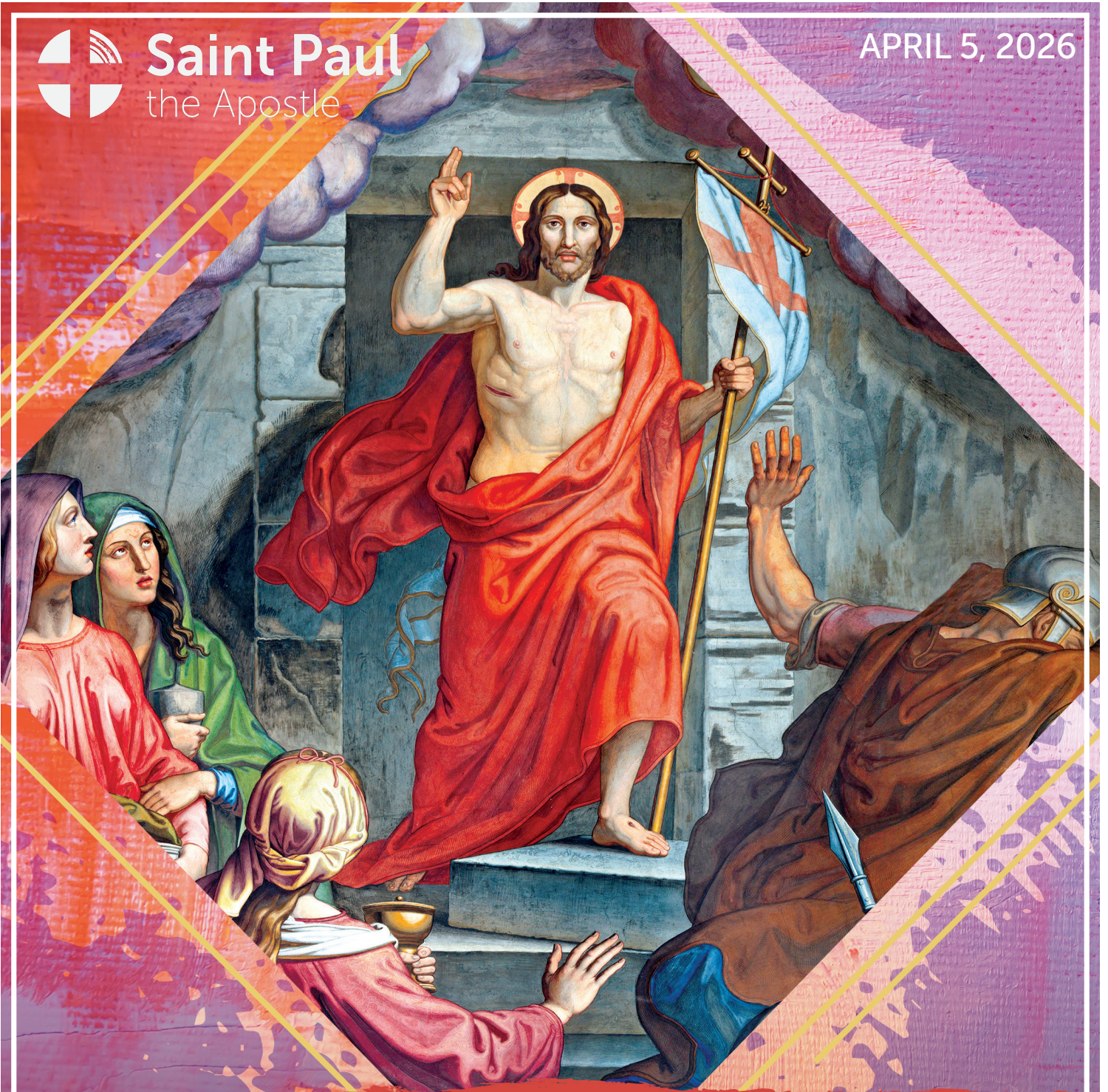




**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle

APRIL 5, 2026



## EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - LET'S CELEBRATE WITH JESUS!

BY MARY PENICH

I began Lent 2026 a few weeks early due to the unexpected illness of someone very dear to me. As a result, my Lenten sacrifices weren't of my own choosing. I did what needed to be done in response to these circumstances.



