

ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30 a.m.  
Tuesday - Friday: 10: a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. or by  
appointment

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S:**

MONDAY, 4/7 .... 7:00 PM, Knights of Columbus

TUESDAY, 4/8 .... 11:15 AM, Jesus & the Eucharist study

THURSDAY, 4/10 .... 6:30 PM, Liturgy Committee

FRIDAY, 4/11 .....6:00 PM, Lenten simple supper  
7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

— **EASTER LILIES** — If you would like to order a Lily or Spring flower for a loved one to fill the altar this Easter season, please pick up a form located in the vestibule. Each flower will cost \$20 each. Forms, along with cash or check made out to St. Mary of the Presentation are due no later than Monday, April 14.

— **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:** The Women's Club is holding a Spring gift card fundraiser. Order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Deadline for ordering is April 7. Gift cards will be available for pick up the following Sunday, which is Palm Sunday. You can purchase cards from a variety of retailers and a percentage of the face value of each card goes to the church.

—**New AFF (Adult Faith Formation) Study: When You Pray.** Many saints struggled in prayer. This study will help you learn about the particular journey of prayer that God wants you to take. Tuesdays at 11:15 AM from April 22 - June 10 in the parish hall. Sign up in the church vestibule or online. Contact Aggie Dowd with any questions: [ags7171@gmail.com](mailto:ags7171@gmail.com).

—**The Holy Week schedule** has been posted online. There are copies of the schedule you can take home with you to stay on top of all the upcoming Eastertime masses and events.

—The First Meeting of "Those Left Behind" grief support group for those who lost a spouse or partner, will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, following morning mass at 11:00am. Please reach out to Ed Collum at [ed.collum@gmail.com](mailto:ed.collum@gmail.com) if you would like more information regarding this group.

**EASTER BASKET BLESSING** —Please join us for an Easter Basket blessing in the Sanctuary at noon on Holy Saturday. The Easter Basket Blessing is an old Catholic custom originating from a time when such foods as meat, cheese, butter, and eggs were forbidden during Lent. On Holy Saturday, the faithful would gather with their baskets, often decorated with flowers and lovely linens, to have a small portion of their Easter feast blessed by the parish priest. This custom continues today, and it is especially preserved in a number of countries in Eastern Europe. In this way, the greatest liturgical feast of the year continues into every home and around every table.

**EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT** —The Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10 am mass on April 20th until 2pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in. The main course, Baked Ham, will be provided. The Parish Life Ministry is requesting, parishioners to bring a covered dish, or a favorite dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. The Easter Bunny will be visiting us again this year to help with the Easter Egg hunt. I am sure this will be a memorable event for all. Thank you, and let us enjoy this Easter Sunday together. God Bless!