

Beloved in the Lord, Risen from the Dead,

Happy Octave Day of Easter and Sunday of the Divine Mercy. I hope Easter Joy continues for each of you throughout this holy season.

One special element of the Easter Season is the blessing and lighting of a new Easter candle. The origins of the Easter Candle are steeped in the ancient history of the Church, even drawing from liturgical practices of the Old Covenant. Today we see the Easter Candle as the most important light in the Church, symbolizing the *Lumen Christi*, the Light of Christ in His Resurrection which has conquered the darkness of Death.

This year, our parish has an Easter candle with custom decorations! This candle was decorated especially for us by Father Nicholas Ward of the Diocese of Steubenville.

From top to bottom:

The top image depicts the work of Christ during the period between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, called "The Harrowing of Hell," in which He victoriously frees the Holy Souls from the prison of Death, giving them access to the life of the Blessed in Heaven.

The text "Ubi est mors Victoria tua?" is translated "O Death, where is your victory?" This is taken from Saint Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 15, in which he paraphrases the words of the Messiah as prophesied in the book of Hosea.

The small shield is coat of arms of yours truly.

Then there are the essential elements of every Easter candle: the Alpha and Omega (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), the Cross, and the Year. During the blessing of the candle at the Easter fire, these elements are traced with a stylus while these words are recited by the priest: "Christ Yesterday and Today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Him and all the Ages. To Him be Glory and Power through every age and for ever. Amen." Five grains of incense are inserted into the bars and center of the cross as a commemoration of the five "holy and glorious wounds" of Christ.

Finally, a secondary decorative cross mounts our parish's coat of arms, based on the coat of arms of our patron, Saint Robert Bellarmine.

Give our Easter candle a close look when you get a chance and pray for my friend Father Ward and his ministry at the parishes under his care.

Happy Easter still!

Rev. Daniel Koehl



**Prayer Chain:** If you are wanting prayers for anything such as an impending surgery, imminent death, safe travel, Holy Spirit for the right words etc. Please contact: **Sharon Shock at 260-341-4412** you may call her or send her a text and she will contact the prayer group for prayers to be said.



**Let Us Pray For:** Barbara Tibbetts, Mark Bryant, Tom Hardy, Sophia Frieden, Joyce Hardy, Dianne Wion, Nyla Dee Evans, Shawnte Frieden, Anne Steury, Mike Heagy, Diane Cooper, Adriana Howell, John Peters, Dotti Ann Nisbet, Peggy Winters, Jay Sartori, Gary Pennington, Randy & Mary Jo Weiman, Joan Pfeiffer, John Weddle, Kevin Shorter, Martha Hancock, Kenny & Nadene Moore, Bob & Martha Bohn, James Thompson, Joe Accetta, Colton Burd, Terry Crull, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Ashley Ervin, Thiago Lugo, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Gary D., Chad Alexander, Debby & Doug Hyde, Bob Wagoner, Jesus Diaz, Roger Presl, Jack Davis, Chris Long, Summer West, Sutton Burton, Mason Besore, Jacob Lawrence, Winnie Lautzenheiser, Ann Snyder, Bob & Kay Spangle, Eva Hollowell

#### SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School is coming back June 14th - 16th  
This program is for kids in preschool through 6th grade.  
We are excited for another adventure to know Christ! Watch for more details as time goes on.

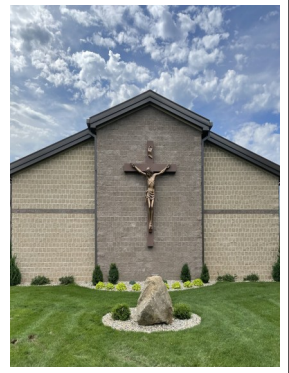


## April 12, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

April 14th \* Phoenix Stepler  
April 15th \* Indigo Stepler  
April 16th \* Juniper Stepler  
April 17th \* Scout Stepler  
April 18th \* 5:00pm +Gaston & Marcella Pype  
April 19th 9:00am Pro Populo  
April 19th 11:00am + Richard & Mildred Kulchar  
April 19th 1:00pm  
\*Fr. Koehl will be saying these intentions while away.

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office. We are currently scheduling July 2026

### **Liturgical Minister Schedule:**

**Saturday, April 18th 5:00pm Mass**

**Lector:** Eric Lundquist

**Servers:** s

**Sunday, April 19th 9:00am Mass**

**Lector:** John Wendel

**Servers:** Patrick & Peter Nesler, Jameson Ummel & Jeb Blankenship

**11:00am Latin Mass**

**Lector:**

**Servers:**

**Counters:** Joe & Julie Accetta & Brenda Heagy

### **At the parish this week:**

#### **Monday, April 13th**

7:00pm Confraternity Rosary

7:30pm St. Paul Street Evangelization

#### **Tuesday, April 14th**

**NO** Adoration or Mass

#### **Wednesday, April 15th**

**NO** Mass

6:00pm Family Catechesis

#### **Thursday, April 16th**

**NO** Mass

6:45pm Knights of Columbus

#### **Friday, April 17th**

**NO** Mass

#### **Saturday, April 18th**

3:30 - 4:30 Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, April 19th**

9:00am Mass

10:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:00am Coffee & Donuts

10:15am Bible Study

10:30am Confirmation class

11:00am Mass in Latin

12:15pm Confession en Espanol

1:00pm Mass in Spanish

4:00pm Trail Life



Your Help Is Needed.  
If you are available and able to help serve coffee and donuts following 9:00am mass please see Joe Accetta.

### **Last Week's Collection:**

Envelopes \$3151.00

Loose \$1039.67

Votive \$12.00

Coffee & donuts \$.00

Building Fund \$360.00

Easter Flowers \$125.00

**\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.**



**Remember St. Robert's in your will.**