I helped as best I could while also hounding our extremely patient God on behalf of all concerned. I admit that my prayers vacillated between specific lists of humble requests and direct orders. As is always the case, God has been extremely patient with me! When I finally acknowledged that God knows best, I placed this dear loved one and all my concerns in God's capable and loving hands. In the end, all is well. Truly, all is far better than well!

As Easter 2026 approached, I realized that, though I've found some peace and healing in my little corner of this vast world of ours, many of our sisters and brothers have not. As I consider my efforts within my own circle of loved ones, I realize that none of us can fix everything. At the same time, I also realize that we can all do *something*. It occurs to me that many of our most precious moments occur amidst or in response to tragedy. Consider the heart wrenching scene on Calvary. Though his loved ones were kept at an unbearable distance, Jesus persisted because he knew that God is always nearby. Jesus showed us time and time again that God always remains to draw goodness and joy from our deepest pain. This Lent, despite my worry regarding my loved one, God lovingly nudged me along the way. God uplifted my drooping spirit, and God hinted again and again at the joy to come.

I realize that alleluia-filled churches, festively clad worshippers, and joyful family gatherings provide an unlikely setting in which to reflect on the difficult times in our lives. Nonetheless, I find the strength to do this because God is at my side through it all. Those closest to Jesus and Jesus himself were touched by tragedy in many forms. And, again and again, God's presence eased Jesus and his friends through it all. No wonder Jesus went off to pray alone so often! He wanted to keep the lines of communication open! Though I sometimes wonder if God will "pick up" when I call, one glance upward assures me that I am and will be heard –always!

Though Easter Sunday is a day to rejoice and to be glad and so sing, "Alleluia!", I wonder how the circumstances of my loved ones, a friend, a fellow parishioner, or those suffering half a world away can be turned around. Though things have ended well in the scenario I've shared today, at other times, I've wrung my hands in frustration, finally

raising a fist to heaven. I've even dared to quote Jesus on behalf of the suffering about whom I've worried: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken him and her and them?" Finally, after I've done all that I can do, I hand over my worry to God. It is then that God peels away my pain, fills me with hope, and gives me a glimpse of the joy to come.

Today, we celebrate Easter once again. We embrace the joy that followed Jesus' passion and death. We also embrace the joy that will follow the life-altering events we somehow survive. That first Easter, Jesus' friends were finally able to leave their fear behind. Soon afterward, they couldn't help sharing the miracle of Jesus' new life with anyone who would listen! The disciples' revelry offered a hint of what we'll *all* experience one day! Just as it did for them, Jesus' Easter miracle encourages us to celebrate the potential for new life in every moment of every day in everything we do. When we keep the promise of our own resurrections in mind, we can embrace each and every day with amazing strength and, yes, amazing joy!



If you're wondering where to begin, just turn to Jesus. Jesus offered a lifetime of lessons that teach us to love God by loving each other. Jesus showed us how to build strong communities by building strong relationships. Jesus taught us to help both our neighbors and strangers in distress. Jesus taught us to live in accord with our beliefs while allowing others to do the same. Jesus taught us to respond as best we can in the moment at hand. Yes, Easter really is the culmination of Jesus' life among us. Easter is also an invitation to begin new lives of our own!

Today, we turn the calendar on Lent 2026. Today, we embrace the joy of the first Easter and Easter 2026. Today, we are invited to celebrate just as Jesus did by walking



hand in hand with those we love wherever they are. Grateful as I am that my loved one is far better than I ever expected, I realize that there is much more that concerns me along the way. The good news is that Jesus has assured me and us all that all will be well in the end. Knowing this, I can honestly say, "Happy Easter, Everyone! Alleluia!"

