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Parish*

**3rd  
Sunday  
of Easter**



**April 18-19, 2026**

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**MASSES**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am**

**Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the  
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)**

**Wednesdays – in Church**

**4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with  
Adoration**

**4:30pm Reconciliation**

**5:30 pm Mass**

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM**

**Families are asked to contact the office before the  
arrival of your new child for instructions and  
registration.**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Fridays 4:30pm in Church**

**Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)**

**MARRIAGE**

**We celebrate Christian love and family with the  
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact  
the office one year in advance.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort  
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to  
receive this beautiful Sacrament.**

**HOSPITALIZATION**

**If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,  
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified  
due to HIPAA law.**

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register  
online at [www.hnojchurch.org](http://www.hnojchurch.org)**

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

**Please submit to: [parishoffice@hnojchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@hnojchurch.org)  
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm**



## Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 04/20	Tues 04/21	Wed 04/22	Thursday 04/23	Friday 04/24	Saturday 04/25	Sunday 04/26
Parish Office Closed	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+Jaime Perez</b> <i>r/b Fr Jim</i>  <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius Chapel</i>	<b>4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation  <b>5:30pm Mass of the day</b> <b>+Cyril Mihalik (Annv)</b> <i>r/b Dolores, Robert &amp; family</i>  <i>Service celebrated in Church</i>	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+Kenneth Shiner</b>  <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am- 2:00pm	<b>2:30— 3:30pm</b> <b>Reconciliation</b>  <b>4:00pm Mass</b> <b>+Paula Schmitt</b> <i>r/b husband, Tom</i>	<b>7:30am Mass</b> <b>+Holy Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik</i>  <b>10:00am Mass</b> <b>+Antoinette Margonis</b> <i>r/b David Margonis</i>

### MASS INTENTIONS

### THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

- 4:00pm **Anna Ziza**
- 7:30am **Helen and Frank Novobilski**  
**And Deceased of the Parish**
- 10:00am **Laura and Amedeo Vietri**



**Please remember in prayer, All who are ill..**  
*All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. ..All who suffer from violence and injustice... All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died.*



If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit to receive Communion, please call the parish office.



#### Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

*In Loving Memory of Anna and Clifford Costello*

#### Chapel Tabernacle Candle

*For Peace in the World*

#### Sacred Heart Candle

*For all First Responders, for their safety and protection*

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

*In Loving Memory of Mary and Joseph Basko*

#### St Joseph Shrine Candle

*For the unemployed and the underemployed*

**St Michael Candle** *For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus*

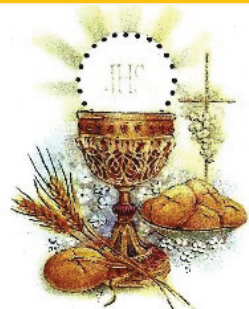


### April Feast Days

The feast of Our Lady of Africa has its origin in the blessing of a statue of the Blessed Virgin, known as Our Lady of Africa on April 30, 1876 in the newly built church of Our Lady of Africa in Algiers. Since then the church throughout Africa has adopted Our Lady of Africa as the Patroness of the African Continent. The feast of Our Lady of Africa is celebrated on April 30. On that day people pray for peace and prosperity as well as for greater faith and vitality of the church in Africa. Though Our Lady of Africa's abode is a Catholic church, she is venerated by Mohammedan men and women as much as she is by Christians. Every day, one can see kneeling Mohammedans who have come to ask *Lala Meriem*, as they call the Blessed Virgin, for her special favors.



<https://mary.org> Catholicculture.org



Please join our Parish Family as we pray for our six young people; Brienne, Cristopher, Dalton, Joseph, Kaylen and Samantha who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist on Mother's Day.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen



## Parish Financial Support

### IN-CHURCH April 11-12

Sunday	\$	2,151.00
Monthly	\$	1,067.00
Other	\$	172.00

### MAIL IN/DROP OFF - April 6-12

Sunday	\$	145.00
Monthly	\$	175.00
Other	\$	352.00

### ONLINE GIVING - April 6-12

Sunday	\$	453.00
Monthly	\$	18.00
Other	\$	5.00

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$ **4,538.00**

*Thank you! Your generosity has been a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the year.*

The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. **This year our goal is \$45,000.**

**To date \$ 14,570 has been received towards our goal.**

Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

### Holy Name of Jesus Parish

#### 2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/10/26

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$37,500
Total Pledged:	\$23,046 (61%)
Donors to Date:	62 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

## Stratford Junior Woman's Club Scholarship



The Stratford Junior Woman's Club awards a \$1000 scholarship annually to a high school senior pursuing higher education. The applicant must be a resident of Stratford, however, can attend a high school outside of Stratford. Application deadline is May 1st.

Scan for application or email questions to [stratfordjuniorwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordjuniorwomensclub@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



**Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Available 5:30pm Mass**

**April 18-19** Coffee And...

**April 19** Family Faith Event—all are invited

**April 21, 24** Neocatechumenal Way

**April 22, 29** The Chosen

**April 25** Men's Reflection

**April 25-26** Monthly Food Collection

**April 26** Bible Study with Fr. Jim

**April 26** Faith Formation for children

**April 27** CT FoodShare - parking lot 9:15-10:15am



**The Knights of Columbus** meet on the second Thursday of each month from 7pm-9pm in the parish Hall. Interested Catholic men 18 years or older are welcome!



