

# St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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## April 17, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions this week:

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| Sunday:    | 9:00 a.m.  | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased        |
|            | 11:00 a.m. | Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohay                |
| Monday:    | 5:00 a.m.  | For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres                           |
| Tuesday:   | 5:00 a.m.  | Margaret Anne Lauck (deceased), requested by her widower Paul Lauck |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 a.m.  | For the intentions of Christine McCarthy                            |
| Thursday:  | 5:00 a.m.  | For the intentions of Patricia Kachelmeyer                          |
| Friday     | 5:00 a.m.  | For Fr. Patrick Fletcher, requested by Ishmael Avilés               |
| Saturday   | 5:00 a.m.  | For Edward Hogan and his family, requested by Catherine Saccente    |
| Sunday:    | 9:00 a.m.  | Connor Lucas (deceased), requested by his brother Richard Lucas     |
|            | 11:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased        |

### First Sunday Collection, April 10

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| 9:00 a.m.  | \$428.00 |
| 11:00 a.m. | \$219.00 |

### Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services:

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| 9:00 a.m.  | \$72.00  |
| 11:00 a.m. | \$101.00 |

**Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** For over a thousand years the Church has celebrated in Eastertide “Good Shepherd Sunday”, when we listen to the tenth chapter of St. John’s Gospel. Today we’re reminded that the Risen Christ is not only our Savior and Judge, but also our loving Pastor – one who continues to guide and watch over us, the sheep of his flock, during our earthly pilgrimage. The life of a shepherd could require heroism, as the Apostles quickly learned as shepherds delegated by the Good Shepherd. They suffer persecution from their Jewish compatriots (1<sup>st</sup> reading, Acts 13), but, as the immortal symbolism of Apocalypse expresses it, they will earn the eternal reward of the martyrs’ “palm”, having “washed their robes . . . white in the blood of the Lamb” (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).

**Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions:** Next Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) we’ll take up the annual collection to assist needy dioceses here in the U.S., in areas like Appalachia, the South, Southwest, and the Rocky Mountains. These funds are essential from helping poverty-stricken Catholics, and are vital in financing the seminary education of future priests in these poor dioceses. Thanks for your generosity!

**Annual Catholic Appeal:** April is the month in which the appeal begins for the needs of the whole Catholic Church in St. Louis in a very special way. About how much should we pledge to this special appeal? The Archdiocese suggests an ACA donation of **1%** of each household’s total annual income. (So if your income is \$30,000, that’s a donation of \$300; if \$70,000, it would be \$700, etc.) Colleen La Croix will be the person coordinating the appeal while Zsofia Tremmel is away.

**Support Catholic Radio!** Please take a flyer at the door with the April schedule for Covenant Network Radio, a part of the international EWTN media family.

**Senate Joint Resolution #39:** This important *religious freedom* measure, supported by the Missouri bishops, has passed the State Senate and is now coming up for a vote in the House of Representatives. After he and others lobbied representatives on April 6, Fr. Harrison went to the Capitol again last Tuesday night to testify in favor of the resolution at a House Committee hearing. It will place on the November ballot an amendment to the State Constitution protecting wedding vendors from being forced to offer their services for same-sex wedding ceremonies, against their conscientious religious beliefs. Please pray for the success of this resolution, which is supported by our Missouri bishops.

**Imádkozatok betegeinkért:** Please pray for the sick of our community, especially Jimmy Essex and Dante Prospero, and for those in recovery, like RaQueal Lymore and Rose Marie Koerner.

**Holy Family Summer Camp:** The Church-approved Apostolate for Family Consecration is hosting a 4-day family summer camp, (Thursday-Sunday, August 11-14) at Eagle Hurst Ranch, Steelville, MO, around two hours’ drive from St. Louis. Daily Mass, confessions, Rosary, playground, air-conditioned cabins, tennis, nature trail, ping pong, swimming pool, and much more. The theme of talks will be St. Louis de Montfort’s total consecration to Mary. Take a flyer at the door!

*PRAYER FOR ST. MARY OF VICTORIES*

Our heavenly Father, / long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith / to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice / in honor of your Son's most holy Mother, / Our Lady of Victories. Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here / under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen. / We humbly place before you today / the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church / and its present-day community. / Grant us the grace to discern your holy will, / and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, / here in the old heart of our city, / for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

Saint Mary of Victories, *pray for us.*  
Saint Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us.*

*In the name of the Father, . . .*