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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

Easter Sunday

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



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 ©LPI

## MASS HYMNS

*Opening Song:* **Concertato on EASTER HYMN (EASTER HYMN)** arranged by David Cherwien  
*At Sunday 11:30am:* **Gather #457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN)**

*Gloria:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Responsorial Psalm:* **This Is the Day** by Ed Bolduc

*Gospel Acclamation:* **Festival Alleluia** by James Chepponis

*Sprinkling Song:* **Springs of Water from MUSIC FOR THE RITES OF INITIATION** by Tony Alonso

*Preparation Song:* **Because He Lives (Amen)** by William J. Gaither, Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, and Jason Ingram

*At Sunday 11:30am:* **Make a Joyful Noise** by Kevin McChesney

*Eucharistic Acclamations:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Communion Songs:* **Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)** by Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson, Joel Taylor, and Christa Black Gifford | **Surely the Presence** by Lanny Wolfe

*At Sunday 11:30am:* **Exsultate Deo** by Giovanni Palestrina, arranged by Laura Walter | **Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)** by Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson, Joel Taylor, and Christa Black Gifford

*Closing Song:* **Celebrate Resurrection Day** by Chris Muglia and Leia Wasbotten

## READING I

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
“You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.  
We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
This man God raised on the third day and granted that  
he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

## READING II

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:  
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.  
And behold, there was a great earthquake;  
for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven,  
approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.  
His appearance was like lightning  
and his clothing was white as snow.  
The guards were shaken with fear of him  
and became like dead men.  
Then the angel said to the women in reply,  
“Do not be afraid!  
I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.  
He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.  
Come and see the place where he lay.  
Then go quickly and tell his disciples,  
‘He has been raised from the dead,  
and he is going before you to Galilee;  
there you will see him.’  
Behold, I have told you.”  
Then they went away quickly from the tomb,  
fearful yet overjoyed,  
and ran to announce this to his disciples.  
And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them.  
They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.  
Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid.  
Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee,  
and there they will see me.”



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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11**  
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

**Tuesday: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22**  
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Wednesday: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9**  
Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

**Thursday: Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9**  
O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the  
earth!

**Friday: Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a**  
The stone rejected by the builders has become the  
cornerstone.

**Saturday: Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21**  
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**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)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - EASTER VIGIL

7:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Bill & Pat Vaslius | Alice De Silvia  
Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | Barry Rader | Thomas  
Rusnak, Sr. | Helen Rusnak | George Braniff | Marian Braniff | John  
Carter Bennett

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 - EASTER

7:30AM: Judy & Bob Russell, Sr. | Victor Peccioli | Michael Kinahan  
Carl Willaby | Carl & Catherine Johann | Kornelia Macholla | Helena  
Maroszek | Kazimierz Maroszek | Norma Roccasanto | Gerald &  
Leanne McMahon | Tom Vallely

9:30AM: Thomas R. Rajchel | Robert Chester Buttrey | Joan Slak  
Caroline Shebenik | Julie Hamby | Edmund Kana | Magno & Lucina  
Carino | Ruben & Consolacion Canlas | Renato & Eloisa Carino  
Allison Carino | Marina Culpepper | Miguel DeGuzman | Casis  
Family | Marybeth Nelson | Nancy Studer | Lina & Tony Regacho  
Michael Velasco | Sabina Taquilar

11:30AM: Hector B. Brujal, Jr. | Joseph Richardt | Hilo & Calcal Family  
| Peter Higman | Alice O'Day | Stanley O'Day | Jim Hughes Rosie  
Alejandria | Richard Yap | George Lawrence | Celia J. Auguste  
Lily Vergara | Celso Balita Castor | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté  
Paulina Negrillo

5:00PM: NO 5PM MASS

### MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

7:30AM: Bernice Martin | Maria Dominguez | Rosita Aguilar

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

7:30AM: Carl Willaby

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

7:30AM: Kathy Mullins | Lawrence Hickey | Paul & Susan Dizon  
Sheila Rader | Domiciano Osmena

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

7:30AM: Hans Kist | Johann Fuchs | Theresia Fuchs | Anna Kist  
Valentin Kist

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

7:30AM: Mary E. Grosskopf | Jacenty Kornacki

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Bill & Pat Vaslius | Lawrence Doan  
Pham | Gerena O. Monis | Sherry Carlin | Cristina Arceo John  
Carter Bennett

