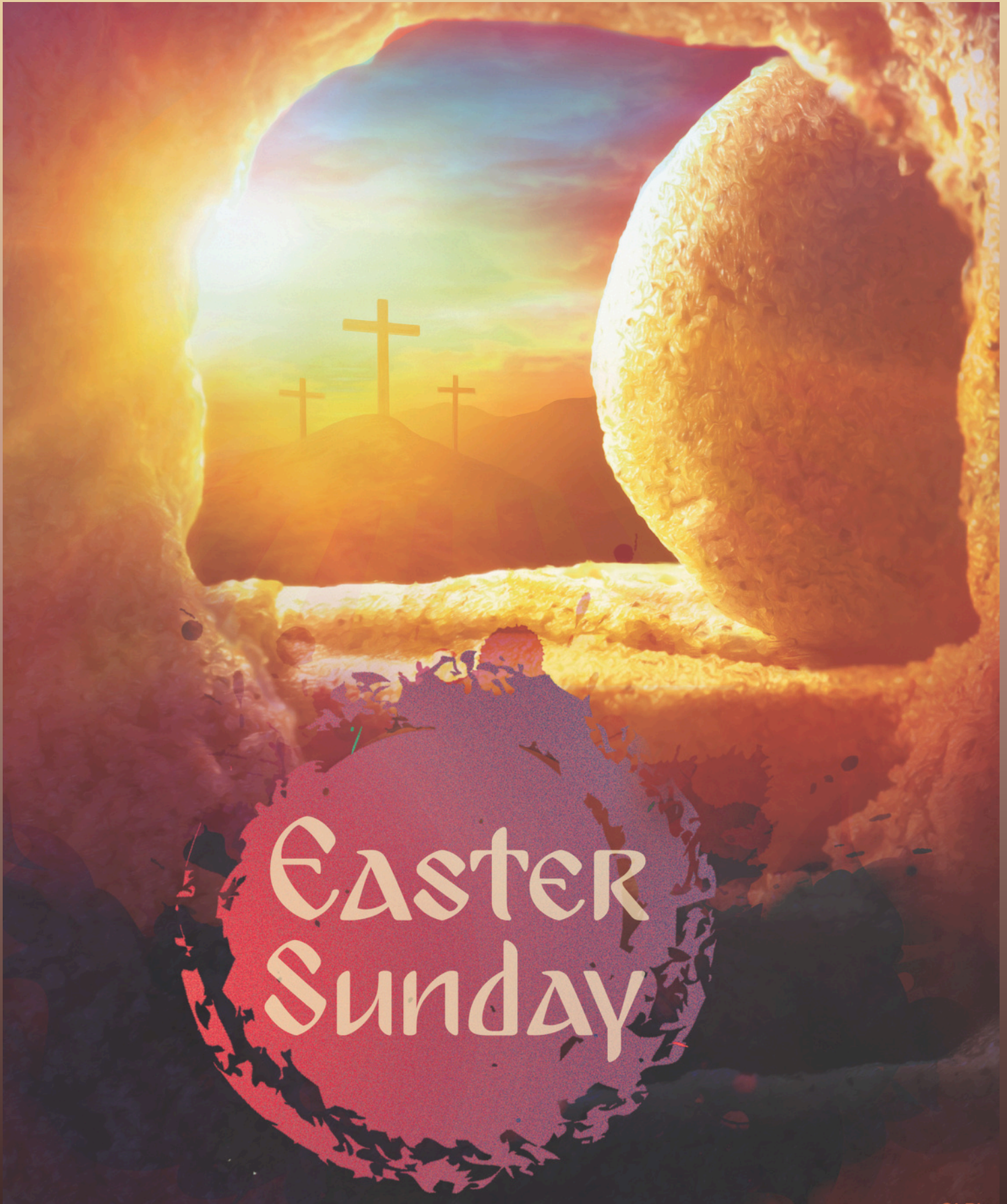


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**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**



