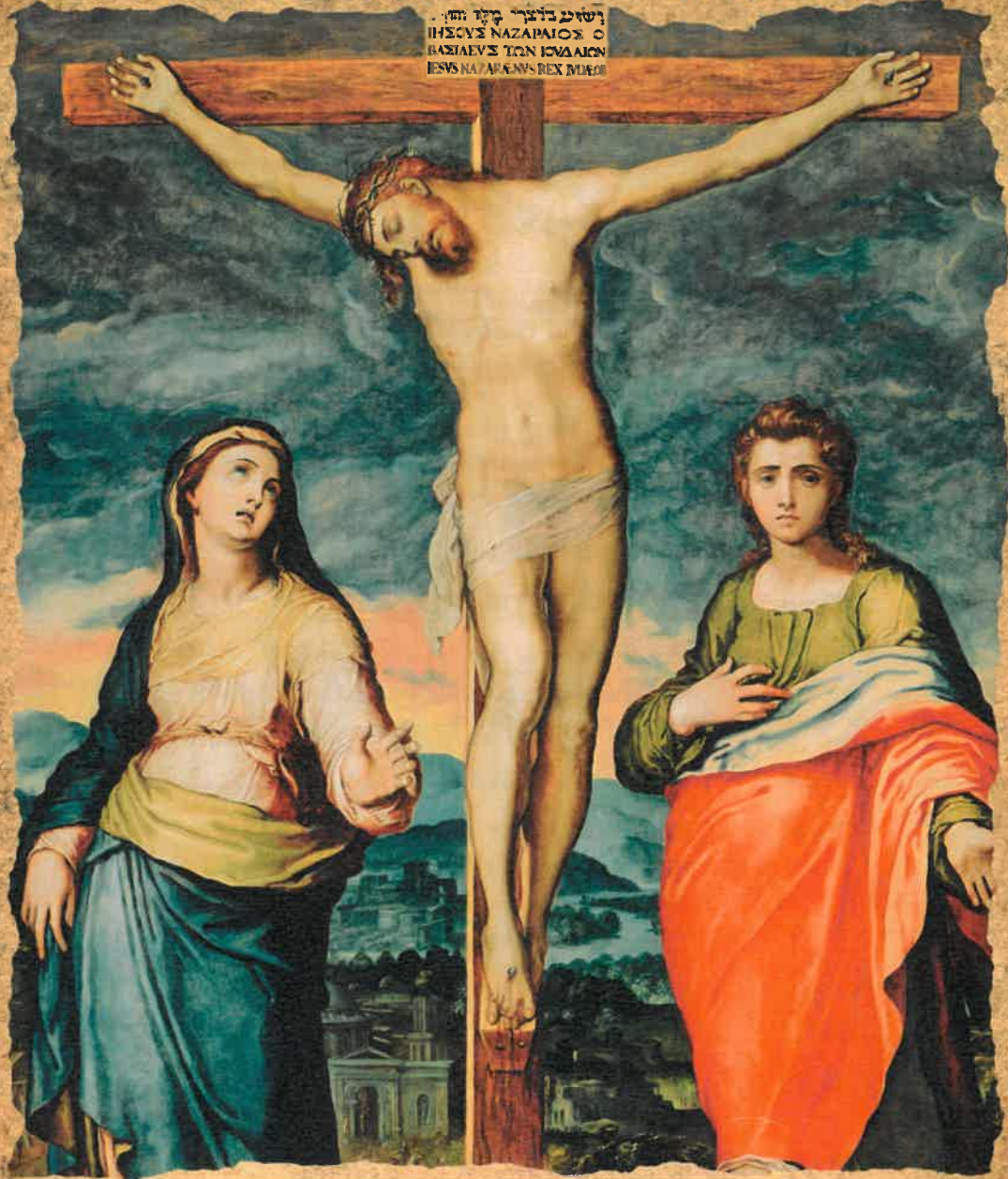


# FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Crucifixion*



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.  
Manhattan, Illinois 60442  
**5th SUNDAY OF LENT**  
March 22, 2026

**Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies**  
Administrator

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**Website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only**

<b>March 21</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	<b>+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	<b>+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Ken &amp; Cindy Smith Parish Family of St. Patrick</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Ken &amp; Cindy Smith</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>3:00pm 7:00pm</b>	<b>Good Friday - STATIONS OF THE CROSS Passion of Our Lord - Adoration 1 hour after Service</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil - Parish Family of St. Patrick +Deceased Members of Phelan &amp; Elkan Faamilies</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday - +Stromski Family</b>

**SERVERS & USHERS**

**Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of March 22, 2026**

**Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday** Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR  
3/8/2026**

**Sunday - \$1,374.00**

**Maintenance - \$50.00**

**Easter Flowers - \$510.00**

**Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54**

Thank you for your faith filled support.