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

7:30AM: Judy Russell | Derek Manuel | Jaime B. Gorospe | Isabel  
R. Gorospe | Charles Smith, Jr. | Rodrigo R. Gorospe | Demetria M.  
Cabuay | Marcelino C. Cabuay

9:30AM: Stefan Ciastoń | Lawrence & Ada Hickey | Frank & Mary Sas  
Stanley Kot | Christine Tarchala | Maureen Hendrickson | Joyce  
Pope | Chris Morrissey | Miguel DeGuzman | Lillian Maldonado

11:30AM: Chuck Gresser | Hector B. Brujal, Jr. | Anastacio Menchavez  
Al & Frank Konieczny | Celia J. Auguste | Joe & Eileen Tuckey | Ron  
Rymut | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo | Michael  
Velasco | Sabina Taquilar

5:00PM: Karen Ann Dowling | Betty Nughes

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Reginald Dulaca

Melody Cook

Brian Smolicek

Roberto Movilla

Shani Stahnke

Abby Swygard

Rod Reyes

Betty Falotico

Keith Kellogg

Lisa Mischke

David Zilligen

Eduardo Perez

Maria Domitila Zam-

brano de Polanco

Rafael Gloria

Collen Wishall

Silvia Pinedo

Consuelo Vargas

Juan Miguel Currea

Gloria de Cardenas

Helena Sznicer

George Lawrence

Michael Miller

Cynthia D. Caudell

Glafira Bunsen

Jackie Herrera-Giron

Gino LaBellarte

Dianne Scirri

Pat Wilson

Kimmy Cozart

Mark Wilson

Pat Gundrum

Mary Thachil

Daniela Gaborik

Amy Patterson

Emily Meryer

Kathy Hunt

Laura Hopkins

Bill O'Brien

Katie Travelstead

Shanklin

Roman Stankiewicz

Charles Brown

Reginald Dulaca

Melody Cook

Jeanne Tan

Gemma Olai

Giovanni Deligero

Holly Wall Freund

Maureen Hisel

April Grandgeorge

Eileen Boyle

Toni Mengarelli

Dan Garrett

Rosa LaBellarte

Sharon Browning

Donna Kalinoski

Dan Garrett

Ruth Blood

Kay Breuscher

Rachel Ciullo

Lynn Malorey

Maria LaBellarte

Tony LaBellarte

Kailey Porter

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call

Catherine in the Parish Office:  
info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Joseph Goggin*

*Eileen Boyle*

*Michael Miller*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE  
 7:30AM MORNING PRAYER, DIVINE  
 MERCY NOVENA AND ROSARY  
 8:00AM LEGAL CLINIC  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP  
 2:00PM BASKET BLESSING - ŚWIĘCONKA  
 7:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

#### EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM MASS  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS (CHILDREN'S CHOIR)  
 NO 5PM MASS

### MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

7:30AM MASS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 1:00PM KNIT/PRAY/CROCHET  
 2:00PM FAITH SHARING  
 6:30PM SPRED  
 7:00PM CURIOUS CATHOLIC -  
 FR. MARTIN

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

7:30AM MASS  
 5:30PM FIRST COMMUNION 2 & SCU 1  
 RETREAT  
 7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING  
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

7:30AM MASS  
 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS  
 7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

7:30AM WEEKDAY MASS & DIVINE  
 MERCY NOVENA AND ROSARY

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

#### HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 1:30PM WEDDING - DAS  
 5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

7:30AM MASS  
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS  
 1:00PM BAPTISM - GUZMAN  
 3:00PM DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR  
 3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2  
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM MASS  
 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

