

Alleluia!



S.S. Edward & Lucy Parish

He is Risen!

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Registration

Call the office or download a form at
www.ssedwardlucy.com

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



We cannot understand the Resurrection without grappling with the cause of brokenness and sin in the world. At its deepest root, the cause of injustice, division, violence, evil and suffering flows from the sinfulness of fallen angels and sinful mankind. This Biblical outlook sees within the first chapters of Genesis more than an allegory or “story,” with Genesis we see revealed the mystery of iniquity that’s tragically affected all of us. We also see, tucked within those mysterious verses a pre-Gospel, a promise from God that offspring from the woman will crush the head of the serpent who instigated such destruction (Gen. 3:15). God the Father did not abandon us when sin entered Paradise, He began a rescue mission. Sin, death, disease, division, and the devil all became targets God sought to destroy to liberate mankind. Jesus fulfilled this mission in and through his entire Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost. By Jesus’ death on the Cross, he bore away the punishment that death is for sin. Jesus took

that place for us, bearing in his body the due punishment for sin. He forgave sin through his fidelity to the Father. Through the Resurrection, Jesus showed the evil powers that wield death that they no longer have sway over those who live in God’s Kingdom. The Resurrection is a Triumph over that most ancient of curses from The Fall. Death no longer sends into the land of darkness those who believe in Jesus and have been reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, becoming one with His Bride, the Church. Easter points us towards the power of the Holy Spirit outpoured upon a Church, gathered into the presence of Jesus, who would then carry on the commands and works of Jesus. Jesus reconciled Jews and Greeks in his person, healing a division that kept peoples apart since the Tower of Babel. Jesus freed those bound by disease and the devil throughout his ministry, and by the Holy Spirit he empowered his disciples to do the same; this extends the influence of God’s Kingdom into every area of our lives. And the final judgment, which we will all face, shall see the end of the spiritual warfare with the powers of Hell who have only been digging deeper graves with every attack upon Jesus’ Body, the Church. What we have, then, with this celebration of Easter, is a promise not only for “tomorrow,” but for TODAY. Jesus Christ IS risen. Jesus Christ IS alive. Jesus Christ DOES reign, presently, now! We are faced with a very real choice, then. We can either believe in what he did for us and open our lives and hearts to his Lordship and power, or...we can “do our own thing.” As shocking as it might sound, the choices are as simple as they must be decisive: Will we serve Heaven or Hell? We see, in this Easter Season, that all the powers of Hell will remain powerless before the so-called weakness of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Hades could not contain Jesus. Why wouldn’t we choose to live only for Jesus Christ? Why would we remain in stubborn resistance? Why do we keep ourselves from his promise of eternal life? How could anyone trade the glory of God for dirt and darkness and death? Well, to choose Jesus will mean giving up “my” way and therefore I will not be my own boss. To believe in Jesus means that I do not get to make up “my” rules, but I need to obey HIS word. In that word is life and freedom from death, sin, disease, and demonic attacks. Will we serve him? Will we let him reign in our lives? The saints beckon us to surrender. The angels cheer us beyond our hesitancy. Why wait? Why play games with God? Choose Jesus. Lay your life down for him. Turn away from sin, repent and believe in the Gospel.

Happy Easter, Fr. Jacob

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, March 30 Easter Vigil**
8:00pm R&G Molnar/Alice Molnar
- Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday**
8:30am HB Gianna Lewis/Lewis Family
10:30am Jason Kankula/Carolyn Sokol
- Monday, April 1 Weekday**
6:00pm NO MASS
- Tuesday, April 2 Weekday**
8:00am Dr. Virginia Weis/Alice Molnar
- Wednesday, April 3 Weekday**
8:00am Christopher Cartley/Rzeszotarski Family
- Thursday, April 4 Weekday**
8:00am Luzum Family/Mary & Don Smith
- Friday, April 5 Weekday**
8:00am HB Dinai Mullett/Sue Mullett
- Saturday, April 6 Saturday Vigil**
5:00pm Rosi Burbridge
6:30pm Anton & Cecilia Bozeglav/John & Cecilia Hanish
- Sunday, April 7 Sunday**
8:30am Frank & Regina Fritz/Adrienne (daughter)
10:30am Pro Popolo

WEEKLY OFFERING

3/17	St. Edward	St. Lucy
Saturday Vigil	\$1342.00	\$969.00
Sunday Morning	\$1885.09	\$2160.26
Candles	\$91.00	\$39.00
Maint/Repair	\$27.00	\$810.00
Restricted	\$155.00	\$220.00
Religious Education	\$100.00	-
Thank you so much for your generosity!		

Weekly Schedule of Events:

- Monday: No Mass or Adoration
 Tuesday: 8:30 am Rosary Group in the Chapel E
 Wednesday: 6:30 pm Youth Group E
 Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 pm Adoration L
 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L
 6:30 pm Sisters in Christ L
 Friday: First Friday Devotions
 Sunday: The Gatherings after Mass E & L
 9:00 am Sacramental Classes

SS. Edward & Lucy Tea Party Save the date: April 27th 11:00 AM at St. Edward

The Sisters in Christ will be putting on a tea party with brunch, tea, prizes, and a presentation on the women of the Bible. All women are welcome to join with their friends and family. Admission is \$10 per person, with limited space available. Please make all checks out to the Sisters in Christ.
 For any questions or help registering, please call Pam England at (440) 552-3231

CASSIE'S COLUMN

Youth Group

Our youth group is meeting this Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Edward. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

Sacramental Classes

All Confirmation students have class next Sunday, April 7 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.