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

STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS - 6:00PM  
MARCH 27  
LEADER:  
TOM NUGENT

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Servers/Usher</u>
3/21 -5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella	
3/28 - 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley & Amy Pfeifer	C. Smith	
4/2 - 7:00pm		C. Smith	
4/ 3 - 7:00pm	Jerry Kinsella &	C. Smith	
4/4 - 7:30pm		J. & C. Kinsella &	
4/ 5 - 9:00am			

**HELP**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS  
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE VESTIBULE**

**HELP**



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

**2026**

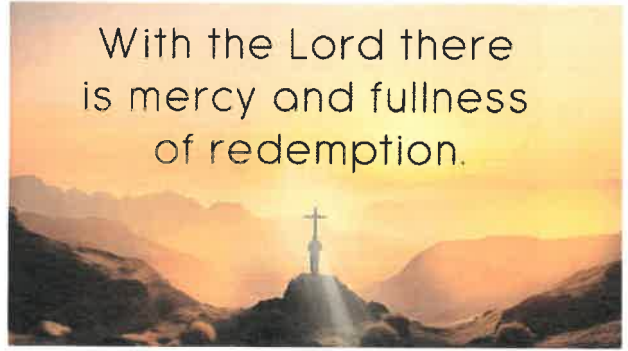
*Celebration Mass  
with  
Bishop Spies*

*Food and  
Fellowship  
Follows  
After Mass*





PLEASE REMOVE ALL  
DECORATIONS FROM  
ST. PATRICK CEMETERY  
BY APRIL 1, 2026  
THANK YOU.



ANYONE INTERSTED IN HELPING TO  
DECORATE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
PLEASE CALL SUE NUGENT AT  
815-790-4286



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### Holy Thursday

APRIL 2, 2026  
7:00PM  
WASHING OF THE FEET  
SIGN-UP SHEET  
IN VESTIBULE

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

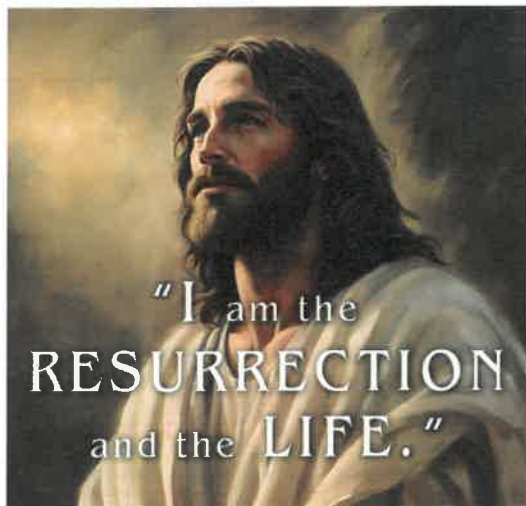
—Rev. James Field

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED DURING LENT**  
**WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM**

**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.**



## Fifth Sunday of Lent Greater Than You Expect

Sometimes a prophet says more than he intended. Ezekiel in the first reading is talking about restoring Israel after the Babylonian exile. The Jews saw the Exile as punishment for their sins, especially the sin of relying on false gods or political leaders for their safety. God demonstrates forgiveness by bringing them back to Israel; God also shows them divine power and glory so that they return to the Lord for their protection.

Ezekiel uses the image of the dead rising from their graves (37:12). Jesus came to show us God in a new way and to fulfill the promises of all previous prophecies. Notice how the first reading repeats two phrases: “open your graves” and “know that I am the Lord.” Jesus demonstrates that God’s promise is much greater than anything Ezekiel expected.

First, the Gospel. When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, he apparently waited till his friend had died. He knew that he was going to raise Lazarus from death to help his disciples believe. So why was he “perturbed and deeply troubled”? It could be that he was disappointed that his friends did not seem to believe that he could raise Lazarus. Notice Jesus became perturbed again when some of the crowd question Jesus’ ability to do so (John 11:37–38). Like Ezekiel, the people of Jesus’ time did not expect him literally to raise the dead. But God used the prophet’s message to prepare for Jesus’ message that not only would he rise from the dead, but we will also. And like the friends and relatives of Lazarus, we too may find it hard to believe, or at least question how it could be possible. Fortunately, Jesus helps with that, too.

Look at the second reading to the Romans. Because we have God’s Spirit living in us, we who are sinners can be raised to new life by that Spirit. When our sins are forgiven, we begin to live a new life by loving the people we hurt by our sins, forgiving people who have hurt us, being more concerned for the poor than for our own comfort. We are freed from worrying about the future, from holding onto grudges, and perhaps even from the fear of death itself—all because we have experienced the new life of God’s Spirit and, as Ezekiel says, know that God is the Lord.