## APRIL 11/12 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 7:00PM	M. Mohrfeld G. Johnson T. Rusnak Jr. A. Barrie A. Rusnak OPEN	Maryalice Smith Larry Kolaczkowski	Drexler Grzesiak Hauck Hershenbach Rago Smith Wells	D. Wells J. Cruz	Fr. Martin Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	R. Dizon T. Shurtleff S. Bilas B. Murphy G. Aranas P. Rothacker	Jeff Bautista Sue Lucas	Calendo Chandy Janik Nelsen Pieper Rafael-Azcueta Zdenahik	R. Azcueta T. Rafael-Azcueta	Fr. Martin Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	B. Kibitlewski P. Mengarelli T. Mengarelli D. Scheffler K. King OPEN	Beth Penfold Mike Kana	Belk Estorque-Deligero Farber Ignacio, Arnold Ignacio, R. Martinez, E. Martinez, N.	C. Fossier J. Fossier	Fr. Martin Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson M. Aldana C. Haines C. Karl R. Terrazas	Emery Colcol Maribeth Hilo	Auguste Colcol Parreno Podgorski Ramirez Schoenherr Tebbetts	T. Guziec W. Manila	Fr. John Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni K. Deniz M. Deniz J. Plamoottil OPEN x 2	Barb Wagner Teen or Lector 1	Crow Gaytan Holland Marino	Robb Roberts Serek	TEENS Fr. Joe Dn. Andy

# Dear SPA Family,

With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate being an Easter people, rejoicing in the profound truth of Christ's Resurrection. Easter for us transcends a mere commemoration; it embodies a transformative way of life, a beacon of hope that illuminates our journey. We carry forward the mission entrusted to us by Jesus, extending His invitation to others to embrace this abundant life.

Thank you for your Easter contributions which serve as pillars upholding our shared mission. They form a cornerstone of our annual budget, nurturing essential ministries and sustaining the operational vitality of our parish.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our wonderful parish. As we revitalize our local Church, each of us is called to discern how best to enrich our community through active engagement. Please continue to uphold our SPA family in your prayers, as I hold each of your intentions close to my heart.

Your presence in the pews on Sundays and Holy Days is a profound testament to our shared faith and fellowship.

May the abundance of Easter graces envelop you and your loved ones during this sacred season of renewal.



Have a blessed Easter,  
Fr. Chris

**KNIT,  
Pray,  
CROCHET**



Our prayer shawl ministry "Knit, Crochet, Pray" creates shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need within our parish community and its outreach.

Meetings are held in the lower-level gathering space on the 1st Tuesday (1-3 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7-8:30 pm).

The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 7th at 1pm.

Questions? Contact the parish office: [info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church)



**CURIOUS CATHOLIC PRESENTS**



**Fr. Martin**

4.7.26 @ 7:00pm

Divine Mercy and St. Faustina

**All adults are invited to Curious Catholic on Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space.**

**Our speaker will be Fr. Martin who will speak about Divine Mercy and St. Faustina.**



**Wine and snacks will be served.**



# BAPTISM PREP CLASS

The **Baptism Preparation Ministry** prepares parents for their children's baptisms by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend before their child's baptism.

**THE NEXT CLASS IS  
APRIL 9, 2026, AT 7 PM  
IN THE CHURCH.**

## Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy!

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special "Feast of Mercy" to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



The Lord to St. Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy." Diary 699

Confessions will not be heard during the Holy Hour. We ask that you go to confession at any time before April 12th.

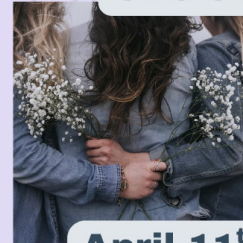
Please join us **SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, at 3PM** in the church for adoration, recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy, and celebration of God's Mercy and forgiveness.

**Circle of Women invites women to their meeting on April 11th at 9:30 am. All women are welcome. Bring friends!**

**Circle of Women meets on the 2nd Saturday 9:30am each month for a new topic.**

**Each session is separate. Consistent attendance is not required. Breakfast is provided. We gather in a sacred space of trust. We are women rooted in faith, called to share that faith with each other or just come and listen if that is what you need.**

### Circle of Women



**April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**  
(with Praise and Worship music)

Monday, April 13 at  
7:00 PM



*Aid for Women*  
**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
2026  
Thursday, May 7 | Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, IL



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Mark Schultz**  
Platinum-Selling, Award-Winning Singer and Songwriter



**Invocation:**  
**Fr. Wayne Watts**  
Pastor of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette



Scan for details & registration

[helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026](http://helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026)

# SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

55+ Active Singles - A new way to meet friends or partners!