# H E I S R I S E N

## Events

SATURDAY April 4

No Events today

SUNDAY April 5



MONDAY April 6

*Parish Office closed*

No Events today

TUESDAY April 7

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Rm

**Centering Prayer**

Resumes 4/21

**Bereavement Group**

2:00-4:00pm - Faith Formation Rm

**OCIA**

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY April 8

**Stitchers**

9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

**PSR**

5:30pm - Mass

6:15-7:00pm - Food/class

THURSDAY April 9

**OLL Game Day**

1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Rm

**Spiritual Companionship**

6:30-8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

FRIDAY April 10

**Spanish Charismatic Group**

6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY April 11

**Women's WELCOME Meeting**

9:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Room

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## Mass Times

SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Flowers Intentions

April 4th - 10th

for

Moya & Jane

Leathem †

## Adoration

TUESDAY

Will resume 4/14

THURSDAY

Will resume 4/16

## Important Links

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*Flower Intentions available for May*

## Mass Intentions

<i>Sat.</i>	<i>4/4</i>	<i>9:00pm</i>	<i>For OCIA Candidates</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>4/5</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Kagan Miller † (Anniversary DOD)</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	<i>4/5</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Charlie Rezabek †</i>
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>4/6</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Ava Marie Vandermeden (Special Intention-Living)</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>4/7</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Louis Bruneau †</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>4/8</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>Cathy Ackerman (Special Intention-Living)</i>
<i>Thur.</i>	<i>4/9</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Deceased family members of John &amp; Margaret Casey †</i>

# *Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Members*

*There is a basket in the gathering space  
for letters welcoming our new members into the  
Catholic Faith this Easter Vigil.*

## **The Elect Catechumens:**

Caleb Newman-OLL  
Garry Hunt-OLO  
Charles Clawson-OLC  
Roger Ward-OLC  
Charles "Vincent" Mori-OLC  
Charles Mori-OLC  
Sophia Mori-OLC  
William Healy-OLC  
Madelyn Healy-OLC

## **Candidates:**

Nate Akley-OLL  
Tommy Head-OLL  
Daniella Lingner-OLL  
Alyson Sparks-OLL  
Gabriel Vuycankiat-OLL  
Bonnie Grace Day-OLL  
Vanessa Parks-OLL  
Hector Buentello-OLL  
Kimberly Huen-OLL  
Debbie Philpott-OLO  
James Roach-OLO  
Janet Johnson-OLO  
Alexandria Cary-OLC  
Blandy Burall II-OLC  
Dalton Duck-Hill-OLC  
Jena Healy-OLC  
Brittany Woodall-OLC  
Sharon Bulone-OLC

## **Confirmation:**

Ashley Valentine-OLC

# Welcome

## Our Lady of the Lake

# OCIA

# MEMBERS



**Candidate: Nate Ackley**  
**Sponsor: Steve Hopf (NP)**  
**Co-Sponsor Garrett Calhoun (left)**

My name is Nathan Ackley, but you can just call me Nate. I am a Colorado native where I grew up loving all the adventures into the mountains. I am married to my beautiful wife Melinda where we spend most of our time reading many books, being with friends, and laughing with each other as we do life together. I love a good cup of coffee with a book. And I am grateful the Lord has blessed me with an eagerness to learn always and help me grow into who He wants me to be.



**Candidate: Hector Buentello**  
**Sponsor: Dan Schilling (left)**

Greetings, my name is Hector Buentello. I am someone who values earnest faith, beauty, and meaningful reflection, and I am grateful for the ways God continues to work in my life. In my free time, I enjoy photography, painting, music, golf, writing, reading, and spending time outdoors. I also have a deep appreciation for art, aesthetics, history, and quiet time spent with God. I am thankful to be coming home to our holy faith and look forward to continuing to grow in faith, wisdom, and fellowship.



**Elect: Caleb Newman**  
**Sponsor: Craig Dochniak (left)**  
**Godmother: Wendie Lapham**

My name is Caleb Newman, I'm from Texas, was raised Baptist, and I am excited to finally enter the Catholic Church. Preparing for confirmation has been a fun and challenging experience (for a night shift worker), and I've met a lot of wonderful people in our parish over the last year. My goal in life is to walk with the Lord in anything he may call me to do, hopefully one day including becoming a husband and a father, if God wills. I like to write, sketch, and do other things that help me externalize the stories in my head.



