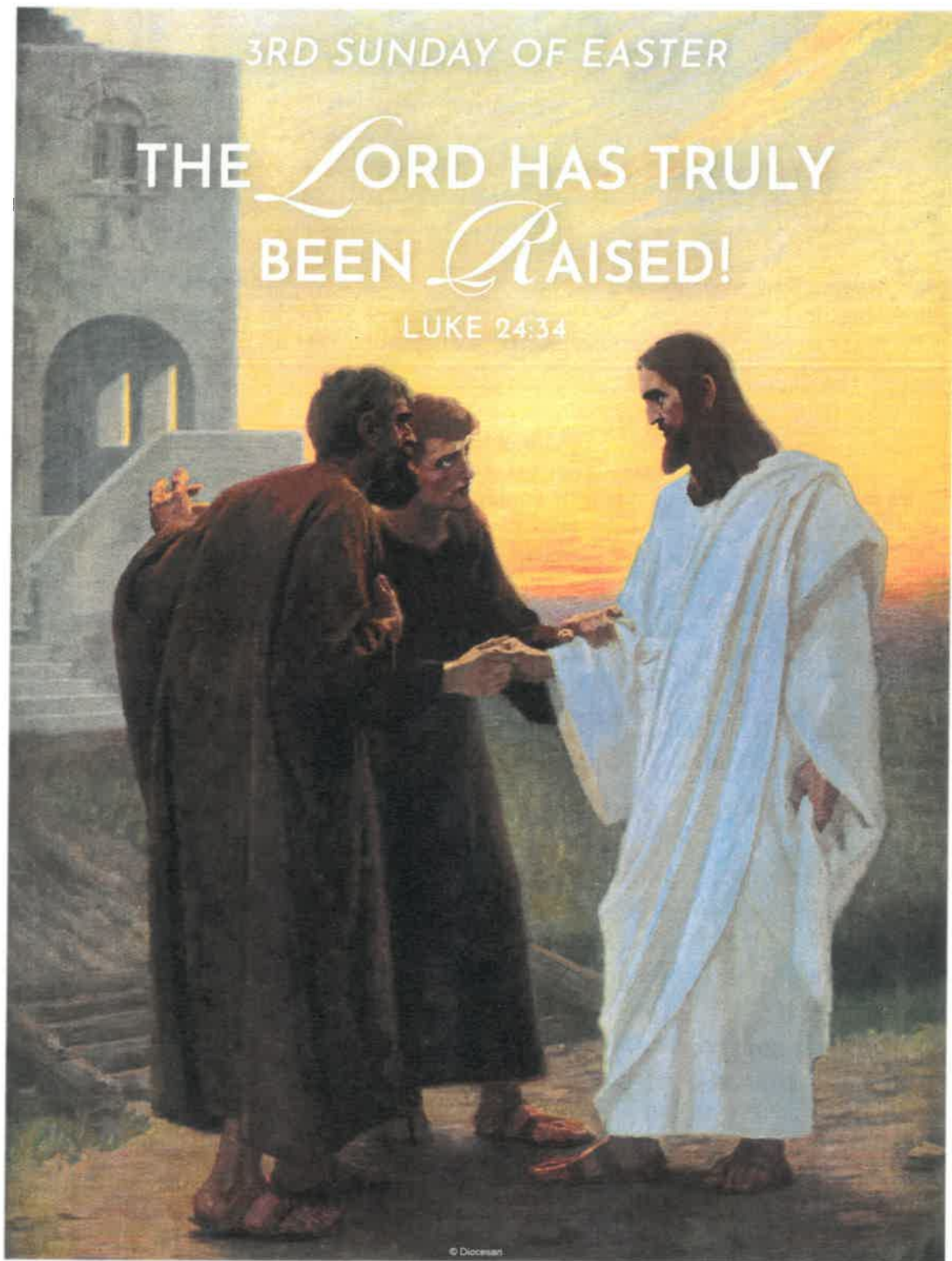


3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LORD HAS TRULY
BEEN RAISED!

LUKE 24:34





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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
April 29	5:30pm	Communion Service
May 2	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 18 - 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley	L. Cakora
April 25 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
May 2— 5:45pm	Mark May	C. Smith
May 9— 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

**COMMUNION SERVICE
WILL BE OFFERED
WEDNESDAY AT
5:30PM
COME AND PRAY FOR
OUR PARISH**

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 19, 2026**

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

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
4/12/2026**

Sunday - \$1,672.00

Maintenance - \$60.00

Easter Flowers - 100.00

Easter —\$220.00

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.