Join us for a special evening as we celebrate two wonderful years of friendship, laughter, fun activities, and one very special marriage!

**Thursday, April 23rd @ 6:00pm \$65pp**

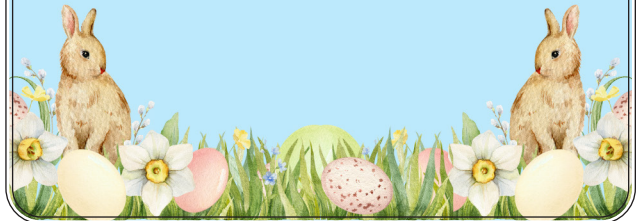
The Vine – Martini & Wine Bar, 101 Center St., Grayslake

**Register by April 14th @ [saintpaultheapostle.church](http://saintpaultheapostle.church);  
Select Single Senior Social Club; April Anniversary**

Questions? Please call or email:  
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## SPRED GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORT

Spred catechists and friends would like to thank the church community for its generous support of the Easter candy and nut sale. We are grateful that with your help, we can continue to serve our special needs children and adults with the resources they need to enrich their faith.



## The MEN'S LEGACY WORKSHOP

May 2-3, 2026

The Men's Legacy Workshop is calling you to join - where ordinary, everyday men in our community have extraordinary conversations. It is a great way to meet and share time with as many as 40 men including a mix of neighbors, friend, family, fellow school and sports team dads, fellow parishioners and complete strangers. All are welcome...there is no reason to wait - sign up today!

Register here:

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/mens-legacy-workshop-weekend>

Or simply: <https://tinyurl.com/MLW-May2026>



Please feel free to contact Jack Borre at [jackborre@gmail.com](mailto:jackborre@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Join Us for Bible Study

### JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Bible Study has begun at the Parish House. We are doing a 9-week overview of the Wisdom Books: Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and the Book of Wisdom, and applying it to practical areas of our life like relationships, speech, finances, aging, making decisions, and finding God's will. The lectures by Jeff Cavins are excellent, and there is a workbook/journal for \$25 payable at class. The 2 classes at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM are the same material; please specify which class when you sign up on the Church website. Questions and sign-up can also be sent to Barbara Wagner (847) 767 - 1202 or [barbarawagner25@earthlink.net](mailto:barbarawagner25@earthlink.net). All are welcome, even if you are new to the Bible!



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# 2026 Lenten Almsgiving

In partnership with Catholic Extension Society, St. Paul of the Apostle Parish is supporting **the missionary priests and Catholic communities of Wyoming**. Your Lenten almsgiving helps sustain priests who serve vast rural areas, strengthens parish life, and plants seeds of faith in young people who are discovering God’s love.

Your generosity this Lent will help raise up future missionaries and support faith-filled communities that persevere despite distance, isolation, and limited resources.

## What Is It Like to Be Catholic in Wyoming?

Wyoming is a land of breathtaking beauty—and extraordinary challenges for the Catholic Church.

- Wyoming spans **98,000 square miles**, and the **Diocese of Cheyenne covers the entire state** *(That’s 70 times larger than the Archdiocese of Chicago!)*
- Only **586,000 people** live in Wyoming, compared to **9.4 million** in the Chicago area
- There are just **36 Catholic parishes and 34 missions** statewide
- That means **one Catholic church every 1,380 square miles** *(In Chicago, there’s one every 4 square miles)*



**St. Edward Mission Church, Kinnear, WY  
(Population 44)**

Life for Catholics in Wyoming looks very different from life in urban dioceses.

If you’ve never been to Wyoming, it’s hard to imagine the vast distances.

The Diocese of Cheyenne describes itself this way:

“Our state is a land of wide-open spaces and sparsely populated towns, but our people are faith-filled and tightly-knit, bound together by a love of God, country, community, and a Western spirit unique to this special place.”