**Candidate: Bonnie Grace Day**  
**Sponsor: Dorene Oesterreicher (left)**

I'm Bonnie Grace Day, 5th generation Springfield (MO), but have lived in many US States. My adult son's name is Joshua. I am a retired singer/songwriter and had a career in public health. I attended 2 Bible Colleges and worked in ministry most of my life. Long time single, I spend time in Scripture, history, and natural health research, and care for several rescue.



**Candidate: Alyson Sparks**  
**Sponsor: Ofelia Garcia (NP)**  
**Cristian Garduño - fiancé (left)**

I'm originally from California, but I've been living in Branson for several years now. I'm a licensed esthetician and work at a spa here in town. In my free time, I love making jewelry, reading, and crocheting. I've always been religious, but I'm especially excited for this season of my life as I pursue the Catholic faith for truth, acceptance, and grace.

# Welcome

## Our Lady of the Lake

# OCIA MEMBERS



**Candidate: Gabriel Vuycankiat**  
**Sponsor: Veronica Eggemeyer (left)**

My name is Gabriel Vuycankiat, and one year ago I attended my first Mass. I saw the Eucharist and instantly knew it was Jesus. Since then, it has been a year of prayer, struggle, and growth. I enjoy reading theology and history, and I love to camp.

“We should all strive to be ‘fools for Christ,’ who are willing to give up everything in order to follow Christ.” – St. Gabriel the Fool for Christ

Blessings,  
Gabriel Vuycankiat



**Candidate: Daniella Lingner**  
**Sponsor: David Lingner (left)**

I am a mom of two from the North Dallas area. I went to C of O and graduated in 2020, so while I love Texas, Branson now feels like home. I'm blessed to have a strong community of family and friends around me as I raise my two little girls.



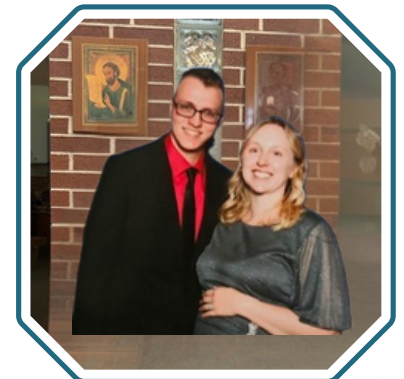
**Candidate: Vanessa Parks**  
**Sponsor: Al Waller (left)**

“At 21 years old, I am grateful and excited to be entering the Catholic Church and beginning a new chapter in my life and faith. Originally from Newport Beach, California, my family and I moved to Branson five years ago, and during that time this community has truly become home to us. Over the past several years, I have come to appreciate the kindness, faith, and sense of family that make this area so special. I have also recently begun my career in real estate here in the Branson area, and I look forward to serving and building meaningful relationships within this community. Becoming part of this church family is a blessing I do not take lightly, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith, learn from those around me, and walk this new journey as a member of the Catholic Church. I am excited for what the future holds and thankful to be surrounded by such a welcoming and faithful community.”



**Candidate: Tommy Head**  
**Sponsor: Terry Gingrich**  
**Co-Sponsor Mario Lombardi (left)**

My name is Thomas Head, feel free to call me Tom or Tommy. I'm a native to the area was born near, lived here all my life and will probably die here. I came to the Catholic faith looking for Christ and believe I have found him. I'm working to overcome my fears and self doubt and tend to be content to watch listen and learn. I work at Titanic as a narrator and have no problem being in the spotlight, though it isn't my preferred environment. I'm by nature a storyteller, love to build and beautify, and find God in nature; Saint Francis is my patron saint. I'm looking forward to seeing how God writes the next chapter in my life.



**Candidate: Kimberly Huen**  
**Sponsor: Michael Steep (left)**

I'm Kimberly, and I was baptized and raised in Southern Baptist denomination. I've always longed for a deeper connection and understanding in traditions and community. I found that in the Catholic faith thanks to my Spouse and his family. I'm excited and looking forward to seeing all the growth me and my family make in this walk of faith.



