

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
DIVINE SUNDAY
April 12, 2026

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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Facebook St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center

Website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

April 11	5:45pm	+Eleanor Price req. By Ken & Cindy Smith Parish Family of St. Patrick
April 15	5:30pm	Parish Family of St. Patrick
April 18	5:45pm	+Cathy Engler req. by The Family The Elkin Family req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family
April 22	5:30pm	Communion Service
April 25	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Ken & Cindy Smith Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
April 11 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	P. Engler
April 18 - 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley	L. Cakora
April 25 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 12, 2026**

Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN & WOMEN
PROTECTING US
Req. by Carmen & Jerry
Kinsella**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
4/5/2026**

Sunday - \$1,236.51

Maintenance - \$580.00

Holyland—\$385.00

Easter —\$2,425.00

Catholic Home Missions - \$10.00

**Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54
Thank you for your faith filled support.**

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
APRIL**

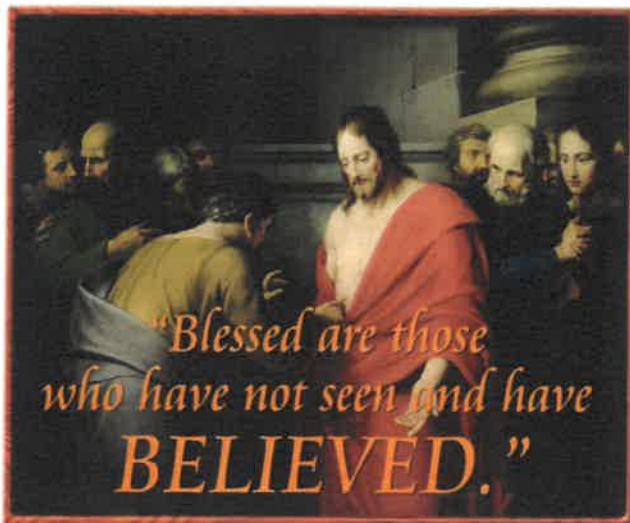
For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

Announcing our next 2 retreats in April and May 2026:

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2-day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: April 25th & 26th 2026

Where: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House Barrington IL

Overnight Accommodations available

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2-day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: May 30th & 31st 2026

Where: St Joan of Arc Parish, Lisle IL.

No overnight accommodations available at this event.

For further information , call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$10,500. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese.

We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

IT'S DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

“The soul that will go to
confession
and receive Holy Communion
shall obtain complete forgiveness
of sins and punishment!”

– Our Lord to St. Faustina (Diary 699)

2nd Sunday of Easter

G M A R K S M K K D
 L B R E A T H E M D
 R H S G F C F J M F
 B A I N X D S I D E
 L N G Q W O T K I B
 E D N I P O I L C E
 S S S I Y R P B Z K
 S O C M V S S E E N
 E V A F O R G I V E
 D Y P E A C E H R Q

Doors
 Peace
 Hands
 Side
 Breathe
 Forgive
 Marks
 Seen
 Blessed
 Signs



SUNDAYKIDZ

South Will—Grundy Deanery
SPRING INSTITUTE



“Servicing Others with Love and Humility”

Thursday April 30th 2026

Registration and Voting 5:30 pm (Parish Center)

Mass 6:00 pm and Dinner to follow

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St Mary’s Catholic Church

303 W. St Mary’s St.—Minooka Il.,

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Powell



**catholic
charities**
Diocese of Joliet

Guest Speaker:

Stephanie Hook

Catholic Charities development and Communications Staff

Community Relations Coordinator

shook@cc-doj.org

Dinner \$15.00 per person—Split the pot / Raffle prizes / Door Prizes

Each CCW to send one check per parish by April 25th

Remit too: SWG Deanery with the name of your parish and phone number



OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

WILL CAR-POOL FROM CHURCH— TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER

PLEASE CALL CARMEN AT 815-693-8234 TO ATTEND

Second Sunday of Easter X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first readings during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other. - Tom Schmidt

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great Easter traditions is "mystagogy," an ancient word meaning "reflection on the mysteries." It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you've had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you've been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you've said "I do" to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God's abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called "neophytes," meaning "newly planted." The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example. —Rev. James Field

A Well of Mercy

How I wish I could be Thomas at the moment when Jesus says, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side" (John 20:27). Thomas touched Divine Mercy when he touched Christ's side. Jesus invited him to put his hand into the very wound from which blood and water had flowed.

Jesus' wounds have been transformed. They have been redeemed. They are not simply flesh wounds. They are the wounds of redemption and salvation. They are the wounds of love and mercy, from which grace is poured out to the world.

To St. Faustina, Jesus said, "From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls.... I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls..." (*Diary of St. Faustina*, #1190).

What surge of love Thomas must have felt as he experienced this mercy! What an intimate encounter he must have had with our Lord! Jesus' glorified wounds are not only transformed, they are transformative. They are not only redeemed, they are redemptive. Thomas' heart must have been on fire as He realized the depths of Christ's love and experienced the transformation and redemption Christ died to give us. With what passion must he have proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

As with Thomas, often a sudden realization of God's great love and mercy incites our worship and cracks our hearts open as well. By accepting the invitation to bring our doubts, pain, woundedness, and sinfulness to Him, approaching Him and seeing what He has done for us, surrendering ourselves to Him as we do, He can touch our hearts. It is communion with His limitless love that transforms us when we receive Our Lord and offer our hearts as His abode.

In a very powerful way, the wound in Christ's side is the very passageway we are invited to travel to encounter His Heart. His wounds cannot be separated from Divine Mercy, for it is through His suffering and the giving of Himself, through His death and His wounds, especially the wound created by the spear driven into His Heart, that His merciful, redemptive work was released.

We can no longer physically put our hand into Christ's wound as Thomas did. We are called to believe without seeing or touching. But we do have the gift of Divine Mercy and the gift of the Eucharist, in which we can have an equally powerful experience of Christ's love and mercy, of redemption and transformation. This Divine Mercy Sunday, let us come to Our Lord. Let us pray to Him and venerate Him. Let us receive Him into our bodies. And let us cry out in worship and awe together with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" - By Kimberly Andrich