

EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAD TO
*R*ISE FROM
THE *D*EAD.

JOHN 20:9



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Manhattan, Illinois 60442

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

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Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

April 4	7:30pm	EASTER VIGIL Parish Family of St. Patrick +Deceased Members of the Phelan & Elkin Families Req. by Ed & Judy Phelan
April 5	9:00am	Easter +Deceased Members of the Stromski Family
April 11	5:45pm	+Eleanor Price req. By Ken & Cindy Smith Parish Family of St. Patrick
April 18	5:45pm	+Cathy Engler req. by The Family The Elkin Family req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
April 4 - 7:30pm	Mark May Sherrie Ashley	C. & J. Kinsella P. Engler
April 5 - 9:00am	Mark May	L. Cakora
April 11 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	P. Engler

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Acts

10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (*Afternoon or Evening*)

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

Sunday 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



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.

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Easter —\$20.00

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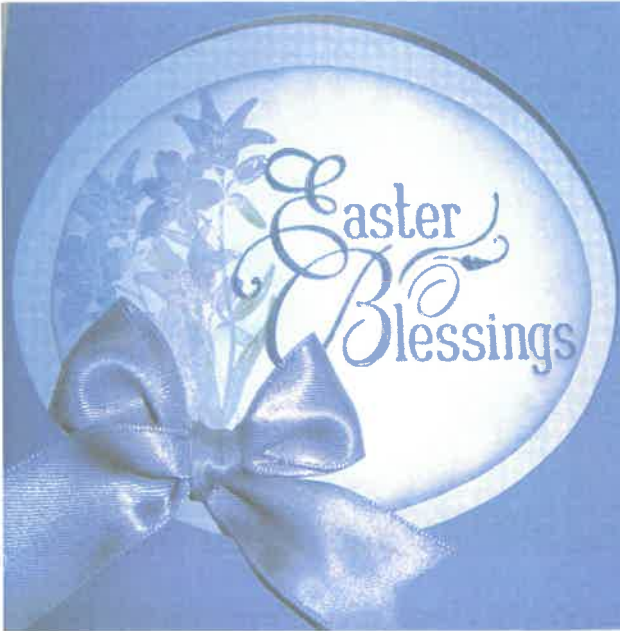


**Our Blessed Mother
Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

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.



**Our Blesses Mother
Candle Is Burning
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THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

Alleluia!

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Deceased Members of the
Bob & Carmen Elkin
Jim & Rita Phelan
Julia Elkin
Jerry & Vicky Phelan
Dot McGrath
Cakora, Stromski &
Ulman Families

Cathy Engler
Theresa Osburn
Matt Noyes
George Hnetkovsky Family
Martin Timm Family
Bill Gast Family Members
Mary Gast
Jim Phelan Family Members

Donald W. Price
Daniel J. Price
Eleanor M. Price
Kathleen Kinsella
Alice Galvez

EASTER FLOWERS DONORS:

Joyce Gregory
M/M James Shields
M/M Martin Ruzella
M/M James Toepper
Steve Niemiec



Easter Sunday

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Easter Sunday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

— Rev. James Field



Easter Sunday Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies April 2026



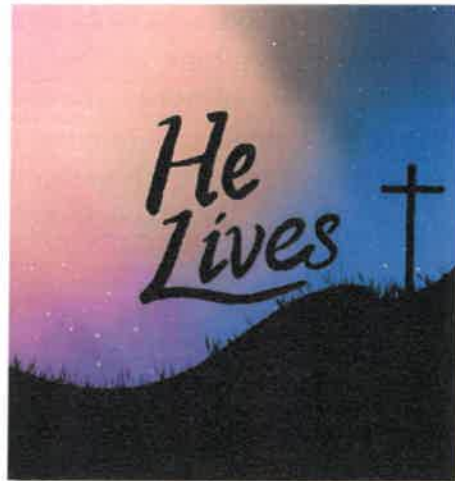
Happy Easter everyone! This is the greatest of all the celebrations. Everything we celebrate all year culminates Easter Sunday. Have you ever considered that the whole point of Christmas is that Easter Sunday needs to happen?

Sometimes we forget in our life that Easter Sunday is real. We think a lot about the passion that Jesus had to go through on Good Friday and how we participate in it. When life is difficult and we're struggling, we sometimes forget about Easter Sunday during the year. It's important for us to remember that any time we're going through something and we're struggling, and then somehow we get through it, and it's extraordinary afterwards—that's Easter Sunday in your life.

Our Lord Jesus participated in Easter Sunday to let us know that he has power over life and death. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it away—the same with rising from the dead. He chose to rise from the dead. Why would he do that? To let us know that we're next. We get to participate in this resurrection when we follow Him throughout our whole life. And the whole point of the resurrection is the proclamation of eternal life, that we will rise from the dead when we die. Thanks be to God that He saw fit to give us such an example.

This witness is apparent as we enter into this Easter season when we see the apostles boldly testifying to the resurrection from the dead—most of them with their lives. They were martyred on account of their testimony, so it's not just an expression. Jesus actually rose from the dead, and they gave their lives to testify to it.

So, this year, remember that celebrating Easter is about celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead, and the hope that he gives us. Rather than filling up on chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs because you gave up chocolate for Lent, celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in your life, rising out of the many challenges you face to give you hope in this life and in the life to come. Thanks be to God.



Easter Sunday Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31). Another example could be Mary of Magdala. She saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him.

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies.

Tom Schmidt