## Coffee & Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am  
Faith Formation Room

### Upcoming dates

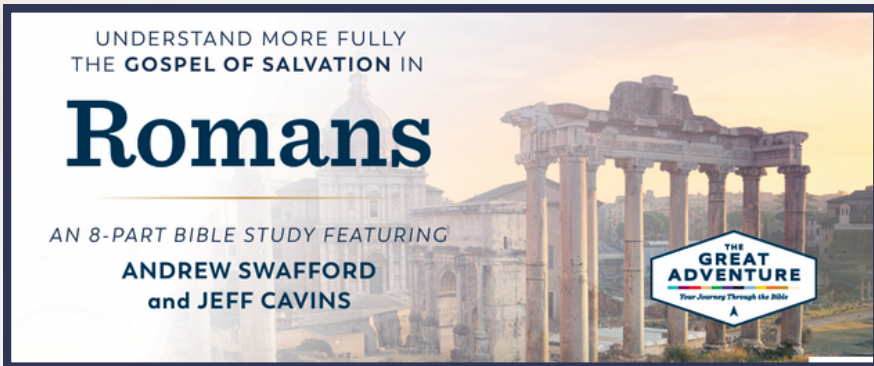
April 5<sup>th</sup> - Not meeting  
April 12<sup>th</sup>

*Coffee & Christ is an adult Catholic Christian faith education opportunity for learning and building community that meets on Sunday morning between the Masses.*

**Participants are always welcome!  
There is no required attendance!**



**Please Join  
Cassandr  Haygood  
Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
for the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
after the 10:30 Mass  
(In the church)  
ALL ARE WELCOME**



## Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am to Noon  
Faith Formation Room

*We're excited to invite you to  
**Romans: The Gospel of Salvation,**  
an eight-part study about possibly the most famous—and controversial—of St. Paul's letters.*

### Join us!

- Session 3 - April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 3- 4: Faith, Works, and Justification
- Session 4 - April 14<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 5-6: Entering into the Paschal Mystery
- Session 5 - April 21<sup>st</sup>** - Romans 7-8: The Logic of the Covenant, the Gravity of Sin, and the Gift of the Spirit
- Session 6 - April 28<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 9-11: God Fathers His Family
- Session 7 - May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 12-13: Making Our Lives a Living Sacrifice
- Session 8 - May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 14-16: The End of the Story

**Romans: The Gospel of Salvation** is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

**Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Indeed, many Catholics fear that Romans is too "Protestant." But understood correctly, as St. Paul intended, Romans is authentically Catholic.**

**Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("catholic") family of God.**





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### Collection through March 29, 2026

Envelopes:		\$27,176.76
Plate:		\$13,650.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 7,479.50
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$48,306.26</b>

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Want to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, but don't want to drive?

We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.

We will leave OLL - SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:00AM

There's no charge to sign up for the bus, **HOWEVER...**  
you will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.

Spots are **FILLING UP** fast.

### Cost

There is a registration fee of **\$10 per person or \$25 maximum per family** (parents with minor age children).

*We are grateful to the sponsors and donors whose financial gifts are helping to keep the registration cost very low for participants!*

The registration fee includes

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

### Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. A variety of grab-n-go lunch options will be provided by area restaurants that will be serving meals at the Civic Center.

You will be able to view menu options and order your lunch meal ahead of time, during the online registration process.

**TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)**

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<https://ollbranson.flocknote.com/signup/241552>

**TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**  
AUGUST 15, 2026  
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

**Spots are filling up fast**

Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. - Jn 6:56

Bishop James Conley  
 Bishop Edward Rice  
 Fr. Leo Potalinghaus  
 Dr. Scott Hahn  
 Fr. Elvis Gonzalez  
 De Ministris  
 Mari Pablo  
 Brian Miller  
 Sr. Carolyn Nunes, FSCM

**JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING**  
at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

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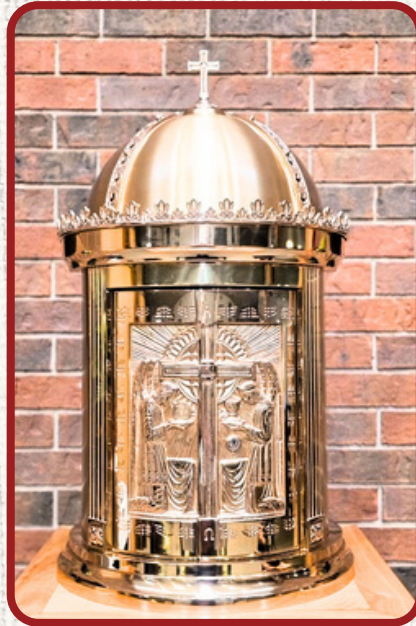
# THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET... & YOU'RE INVITED

This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Lake



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Cove



Tabernacle at  
Our Lady of the Ozarks

## APRIL

### PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM

Attend Mass during this time leading up to Easter

### GO FOR A WALK OR HIKE WITH FRIENDS &/OR FAMILY

Spend time in nature to enjoy God's creations

### DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

#### \*Random acts of kindness suggestions

*Leave an encouraging note on a random car windshield in a parking lot.*

*Donate gently worn clothes to a thrift store.*

*Pay for the next person in line at the drive thru.*

*Forgive someone you've been holding a grudge against.*

*Straighten up shelves when you're walking through the grocery aisle or the toy department.*

*Write a thank-you note to your server at a restaurant.*



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**HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**COME JOIN**

**OUR LADY OF THE COVE  
KIMBERLING CITY**

**FOR A RESURRECTION CELEBRATION**

**APRIL 12TH  
AFTER THE 10 AM MASS**

**SAY HELLO TO THE  
NEWLY RECEIVED  
INTO THE CHURCH  
AT EASTER VIGIL.**

**REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE  
SERVED**

**INCLUDES  
EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**GATHERING BEGINS IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**





## Why do Christians call Good Friday “Good”?

Growing up in a Catholic family, I found it odd that the Church called the day of the week when Jesus was nailed to the cross, “Good Friday”.

How can the day of Christ’s suffering and death be called “good”? The title seems almost contradictory. Nothing about the events of this day feels “good” in the ordinary sense of the word. And yet, for all Christians, Good Friday is one of the holiest and most hope-filled days of the entire year.

The heart of the answer is simple: Good Friday is “good” because of what God accomplished through it. The Cross, which appears to be the triumph of darkness, is in fact the moment when divine love breaks the power of sin and death. The Church dares to call this day “good” because it is the day our salvation was won.

From the beginning, Christians understood that the Crucifixion was not an accident or a tragic detour in Jesus’ mission. It was the very purpose for which He came. In freely offering Himself, Christ takes upon His shoulders the full weight of human sin—every betrayal, every injustice, every wound we inflict on one another and on ourselves. He enters the depths of human suffering so completely that nothing in our lives is untouched by His redeeming love. The “good” of Good Friday is not found in the brutality of the Cross, but in the love that transforms it.

It is also good because evil was defeated on its own battlefield. What looked like the triumph of darkness was actually its undoing. In offering Himself freely, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. The Cross becomes not a symbol of defeat, but the moment when God’s love proves stronger than every force that opposes it.

And of course, Good Friday cannot be separated from Easter. The Paschal Mystery is one seamless act of redemption:

- On Good Friday, Christ enters death.
- On Holy Saturday, He descends into its depths.
- On Easter Sunday, He rises, carrying humanity with Him.

There is no Resurrection without the Cross. Easter joy is the fruit of the love revealed on Friday. Ultimately, Good Friday is “good” because it reveals who God truly is; a God who would rather suffer for us than lose us. A God whose love does not retreat. A God who transforms the darkest day into the doorway of eternal life.

Finally, Good Friday is good because it changes us. It invites us to stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary, John, and the faithful few who remained. It calls us to remember that Christ’s sacrifice was not a distant historical event, but a personal gift offered for each of us. In the shadow of the Cross, we rediscover our worth, our dignity, and our calling to love as Christ loves.

