

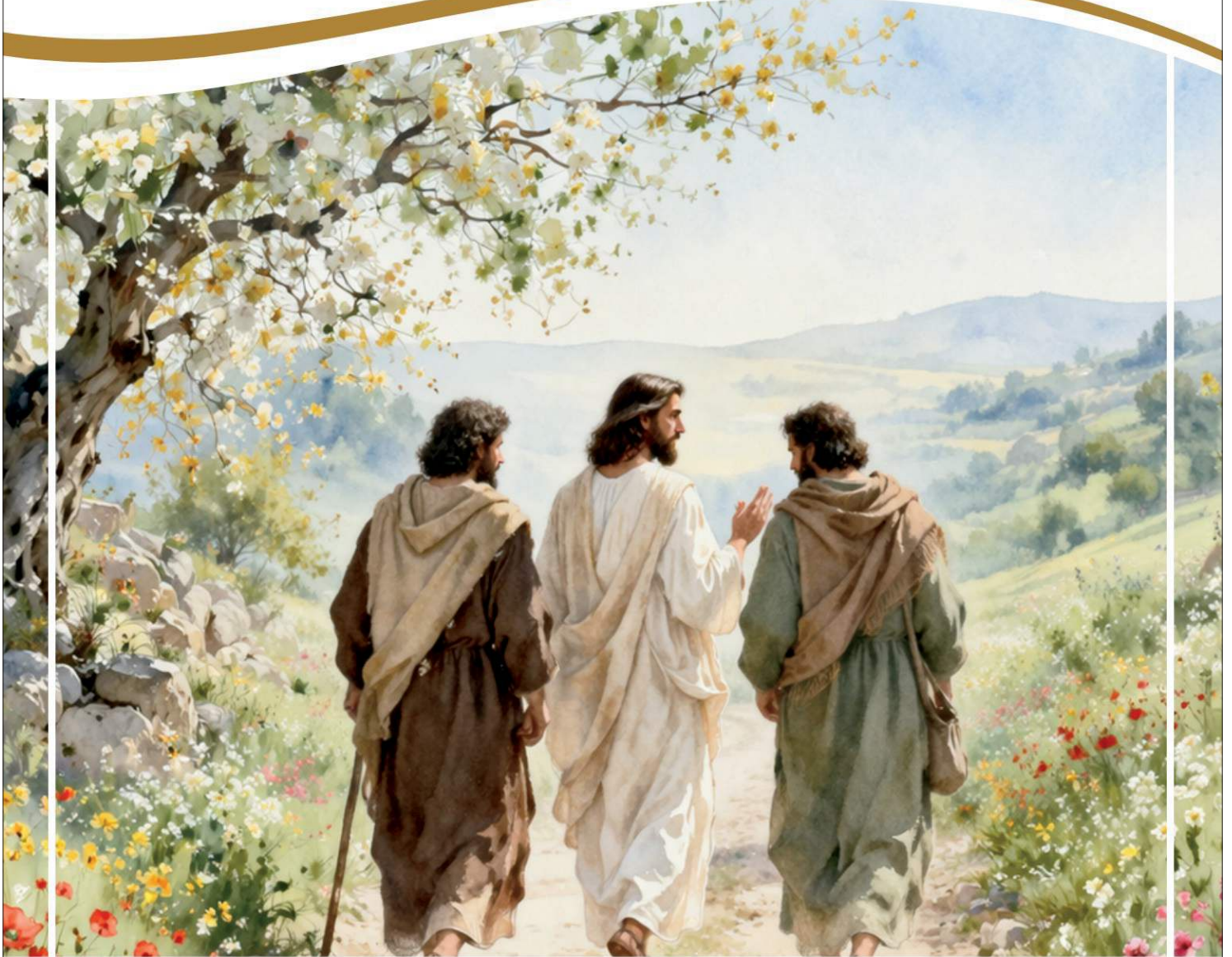


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*Were Not Our Hearts  
Burning Within Us*

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

Luke's Gospel on "The Road to Emmaus" is a treasure-house for reflection! There are multiple lenses through which we can integrate the event within our own lives.



The confusion and sadness of the two disciples is understandable. Jesus died but is rumored to be alive! Where is He? What do we do now? A "stranger" meets them on their journey and asks two questions... ***What are you discussing?*** Incredulous that this man did not hear of the horrendously unjust crucifixion of the innocent man called ***Jesus who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God AND the people***, the stranger asks the second question... ***What kind of things?*** and they tell the story of this Jesus who healed, who raised people from the dead and even forgave sin and whom they had hoped would be Israel's redeemer.

*Don't you remember?* The "stranger" reviews for them the Scriptures which prophesied the terrible death. Enthralled, they needed to hear more. ***"Stay with us." He did.*** He removed their fear and replaced it with hope and joy when He took the bread, said the blessing, and gave it to them to eat. Then, ***they KNEW the "stranger" BECAUSE of the breaking of the bread.***

We have taken the Emmaus walk, too, expressed by the ups and downs in life, uncertainty, fears, sadness, loss of loved ones. Where do we go? Jesus walked alongside the disciples, unrecognize by them. That can happen to us, too. When we get overwhelmed and consumed with our own troubles, where do we look for Jesus? ***In the same place they found Him – in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist.*** Their eyes were opened. We trust ours will be as well. Here, in Eucharist, is where our faith is nurtured and sustained.

