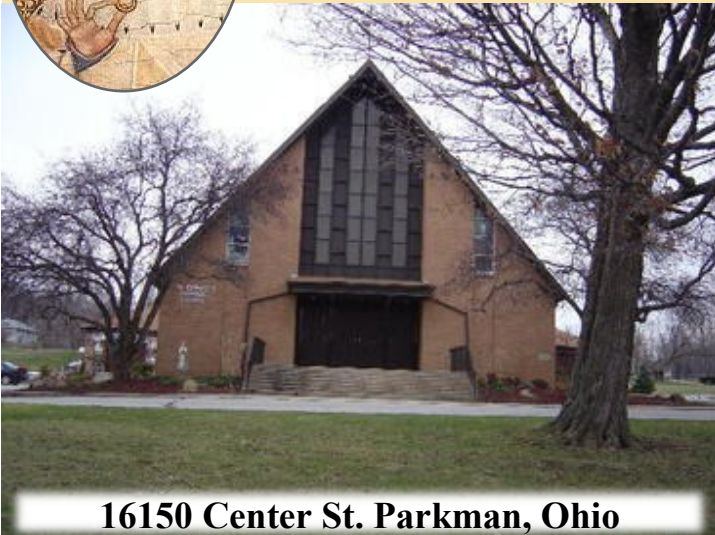
SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

Clustered with St. Helen Church



OUR MISSION

“The vibrant Catholic community of SS. Edward and Lucy teaches, proclaims and lives the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do so through the celebration of the Eucharist, the administration of the sacraments and in loving and merciful service to all.”



16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio



16280 East High St. Middlefield, Ohio

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm-St. Edward
6:30pm-St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am-St. Edward
10:30am-St. Lucy

Confession Schedule

Saturday: St. Edward: 4:00-4:45pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 6:00pm-St. Edward Chapel
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am-St. Edward Chapel

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: 6:00pm-St. Edward
Holy Day: 9:00am-St. Edward
Holy Day: 6:30pm-St. Lucy

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Rooting our identity in Jesus Christ is an important aspect of the Penance of Joy during Easter. The word “identity” can become a flashpoint for contention when related to cultural and political issues. How unfortunate is it that something so close to us as our identity has been colonized by different political ideologies? To salvage the topic of identity from the fires of controversy, we need to take off the backpack of political baggage and prayerfully ask where our identity comes from? Again, we don’t ask that question in the Church from a political point of view. Identity needs to be a “pre-political” reality. If identity becomes politicized, then the labels we use will become a power-play between different groups. Identity will become shaped by propaganda machines and, therefore, just as fragile and malleable as the winds of political change. To anchor our lives, we will need something deeper than political or cultural trends. Enter: Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, through the Resurrection, reveals the true and

one God of gods who created all that is and, therefore, defines His creation. If a Divine Author precedes our coming-to-be in time, then we ultimately cannot root our identity in the chaos of random genetic mutations, nor can we state that one’s likes or dislikes, preferences (on any level), or interests summarize one’s identity. Because Jesus reveals the truth of the Divine Revelation, we have something far deeper than the political or personal preferences, we have what God the Father desired for us. When we drop the facade of defining ourselves, we find out that being in relationship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit unveils the deepest mysteries of our identity. When our identity flows not from the primordial soup of geological time, but from the Creator and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we find out that who we are could never be “figured out” on our own terms. If we allow Jesus Christ to unpack the mystery of our “I” in the world, then we will find a deeper peace than we could have ever imagined. Our identity, when flowing from our relationship with the Holy Trinity, does not depend on our successes or failures, on abilities or inabilities, nor likes or dislikes. Who you are comes from the Heart of God the Father who made you to be His son/daughter through Christ by the Holy Spirit. He desires you to live according to His will not to stifle you and your joys, but to free you for the MORE for which you’re made. How close does the Holy Trinity desire you to be to Him? Jesus shows us in the Gospel this weekend. He wants to lead you like a Good Shepherd. Jesus desires to speak with you. Jesus is willing to fight for you even when you don’t want to fight for yourself, because Jesus is not a hired hand on the field of salvation’s landscape. When we keep our eyes on the joy of Easter as our penance, we will find out that there’s more to who we are than we could have ever imagined.

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

—Rev. James Field



Happy Birthday Father John!