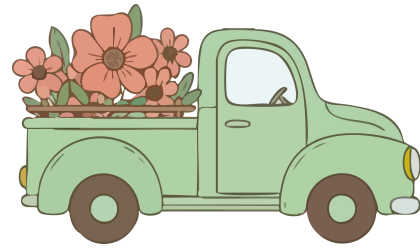
Good Friday is good because **God is good**, and on this day His goodness was poured out for the world.

**"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."** -- St. Francis of Assisi



# APRIL PSR CALENDAR

(Parish School of Religion)



## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### St. Catherine of Sienna



St. Catherine's feast day is April 29,

She is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

### Wednesday PSR K-12th

April 1st  
No PSR

April 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

April 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm  
Mass  
Food/Class

## SERVICE PROJECT

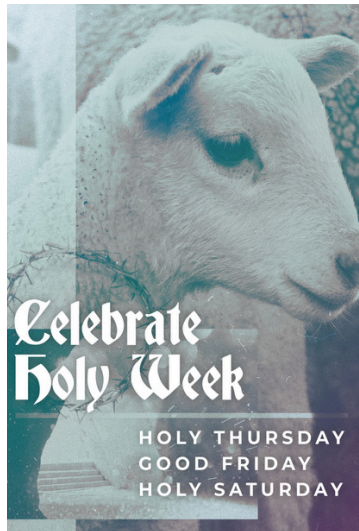
Say a Divine Mercy as a Family

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
Kolbe Academy

- † Make the Sign of the Cross
  - Our Father
  - Hail Mary
  - The Apostles' Creed
- The Eternal Father  
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

3x at the end:  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## SPECIAL EVENT



### The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00PM

Good Friday Service  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00PM

Holy Saturday -  
Easter Vigil  
April 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00PM

Easter Sunday  
April 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:00AM  
10:30AM

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4/8 - Nachos

4/15 - BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

4/22 - Sandwiches

4/29 - Pizza





# MAY PSR CALENDAR



## Wednesday PSR K-12th

May 6th 5:30-7pm

Mass  
First Communion  
Food/Class

May 13th 5:30-7pm

Mass  
Food/Class activities



## SAINT OF THE MONTH



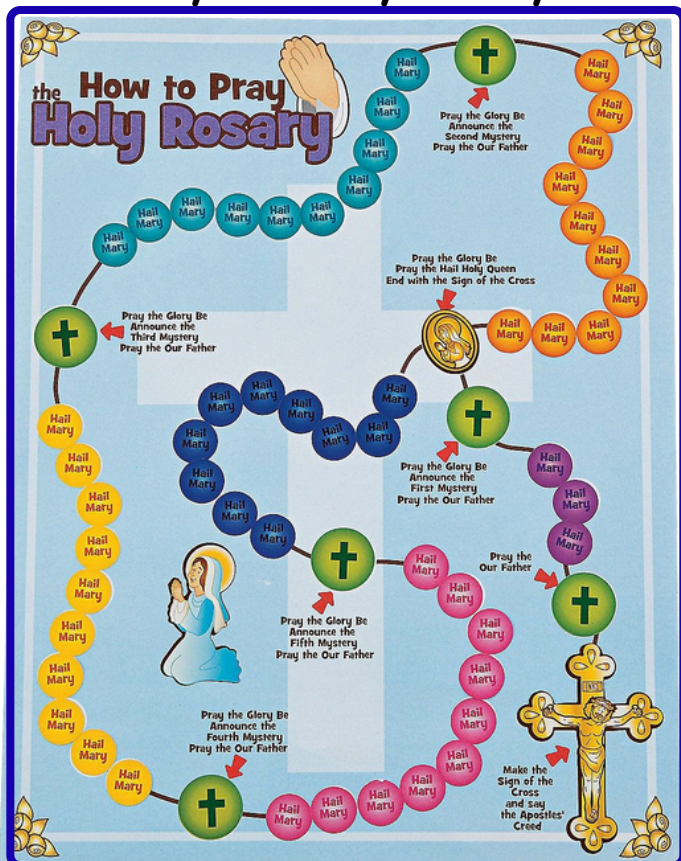
# MAY

MONTH OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


The Church honors Mary as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.


