



3rd Sunday of Easter

SS. Edward & Lucy Parish

Clustered with St. Helen Church

St. Edward

16150 Center St. Parkman, OH

St. Lucy

16280 East High St. Middlefield, OH

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

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Adoration

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Adoration

Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Weekday Mass Times @ St. Edward in the Chapel

Monday: 6:00 PM Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Confession @ St. Edward Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

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In a world so fraught with poverty, racism, division, hatreds, violence and war, how do we cling to Easter joy? Doesn't it seem foolhardy to sing "Alleluia" now, presently, in a broken world? How do we speak of Jesus ushering forth a new creation, the first fruits of the future Resurrection, when the old world rages forth? The joy of Easter can often flash for a day, rumble like the concluding reports of a firework display, then fizzle out under the weight of our every day lives. This tension between what Jesus accomplished and the glory to come tugs at our hearts. We experience flashes of the "new creation" then plunge back into the frayed threads of our routines. The Mass draws us into the font of this Easter joy, but we must drink in the mystery and

allow the mystery to capture our own hearts. Jesus rose from the dead and those who believe in him share in his joy uniquely. Receiving the Sacraments, continually turning away from sin with trust in God's mercy, forgiving wrongs, showing charity towards those in need, nurturing our faith by the Scriptures and prayer, these allow the "electricity" of the Resurrection to conform our lives to Jesus' risen life more and more. Yes, the echos of the old life seem impressive, but these are the echos of a world slipping away. The joy of Easter is not some pollyannish attempt at a "positive mental attitude," the joy of Easter places us next to Jesus in glory while we rejoice in all that he's done, all that will be done, and all that he's doing. When we turn away from evil and receive the torrent of the Holy Spirit's joy - the Holy Spirit is often referred to as "the oil of gladness" by the Early Church Fathers - we taste the new world to come. These consolations aren't fantasy, they're the deepest reality, the surest truth that Jesus lives and his reign in our life shares in the future life even now. Have we already "moved on" in our hearts from Easter, even though the decorations remain with the readings and prayers of Mass signaling Easter? Has the spark of Easter been snuffed out by "life"? Well, the blazing fire of God's love that conquered death did not get snuffed out by our cloudy sight and numb hearts. Set the eyes of your heart on the risen Son and keep your mind and heart nestled there in prayer and in life. His hope does not disappoint. And Jesus' love never fails. We can give ourselves the much needed permission to choose joy even if it means seeming like fools; indeed, be a fool for Christ.

Happy Easter,
Fr. Jacob

This Week's Franciscan Saints and Blesseds

April 21: St. Conrad of Parzham

Born in 1818 in Bavaria. He was the youngest of 12 children and by the age of 16 he had lost both of his parents. He was a lover of solitary prayer and a peacemaker and in 1852 he made his final profession as a lay brother with the Capuchins. He worked as the porter in a friary in Altoeting, Germany for 41 years. He was known for his great charity, zeal and patience. He died in 1894 with a reputation for great holiness.

April 23: Blessed Giles of Assisi

Born in 1190. He was one of the first followers of St. Francis. He was a man of simplicity and meekness. He spent much of his time visiting shrines supporting himself by doing odd jobs and manual labor along the way. He spread the good word of conversion by word and example. Even as the order grew and turned to more formal work he continued his pilgrimages and became ever more devoted to prayer and ascetical practices. He died in 1262 in Perugia.

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 18 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Marlene Collins/Michelle (Daughter)

6:30pm William R. Fisher/Family

Sunday, April 19 Sunday

8:30am Bo Giel/Cheryl

10:30am Jim Kvorciak/Joan

Monday, April 20 Weekday

6:00pm Living & Deceased of the Koczwaro Family

Tuesday, April 21 Weekday

8:00am Don Smith/Rosary Group

Wednesday, April 22 Weekday

8:00am Don Smith/Dave & Mary Lou Fuhry

Thursday, April 23 Weekday

8:00am Fritz & Caroline Bookman/Sue Mullett

Friday, April 24 Weekday

8:00am H+B Jim & Jill Vincourt/Sue Mullett

Saturday, April 25 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm Larry Veasey/Tina Veasey

6:30pm Joseph & Mary Lee Halaburda/Ann Bierer

Sunday, April 26 Sunday

8:30am John, Elane, & Bo Giel/Cheryl

10:30am Marian Husek/Mary Husek

4/5 Weekly Collection	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Easter Collection	\$7854.00	\$5906.00
Weekly Collection	\$1171.00	\$1319.00
Restricted Donations	\$840.00	\$370.00

Thank you for your generosity and supporting our parish!

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Monday:

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration E

6:00 pm Mass & Rosary Devotion E

Tuesday:

8:30 am Rosary Group in Chapel E

Wednesday:

6:30 pm Youth Group E

7:00 pm Bible Study E

Thursday:

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Adoration E

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L

6:30 pm Jesus Night L

Saturday:

9:00 am St. Vincent Food Kitchen - Warren

Sunday:

9:00 am First Communion Class L

10:00 am Rosary Before Mass L

3:00 pm Holy Trinity Community Play E

Youth Group

Our youth group will be meeting this Wednesday, April 22nd, from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward in Parkman. All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to attend!

Sacramental Classes

All First Communion students have class next Sunday, April 26th from 9am to 10:30am at St. Lucy in Middlefield.

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 July 27-31 from 9am to Noon at St. Lucy. 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!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Mt. Carmel Society is celebrating 100 Years! They are having their Italian Dinner Sunday, April 26, 2026. NOON until Carry out will be available after 11 AM. Buffet served from Noon – 4 PM. Cavatelli, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, and Dessert. Adults \$15, Seniors – 60 and over \$12, Children 5-12 yrs \$8, and 4 and under Free. 50/50 Raffle. Mt. Carmel Community Center, 29850 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

PENTECOST Vigil

Receive the Holy Spirit and join us to celebrate the holy feast of Pentecost with confession, adoration, individual prayer, and an extended vigil Mass!

Saturday, 23 May

4:00pm – 8:00pm

St. Edward Parish
16150 Center St.
Parkman, OH 44080

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Confession, adoration,
praise and worship

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Extended Pentecost Vigil
Mass

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Praise & worship, adoration,
individual prayer offered

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\$108,000 IN CASH PRIZES!

Plus 22 More Prizes
2026 Charity Tickets

1st Prize... \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize... \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize... \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

Come one, come all to Holy Trinity Community's performance of "The Three Musketeers" on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00pm in Rose Hall @ St. Edward. Free admission. Doors open at 2:30. The play lasts about an hour. Come experience the adventure and sword fighting of a classic story. This is our gift in gratitude to St. Edward and Lucy Parish!



BIRDIES FOR BABIES: TopGolf Edition

Swing into action for a great cause! The 6th Annual Birdies for Babies is Thursday, April 30 at Topgolf. Enjoy two hours of golf, exciting raffle prizes, and fellowship—all while supporting Zelie's Home and the women and children it serves. Golfers \$100 | Spectators \$50.

Sponsorships available. Register at www.zelieshome.org/events or scan the QR code



The Samaritan Society wants to thank all the volunteers and help they had this past Easter Season. With over 30 volunteers, those in need in our community were served and given the joy of Easter. Thank you for all the help and effort to make this Easter Basket delivery a success!

For the Week of April 19, 2026

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the "stranger" could quote Scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of Scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him. -Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Mystagogy," reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a "pentecost," in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord "has gone before you into Galilee." Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter. —Rev. James Field