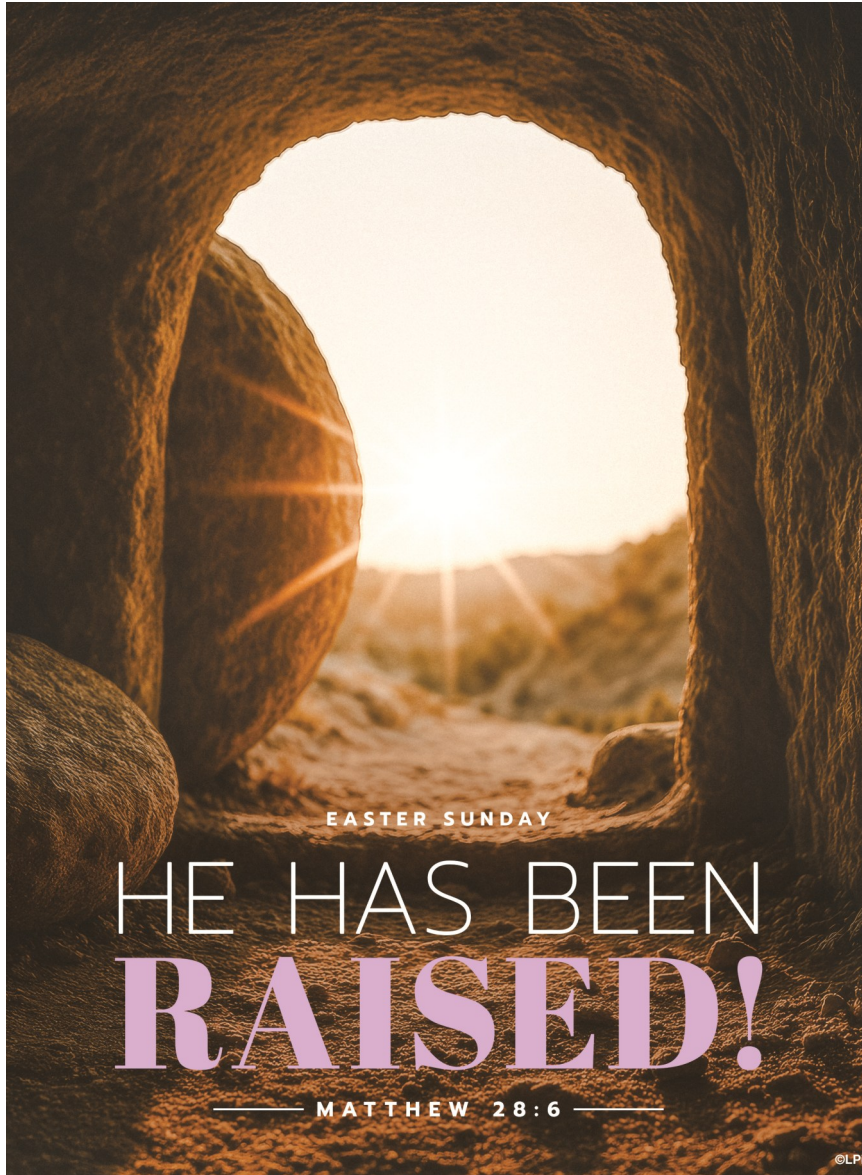




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April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **“ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.”** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*... love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*
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Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
April 11th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Ramona Effinger Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
April 12th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
April 12th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

VOCATION CORNER

Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen’s sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always.
Amen. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples didn’t understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can’t fathom the purpose of God’s plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why? ©LPi



Weekly Readings



Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35
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
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
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Mass Intentions for the week of April 5, 2026

SUN 4/5	8:30 AM	For The People
	10:30 AM	Velda Bringaze, Cambree York
MON 4/6	8:00 AM	Fr. Gene Neff
TUE 4/7	8:00 AM	Al & Andrea Parker
WED 4/8	8:00 AM	Mary Ann Cox
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 4/9	8:00 AM	Geri Cox
FRI 4/10	8:00 AM	Wayland Downen
SAT 4/11	8:00 AM	Quentin Lauer
	4:00 PM	For The People
SUN 4/12	8:30 AM	Judith Marchand
	10:30 AM	Jean Muntan, Dr. Paul & Anita Becherer

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

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Contribution Statements for 2025

Contribution statements will be sent out **BY REQUEST** again this year. If you would like a contribution statement for your taxes, please let Dawn know at 618-233-2423 or email sthenryc@peaknet.net.

Justice, Explained!