## SPECIAL EVENT

## SERVICE PROJECT Say a family rosary



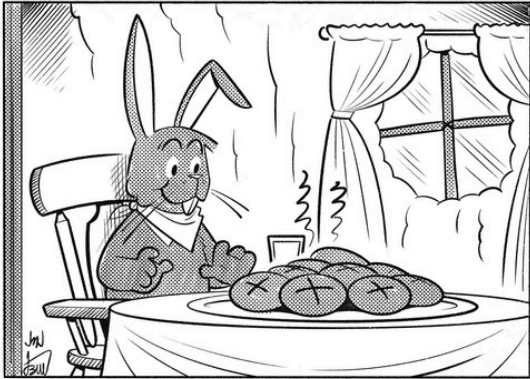
## MENU

5/6 - Pizza 

5/13 - Hot Dogs 

# He is Risen

"What does the Easter Bunny eat for breakfast?"



"Hot Cross Buns."



An English priest, Father Thomas Rockcliffe, popularized the distribution of Hot Cross Buns at Easter in the 14th century, inspiring the famous rhyme.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA  
JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

Answer: The Vigil of Easter  
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# Happy Easter



EASTER



EASTER



# Walk for Life

DEFEND the FUTURE

Sponsor forms available at the Help Desk

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM  
WALK: 9:00 AM

LOCATION:  
BRANSON RECPLEX

1501 BRANSON HILLS PKWY, BRANSON, MO. 65616, PAVILION D



## It's Easy!

- Collect no money!
- Come rain or shine.
- Free T-shirt for \$150 in pledges!
- Great prizes!
- Walk on your own if you can't make it on Walk Day.  
(Please turn in your pledges before the walk.)

## Step 1:

From now until the event, ask EVERYONE you know to sponsor you. You will be amazed how many friends and associates will say YES! Please be sure all names and addresses are complete and easy to read.

## Step 2:

Bring your completed Pledge Form(s) the day of the Walk (or walk on your own and mail it in)  
**Don't collect any money, we'll handle the billing!**

## Step 3:

Register at 8:30 a.m. on April 11th at Pavilion D.



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**Estimated Completion: July 2026**

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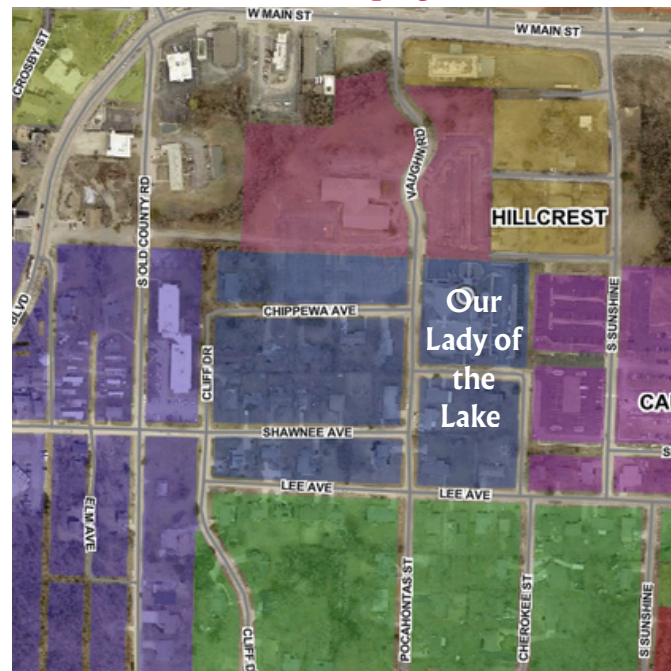
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- Mt 28:5b-7

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# Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

**W**e celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

## Reflect

***Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?***

Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

### While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

### Answer:

You’ve probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ’s resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn’t just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an “advocate” or “counselor” when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await “power from on high” — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus’ suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don’t widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn’t mean you can’t embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

## Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

### Sunday:

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 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

### 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

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

## Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



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## Easter Blessing

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