Father John Burkley will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Monday, April 22! If you would like to send him a birthday card, his address is 2605 12th St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT? SCARED? NEEDS HELP? CALL 1-800-712-4357 24 HOURS

SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Barbie Becker/Becker Family
6:30pm Katrina Kellogg Nick/Family

Sunday, April 21 Sunday

8:30am JoAnn Sopjack/Roberta Pesek
10:30am John & Marian Husek/Mary Husek

Monday, April 22 Weekday

6:00pm Souls in Purgatory/Milko Family

Tuesday, April 23 Weekday

8:00am Terry Toth/Loretta Bearer

Wednesday, April 24 Weekday

8:00am HB Stella Duralia/Duralia Family

Thursday, April 25 Weekday

8:00am 54th Anniv Angela & Norm Scharf/Family

Friday, April 26 Weekday

8:00am Lawrence Politzer/Sue Mullett

Saturday, April 27 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm BD Abigail Moore/Lewis Family
6:30pm Paula Myruski/Larry & Phillis Imm

Sunday, April 28 Sunday

8:30am HB Gabrielle Lewis/Lewis Family
10:30am Derek Musgrove/Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

| 4/7 | St. Edward | St. Lucy |
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| Saturday Vigil | \$1229.00 | \$2425.00 |
| Sunday Morning | \$1452.00 | \$1952.00 |
| Candles | \$215.00 | \$41.00 |
| Easter | \$1850.00 | \$410.00 |
| Restricted | \$40.00 | \$180.00 |
| Maint/Repair | \$527.00 | \$640.00 |
| Thank you so much for your generosity! | | |

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday: 10:00 am Adoration E
6:00 pm Rosary Devotion E
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry E
Tuesday: 8:30 am Rosary Group in the Chapel E
7:00 pm Brothers in Christ L
Wednesday: Parish Office Closed All Day
6:30 pm Youth Group E
7:00 pm Bible Study E
Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 pm Adoration L
2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L
Saturday: St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren
11:00 am Sisters in Christ Tea Party E
Sunday: 9:00 am First Communion Class L

From the Diary of St Faustina Kowalska

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. If only they would understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy.

CASSIE'S COLUMN

Youth Group

Our youth group is meeting this Wednesday, April 24 from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Our teenagers are going to Steubenville!

Our youth group has an incredible opportunity this Summer, July 12-14, to attend the Steubenville Conference! At this conference, they will be with thousands of other teenagers from around the country and have the opportunity to listen to amazing Catholic speakers and have powerful Sacramental encounters with our Lord. These conferences have changed the lives of countless teens over the years. In order for our teens to be able to have this experience, we need your help! The **Steubenville Conference costs \$260** for each teen that attends from our parish. In order to lighten the financial load for our families that want to send their teen to this amazing conference, **we are looking for parishioners who would be willing to sponsor a teen's trip to Steubenville!** A donation of any portion of the tuition for this conference would go a long way in helping make this experience a reality for our teens! If you would like to donate, please contact Cassie in the Religious Education Office at (440) 548-3812 or DRE@ssedwardlucy.com Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please keep our teens in your prayers!

Sacramental Classes

All First Communion students have class next Sunday, April 28 from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches. All current Preschool through 5th grade students are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School the week of June 17-21 from 9am to Noon at St. Edward. Students older than 5th grade and adults are welcome to help us with this wonderful week! Volunteer forms can also be found on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches.

Interested in donating to help out with our Vacation Bible School supplies? We have an Amazon Wishlist posted under the Vacation Bible School tab on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Sisters in Christ Tea Party:

Join the Sisters in Christ on April 27th, at 11:00 AM for a tea party and a talk about the women of the Bible, at St. Edward. Please RSVP as soon as possible! For more information, questions, and to sign up, please contact Pam England at (440) 552-3231

Campfire Rosary

The Sisters in Christ will be hosting a Rosary around the Campfire at St. Lucy on May 4th, starting at 8:00 PM. Please bring your own chairs and snacks, drinks provided.

Catholic Christmas Cruises with a Priest

1. Join Fr. Leo Prengaman (December 20, 2024) for a 7 night coastal Mexico cruise on the Navigator of the Seas (RCCL) out of Los Angeles, CA
2. Join Fr. John Jamnicky (December 16, 2024) for a 10 night Western Caribbean cruise on the Jewel of the Seas (RCCL) out of Galveston, TX
Call Catholic Cruises and Tours for more information and to make a reservation at 1-860-399-1785

15th Annual Chicken Dinner and Car Show August 18th at St Edward

All are welcome to join the Chicken Dinner Planning Committee. It does not matter if you are interested in helping in one specific area, all of the areas, or simply are willing to help out wherever is need, all are welcome. Please see the parish calendar for the scheduled meetings. If you are unable to make the meetings, please contact the office expressing your desire to help with the Chicken Dinner, and we will get you in touch with those involved. Thank you so much for the constant service and help to the parish.