The disciples' eyes were opened. They knew what to do. Go back to Jerusalem and tell the Good News! He is alive! That's our mission now. You who are baptized, ***listen beyond the words for the real question and then tell the story.***

**Whether we know it or not, Jesus is always present to us.** The disciples on the Emmaus Walk offer us a blessing as they pleaded with Jesus, "Stay with us for the night comes quickly. The day is almost over." Let us never go-it-alone.

Sister Donna Marie

 Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of: **Eileen Jamieson, Robert Siegwarth and James Mangan.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

**+ Intentions for the Week +**

**Monday, April 20, Easter Weekday**

9:00 Lillian Noga

**Tuesday, April 21, Easter Weekday**

8:00 Joseph A. Frank

**Wednesday, April 22, Easter Weekday**

9:00 Bill Weisbarth

**Thursday, April 23, Easter Weekday**

8:00 Rev. James Kramer (Anniv)

**Friday, April 24, Easter Weekday**

9:00 Brian McNamara

**Saturday, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist**

8:00 Special Intention– Doug & Colleen Colman  
Wedding Anniversary

5:00 Teresa Gray

**Sunday, April 26, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Joe and Betty Janesz

**Please pray for:** Barbara Waitkus; Loretta Verhiley; Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

**March Monthly Collection:      \$76,115.63**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Congratulations to our eighth grade students who will be Confirmed this Wednesday, April 22nd!*



We welcome the following newly baptized members to the Christian Community:

*Cora Daly*

*Noelle Komar*

*Mavis McCarthy*

*John Mahoney*

*Dominic Gallagher*

*Joana Deal*

**Small Ticket. Big Impact  
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This weekend, the Knights of Columbus are selling **Super Cash Bonanza Raffle** after Masses! **100% of proceeds** support our parish and community charitable works, including Catholic education, seminarians and priests, hunger centers, women's shelters, maternity support centers, Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, recovery homes, Camp Christopher, and more! Tickets are **\$5 each**, with 25 prizes ranging from **\$500 to \$49,680**. Scan the **QR code to purchase tickets**. Claim tickets will be mailed to you. Tickets are also available via the **Quick Links on the parish homepage**.



**Blue Sunday  
April 26, 2026  
from 3-4PM  
Blessing House  
6115 Olivet Ave., Elyria**



We invite you to join us for a special Blue Sunday Prayer Service honoring children who have experienced abuse and neglect and praying for the protection of all children in our community. Together, we will pause for a moment of reflection, hope, and prayer as we stand united for the safety and well-being of every child. Everyone is welcome!

**First Friday Adoration, May 1, 2026**

**Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;  
Benediction 5:00 PM**

**Two guardians are needed each hour between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish Office to sign-up.**

**First Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.**



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Many, many thanks for your very generous donation. With recent government cuts in aid to the poor, more and more of our neighbors are looking for this direct help. "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." That is so true. Our account for the food pantry was almost depleted before this windfall. We are most grateful! — Sincerely, Rev. Joseph H. Callahan, Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

**21st Annual Pancake Run  
June 6, 2026**



Join us at the **West Side Catholic Center** for our 21st Annual Pancake Run! Run or walk to support vital programs serving those in need in our community. Register today: <https://www.wsccenter.org/events/pancake-run>  
If you have any questions, please email [mloesch@wsccenter.org](mailto:mloesch@wsccenter.org)

**2026 Young Adult Church Softball League** Registration is now open for the Athletics 2026 Young Adult Church Softball League! This opportunity is perfect for making new friends and engaging in friendly competition this summer. This co-ed league is open to players of all skill levels between the ages of 18-39. Games are played on Sundays beginning in late June through mid-August on the west side of Cleveland. Whether you sign up yourself, a small group of friends, or an entire team, we would love to have you join us this season! Learn more at [AthleticsCLE.com](http://AthleticsCLE.com) or contact us at [Cathleticscle@gmail.com](mailto:Cathleticscle@gmail.com).

**Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making**

We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are May 13th & May 27th. There will be NO sandwich making on April 29th.***

**Deacon Joseph's Ordination** On Saturday, May 16th, Deacon Joseph will be ordained to the priesthood. His first Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM on the 16th at St. Bernadette.



A reception for the newly ordained Father Joseph will follow in Dempsey Hall. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ho, his aunt and sister will be in attendance. They will stay at the seminary while in Cleveland. Reception plans are now in place. Further information will be made available closer to May. If you have any questions, please call Mary Egan in the Parish Office.

# Young at Heart

One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are “**YOUNG AT HEART**” and over 50 (!) are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time to chat together!

**Given limited spacing, reservations are necessary. Our maximum capacity is 30 – this number includes couples and individuals.**

**Join us for Young at Heart on Wednesday, May 6th from Noon to 1:30PM in the Community Room.**

**Topic:** The Holy Spirit is Alive and Active Today! Really? Where?

**Presenter:** Reverend Joseph H. Callahan

Fr. Callahan will explore this important question at our Young at Heart May 6th gathering. He is well-equipped spiritually to help us discern the Presence of the Spirit! Fr. Callahan has extensive parish experience here in Cleveland and has also served for sixteen years as a diocesan-priest missionary in El Salvador. Currently, he is pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleveland.



**Please submit your registration with the lunch fee to the PARISH OFFICE.  
*Do not use the Collection Baskets at Church.***

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch fee: \$15.00 per person; tea, coffee, water included**

**Questions? Confidential Contact– Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300**

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