Steubenville Conference

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!

Come one! Come all!

The Holy Trinity Community would like to invite parishioners and their families to enjoy “*Much Ado About Nothing*” on Sunday April 14th at Rose Hall, St. Edward. This comedy of Shakespeare’s deals with the follies of love, loyalty, marriage and the fickle human heart. Doors will open at 2:45 pm and the performance will begin at 3:00 pm. Free admission and there will be an intermission with complimentary popcorn and beverage. We look forward to sharing a little bit of Shakespeare with you all and hope to provide an enjoyable afternoon for our the parish.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, April 21st at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is “Mother’s Day and Grief”.

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.
For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Companions on the Journey
DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11th, 2024
from 1:00-3:00 pm

TOPIC: “*Tips for Productivity and Managing the Mean*”

GUEST SPEAKER: *Ashley Agle from The Lantern of Chagrin*

Meet in Holy Angels Community Room
18205 Chillicothe Road
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Loved ones with dementia are welcome and meet separately. For more information email: JoAnn Fariello, Companions@holyangelschurch.com

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

From the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska

Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy.

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: April 11th at 6:30 PM @ St. Lucy

UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Catholic Renewal Ministries (CRM) is holding a one-day *UNBOUND* Conference on Saturday, April 6th at St. Peter’s Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Royalton 44039. *UNBOUND* is a safe, loving, effective model of prayer ministry bringing freedom to all. All of us have wounds and open doors for lies and bondage to enter our life, causing problems like fear, anxiety, hopelessness and shame. Matt Lozano, Director of Training, will lead the day in prayer through Five Keys: 1) Repentance and Faith, 2) Forgiveness, 3) Renunciation, 4) Authority and 5) The Father’s Blessing. Information and registration at crmweb.org.

Please contact the office for any questions regarding the schedule and if you are looking at add any events to our online calendar or bulletin. All events will be considered at the discretion of the office. Thank you for understanding.

Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 31, 2024

Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

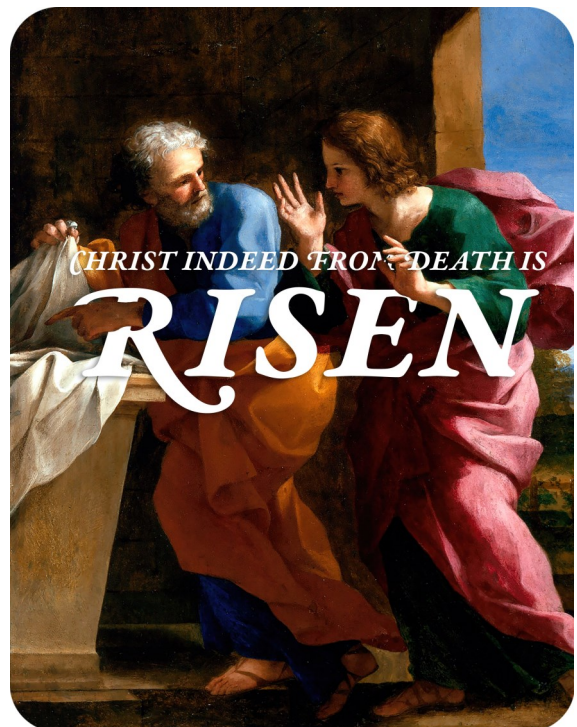
God's Divine Plan

"God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." -CCC 1

This is the first paragraph from the catechism and I think it perfectly sums up what we celebrate today on this beautiful Easter morning. In today's first reading we hear the entire Gospel story being preached by Peter. This is the same Peter who denied Jesus three times just a few days before, and who we read about in the Gospel as not fully understanding what Christ was doing until he saw the empty tomb. Peter then knew the plans of God and could easily and succinctly proclaim them to all people.

The goal of the lenten season is to bring us to a point where we can realize that our destiny is to share in the divine life of God. This isn't just a vague sentimental idea or ambiguous theology, but it is the entire point of our lives. Jesus loved you enough to die on a tree in order that you might receive adoption as his beloved. It seems simple enough, but do we really grasp the depth of the meaning? Easter morning is the good news that not only were you bought back at a price, but that the death of God was not the end. Rather, it was just the beginning. Christ rising from the dead defeated sin and death once and for all and claims us back as adopted children.

This is why Easter is the most important feast in our liturgical calendar. And God wants us to feast. We might be a little rusty after 40 days of fasting, but God wants us to pull out all the stops. I recommend making the nicest dinner you can within your means and celebrate as a family what Christ has done in conquering sin and death. The Easter egg hunts are fun and everybody likes baked ham, but let's not forget the reason for this season. That God desired for you to be saved and come to share in his divine life. This is enough to make even the worst of sinners or hardened criminals rejoice. As John Paul II said often, "We are an Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song." Now go feast!
From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!



Thank you for taking the time to celebrate this Easter with us here at SS. Edward & Lucy Parish. We hope you and your loved ones have a blessed rest of your Easter Season!