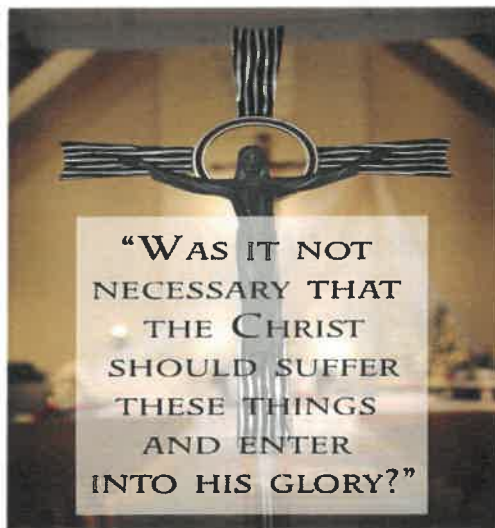
**Our Blessed Mother
Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



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

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.**



**“WAS IT NOT
NECESSARY THAT
THE CHRIST
SHOULD SUFFER
THESE THINGS
AND ENTER
INTO HIS GLORY?”**

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



MAY CROWNING - 5/2/26 - 5:45PM MASS

PLEASE HELP US CHOOSE

SOMEONE TO CROWN MARY!

THERE ARE SO MANY DESERVING MEN &

WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

THAT DO SO MUCH TO KEEP US GOING

NOMINATE SOMEONE BELOW

(AND GIVE YOUR REASON FOR YOUR NONIMATION)

BY NEXT WEEKEND

NOMINEE NAME:

REASON :

VASE WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU WISH TO BRING FLOWERS TO HONOR MARY

Christ Remains Present

A powerful thread of truth runs through each of today's Easter season readings: Jesus resurrected. "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:32). The Apostles testified to this raising of Jesus, but also, and maybe even more powerful is the testimony of those who did not want this truth to be known. Scholars often refer to the latter as "hostile witnesses." People, who could not deny what they saw but did not wish to perpetuate the following of Christ, become witnesses to the majesty of God. Fascinating how differently the world perceives the history of secular nature from that of religion. We possess many history books filled with events, teachings, and speeches; we do not doubt nor question; we trust what was seen and recorded has been done so accurately. And it is taught from generation to generation.

Yet, how few believe "God raised this Jesus." The Resurrection opened heaven to those "who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory so that your faith and hope are in God." St. Peter reminds us to hold fast to this truth so that our hope and faith remain with God. The testimony of those who saw, spoke, and ate with the Risen Lord, provides us a confident hope in the Good News. No one, but One, has ever claimed to be the Son of God and then rose from the dead. Two Thousand years later, we are still speaking of his salvific work upon the cross, still re-presenting those moments upon altars across the world, still worshipping and singing praises.

The 24th Chapter of Luke's Gospel includes the Walk to Emmaus. Jesus journeyed alongside these disciples, but they did not recognize him. He is still with us today, a true and ever-present companion. How often do we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst? In the Emmaus encounter, in the breaking of bread, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Luke 24:31). Jesus offers the faithful that same wondrous opportunity at each and every Mass to be present at the blessing and breaking of the bread. To experience the burning of our hearts as the Scriptures are opened, and Jesus is made truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the Eucharist.

When the disciples encountered Jesus on the road, they urged him to stay with them. Through God's mystical, remarkable workings, which we will never comprehend this side of heaven, Jesus remains with us still at every Consecration, in every Tabernacle, and within the heart of those who receive him in the Eucharist.



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

Third Sunday of Easter Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the "stranger" could quote Scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of Scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him. - Tom Schmidt

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: <u>10,500.00</u>	AMOUNT PLEDGED: <u>\$702.00</u>
AMOUNT PAID: <u>\$3,145.00</u>	REMAINING BALANCE: <u>\$500.00</u>

Diligent Faith

Around this time five years ago, our first granddaughter was baptized. Public gatherings were troublesome in pandemic days. Events that should have brought great rejoicing were muted by the fear of disease. Our pastor offered a private ceremony in which ten masked family members could attend. We stressed over who the ten should be. Our immediate family was six. Add the priest, the baby, her father, a non-family member godparent, and my parents and that was twelve. It left no room for aunts, uncles, cousins, significant others, or the father's devout Baptist family.

Worry over hurt feelings and directives from our diocese that no group baptisms should be held clouded my joy over the pending baptism. I felt a lot of responsibility for making sure she was baptized in the church and lamented my concerns to the sacristan at another church where I was an organist. He and I, a cantor, a lector, and a priest were the only ones allowed to be present while the Mass was being live streamed.

"Your granddaughter's baptism is not only for her, but for her parents and the rest of your family to receive that grace," he said. That statement interrupted my drive into pious control and reminded me that the grace extended at baptism would help cover my sins too. Rather than concerning myself with the reception of a sacrament, I had been worrying about a ceremony and a celebration.

Our diligence encourages the dissipation of the deceptive voice of the devil, who continually dares us to abandon our deliberate confidence in a loving God. Yet today's first reading from Acts and the Responsorial Psalm remind us to persevere and not allow the concerns of the day to waiver our faith. "I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed," the psalmist says.

On the road to Emmaus, Cleopas says to Jesus, whom he does not recognize: "it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive."

Jesus expresses disappointment in their initial lack of faith. "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!" It wasn't until he broke the bread for them that "their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

The sacristan's words opened my eyes to the importance of spiritual diligence - doing everything needed for the salvation of my soul and the souls around me. Despite masks and a small "audience," my granddaughter's baptism brought great joy and when a few extra people showed up our priest welcomed them.

By Beth Casteel