Next Meeting: May 9th at 6:30 PM @ St. Edward



Give blood.
Help save lives.



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| BLOOD DRIVE | Thursday, April 25 |
| | Tuesday, May 7 |
| 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Middlefield Library | Thursday, June 20 |
| | Tuesday, July 16 |
| One pint can help more than one person! | Thursday August 22 |
| | Thursday, September 12 |
| | Wednesday, October 9 |
| | Wednesday, November 6 |
| | Monday, December 30 |

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

News from AM 1260 The Rock

AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for Our Listeners and Donors and their intentions

Can you believe AM 1260 The Rock is starting its 10th year! We first broadcasted on May 11th, 2015. In gratitude, we have a monthly Mass said for YOU – our listeners and donors and your intentions. Each 11th day of the month, (except May 10th), we will have a Mass said at a different parish in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are welcome to celebrate Mass as prayers are offered for you, our listeners, and benefactors. The April Mass is at Immaculate Conception in Cleveland, Thursday April 11th at 8 AM; May is at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, May 10th at 12:00 PM, and June will be at Conversion of St. Paul Shrine on Tuesday, June 11th at 12:00 PM. In addition to the Mass of the Month AM 1260 The Rock staffers pray for our listener intentions daily. Do you have a prayer request? Visit <https://am1260therock.com/> and click on “Request Prayers” under the Contact Us tab or call 216-227-1260.

AM 1260 The Rock Event Calendar

Speaking of local events, are you looking for additional ways to grow your faith? Do you have a Catholic event taking place in your parish that you would like to share with AM 1260 The Rock community? For a listing of special events, speakers, liturgies, and devotionals in Northeast Ohio, check out AM1260 The Rock’s event calendar at <https://am1260therock.com/events/>. Or if you want your event to be listed, go to <https://am1260therock.com/submit-event/>. You may even hear your event mentioned on air!

The Rock wants your testimonial!

Has listening to AM 1260 The Rock impacted your life? We want to hear your story about the programs that have converted your heart and mind, as well as, given you a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please submit your testimonial to <https://am1260therock.com/contactusform/> or call us at 216-227-1260. You can also watch and read how it has helped others at <https://am1260therock.com/testimonials/>

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 21, 2024**

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| Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 |
| Monday | Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10 |
| Tuesday | Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30 |
| Wednesday | Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thursday | Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 |
| Friday | Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday | Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8 |

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Rejected Savior**

In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points.

First he calls Jesus the “stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” This quote from Psalm 118 was used often by the early Christians to show that Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when he was crucified, but was actually doing God’s will when he gave his life on the cross. Thus he became not just a martyr, but the savior of the world. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah. It also told those leaders that they could be forgiven for crucifying Jesus if they would simply repent.

The second point made by Peter was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. Peter says this to the leaders because they had to obey the emperor and his appointed rulers over Israel. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is the Savior: he forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. He lives in us to support us when the answer to our prayers is “no.” And in the end, he is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. When we love others (and are loved by others) we experience a taste of God’s love. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.

Tom Schmidt

Shepherding Our Hearts to the Father's

The Holy Spirit is burning within Peter, the first of the Apostles, as he proclaims the truth about Jesus to the leaders of the Jews in today’s First Reading: Jesus Christ is the stone they rejected and executed, the cornerstone of the Church, in Whom all salvation and healing is found.

In Christ, the Son of God, we also become children of God. In Christ, who calls himself the Good Shepherd, we are known and healed and saved. This Good Shepherd has sacrificed everything for our sake, laying down His life willingly, and taking it back up again.

Jesus is always the one in control. No one forces him to do anything. The Father sent him into the world on a mission of salvation, and his whole life is dedicated to saving all of us. It is a struggle, but he is not struggling to protect or save himself; he is struggling to save all of us as he gives all of Himself. The enemy does not make him recoil or run away from his mission; the “wolf” will not make him anxious, because he cannot lose. Jesus is not worried. He does not need to recalculate his battle plan. The Plan is set from the beginning: He must take on all our fallenness and woundedness and sin and death itself, and carry it all the way to Golgotha in his own Perfect Heart – completely human and completely divine; he must sacrifice himself wholly by laying down his life, and then transform every darkness into light when he takes up his life again.

And His glorious promise to us is that ultimately, all will be drawn together so that there will be one flock without division, under the one Shepherd of love. The love of the Father has willed that we be called His children, as St. John tells us. God has created a world and a Heaven that would not be complete without us, because we are all members of one family in Christ, each of us beloved sons and daughters. Through Christ’s rejection and death, we are redeemed, received, and given eternal life. In this freedom, we are called to accept this great gift and follow the commands of our Good Shepherd.

Kathryn Mulderink