“Original justice” is what the Catechism calls the state of harmony that existed between God, mankind and all creation (CCC 376) before the fall. Though original justice perished when sin entered the world, our souls still bear its memory, and we are oriented toward this virtue like a flower is oriented to the light of the sun: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will have their fill.” (Matthew 5:6)

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God (religion is the justice we owe to our Creator). Justice gives us a framework for existing in the Justice is made possible by the virtue of charity (CCC 1825) because justice demands what is right for all, not just for one. ©LPi



Happy Easter!
As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us

commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the box at the back of Church

NEXT WEEKEND IS DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND

God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.



PRAYER REQUESTS

“Heavenly Father, we offer all the prayer requests on our prayer chain to you. We ask that you would hear and answer each one according to your perfect will. We trust in your love, your power, and your grace. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the lives of those we are praying for.”

Godfrey Mullen, OSB	Evan	Maielle
Addison	Ginny	Matt
Addy	Joann	Mrs. Reynolds
Carin	Johnathan	Nicole
Cathy	Jon	Pat
Chris	Kathleen	Tanya
Dan	Kayla	York Family

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed below, their families and their

caregivers.

To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a message.

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.



****All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations.****

March 22, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,275.77
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 305.25
Guatemala	\$ 55.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 166.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 370.00

THANK YOU
to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



April 5, 2026

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - Parrish Office Closed
SVDP Mtg 9:00 am
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition
2:30-4:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** -
- Saturday** - 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
103	1,879	18,627



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Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of March 29th will be printed in the April 12th bulletin.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Easter

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

The priest will continue to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed! ©LPi

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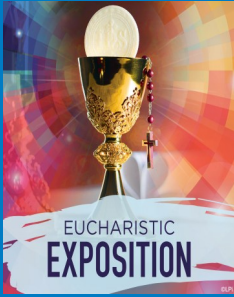
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The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

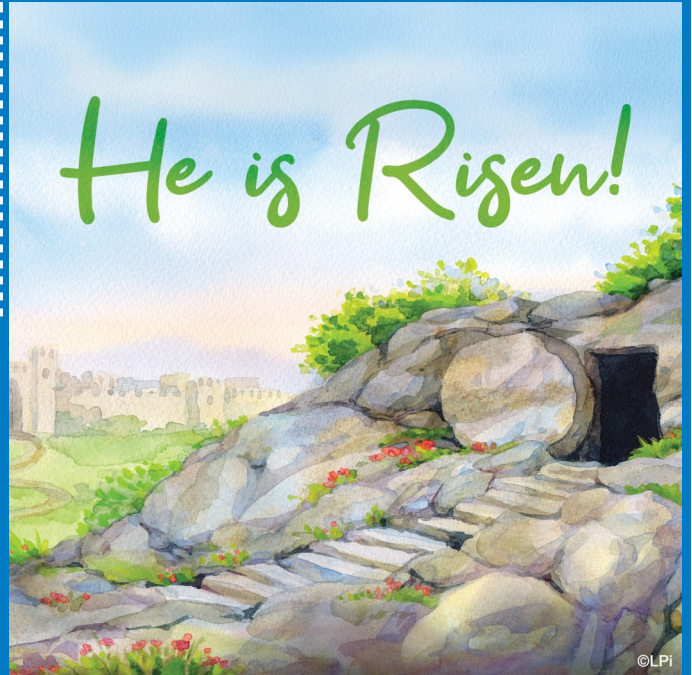
If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

Birthday Celebration



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Patricia Keck	4/6	Janis Brutto	4/10
Sandra Knee	4/6	Gregory Douglas	4/10
Barbara Merchiori	4/6	Cathleen Fenton	4/10
Rod Borger	4/7	Cheryl Kelso	4/10
Verna Elbe	4/7	Paula Carel	4/11
Cole Maul	4/7	Jeffrey Lindblad	4/11
Avery Kramkowski	4/9	Bret Morrell	4/12
Louise Schwartz	4/9		



Please Welcome for the following people to our Catholic Faith

*Nora Ayala
Matthew Felix
Quincy McGowan
Angelina Rodarte
Kialani Willingham
Kymani Willingham
Quandela Anani Zogolo*



The Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Henry appreciate everyone who made this year's Lenten fish fries possible. Without the volunteers who worked before,

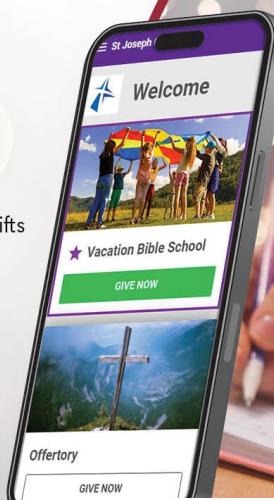
during, and after the fish fries, these events would not have taken place. We hope that all fish fry customers enjoyed a good meal and the chance to see friends. We are also thankful for the generous donations of delicious desserts served during the fish fries.

Thank You. 



As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.



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Easter Blessings

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal



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