### COME & SEE ~ Tuesdays and Fridays

If you are suffering...If you are surrounded by fear...If you cannot forgive... If there are things you do not understand...**The Neocatechumenal Way invites you to begin a journey to experience that Christ is Risen!** Tuesday and Fridays at 7:30pm in Heritage Hall.

### The Chosen



We hope you will join us for Season Two of...**The CHOSEN** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall **April 22 & 29 & May 6 & 13 All are welcome!**

### Men's Reflection Group



**Upcoming Saturday Reflection dates: April 25, May 16 and May 30th.** Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room – Reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we finish at 9:00am.

### Bible Study



Join Fr. Jim as we continue to understand the Prophet Isaiah. **Sunday, April 26**, 11:30am-12:30pm and **Saturday, May 16**, 10:00-11:15am



**FAMILY BINGO!!** Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Heritage Hall Doors open at 5:15pm Games begin at 6:00pm Kids Play Free!! 50/50 Raffle!



Adult admission \$10 includes Bingo Cards for each game. Additional cards available for purchase. **BYOB - Bring your own food and drinks!**



## Safe Environment—Virtus Training

**What is Virtus Training?** To educate and empower everyone (individually and collectively) to ensure optimal safe environments for children and the vulnerable. The programs are designed to

help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to take action as safe adults and improve the lives of everyone with whom they interact within the Church and other organizations. **In-person training will be held at Our Lady of Grace, Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am –1:00pm To register go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) or call the parish office.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS: PORKETTA DINNER



**Saturday, May 16, 5:00-7:00pm.** Dinner is open to Members, Parishioners and Guests Menu includes: Porketta, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & butter, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Dine in or Take Out. Reservations are required. \$15.00 per person. Larry Wells 203.395.7073 [lawman1156@gmail.com](mailto:lawman1156@gmail.com) **RSVP by May 4th Please bring a non-perishable food item**

## Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!



Dear Parish Family, as I am writing my column for our bulletin, it is Federal Tax Day, April 15th. Thankfully, our Catholic parish is exempt from paying federal, state and local taxes. Woo Hoo! But I do want to give you an update of our parish Offertory Increase Campaign and Annual Collection.

During Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday, you have been most generous. I am truly grateful! Your generosity especially Palm Sunday and Easter was exceedingly generous, in total \$3,597! Mind you, some of this was due to visitors who joined us for Mass. Let's you and me invite them to join our parish. And that's not all. On average during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, our regular Sunday offertory (first pass of the basket) has been around \$3,000, well on our way to our goal of \$5,102 needed every week to meet all our financial obligations each year. **Please continue to give consistently each week in this way. THANK YOU!**

Like each of you, our parish is not exempt from the rising costs of keeping our doors open, lights on, and the heat or a/c flowing. That's why I'm reminding and ask that many more of you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider *if you can* increase your weekly Sunday offertory gift *every week going forward*. Again, please consider a 15% increase in your weekly Sunday offertory gift. That would go a long way to meet our weekly Sunday offertory goal of \$5,102 **and** financial sustainability of our parish on its own.

Again, please know that I truly understand that some of you after thoughtful and prayerful consideration will not be able to increase your weekly give by 15%. In fact, I know some of you will need to cut back on your weekly Sunday offertory gift. Regardless of your situation, please do not think that you are not supporting our parish as you should. **The truth is you have been and will be supporting your parish as best you can, and that's all God requires of you!** Do not worry. I am reaching out to many registered parishioners who have not regularly attended Mass or contributed to the weekly Sunday collection. Pray with me that many will come back to Mass, experience the love of God among us, and in gratitude give generously and regularly.

We're now 32.37% of our Annual Collection goal of \$45,000. Thank you very much to all of you who have given so far which totals \$14,570. The Annual Collection helps our parish pay those unexpected expenses that come along each year. If you have not made a gift yet, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider one. Finally, we are well on our way to meeting our 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. We are currently at 61% of our goal. If you have not made a gift yet, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider one. You need only make a pledge – not full payment - by June 30th to meet our parish goal. Remember, any amount over our parish goal at least pledged by June 30th comes back to our parish for our own use.

Thank you for reading this update and prayerfully considering whether you can share more of your treasure *consistently every week in our Sunday offertory first pass* as well as a gift to our Annual Collection. Thank you for having faithfully given, and continuing to give of your time, talent, and treasure. May the Lord reward you for your faithful support of our parish.



### Third Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35

*Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.*

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognize him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognize the presence of Christ walking the journey with us—in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognize his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. Think about your personal "road of life" and all your life events of significance and the people who have been a part of your life and who have made a difference to the way you live your life. Those who "set your heart on fire" — people who inspire you; people who make you feel passionate about life; people who call you to be all that you can be. Use your "road of life" as the focus for your personal prayer over the next week.

Greg Sunter Liturgyhelp.com

***They knew it was Jesus when he broke bread***  
angels..bread..Cleopas..disappear..eat..Emmaus..  
house..Jerusalem..Messiah..Scriptures..suffer..three

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