**Fr. Chris Ciastoń leads parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven Mission in prayer**

## Faith That Endures the Distance



**Fr. Brian Hess drives 150 miles every Sunday between 3 parishes in rural WY**

Missionary priests often travel hundreds of miles to bring the sacraments to their people. For example, **Fr. Brian Hess**, pastor of three parishes, drives **150 miles every Sunday** to celebrate Mass in each community—often in difficult weather conditions. Despite these challenges, Catholics in Wyoming deeply cherish their parishes. In small towns with few Catholics, the parish becomes family. This spirit of faith bears fruit. **Fr. Lee Noel of Cheyenne** credits the St. Paul's Newman Center in Laramie with helping him discern his call to priesthood. The **University of Wyoming**, the state's only four-year university, is also home to the **only campus ministry for young adults in the entire**

state. Youth and young adult evangelization is essential—and it depends on outside support.

## How Your Lenten Almsgiving Helps

**100% of the funds collected** will go directly to supporting missionary priests and parish communities in Wyoming.

## Lenten Wish List

**\$5,000** – Salary support for a Campus Ministry Coordinator

*Establish student leadership teams and community engagement*

**\$2,000** – Support the Religious Education program in Riverton, WY for one year

*Curriculum, books, supplies, and catechist training*

**\$1,500** – Provide dinners for 13 RE students for one year

**\$800** – Vestments and linens for missionary priests

**\$600** – Sponsor a young adult to attend a retreat

**\$500** – Sponsor a middle school student to attend a youth gathering

**\$300** – Improved phone and internet access for a mission parish cluster

**\$100** – Gas for Fr. Hess' 150-mile Sunday travel

**\$80** – Gas for a priest traveling 60+ miles to a mission church

**\$60** – Books and supplies for one RE student

**\$35** – Groceries for a family at a mission church

**\$20** – Devotional kits for families

**\$15** – Soccer ball for a youth group

**Thank you for your generosity and for being part of God's work in Wyoming this Lenten season.**

## Senior Lunch Shenanigans

Our Seniors enjoyed an afternoon of good food, friendship and games on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mary Jo and her many volunteers that made the time together so special.

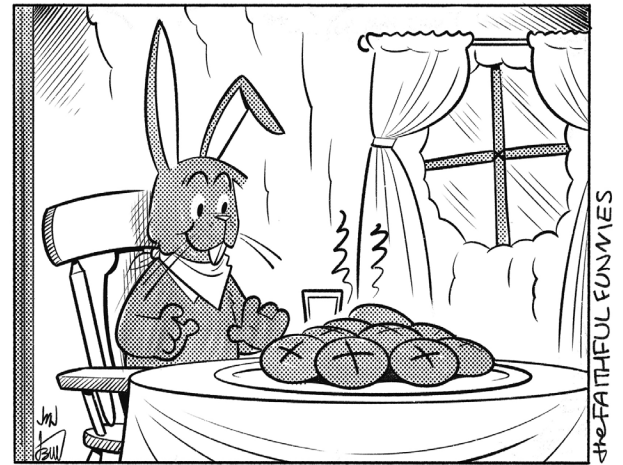


## OPERATION RICE BOWL 2026



Once again, our parish family is uniting to combat hunger in this world of ours. Our religious education students are leading this effort by doing their best to fill Rice Bowls this Lent. They'll do extra chores, share their allowances, and anything else they can think of to lead us in this year's campaign. If you'd like to help, please pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space or use any container at home to store the loose change (and cash, of course!) that you can spare to feed the hungry. You can also give online on the parish website. Our parish family never misses an opportunity to help others. This Lent, conditions in this world and here at home indicate that our help is more crucial than ever. Thank you for all we know that you'll do to help!

"What does the Easter Bunny eat for breakfast?"



"Hot Cross Buns."



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## Crisis Support Resources

### DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

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Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

### POST-ABORTION

### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

### EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

### COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911

988

### FOOD PANTRIES:

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY EVENING:  
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SUNDAY:  
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## ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS  
**8:00AM**

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