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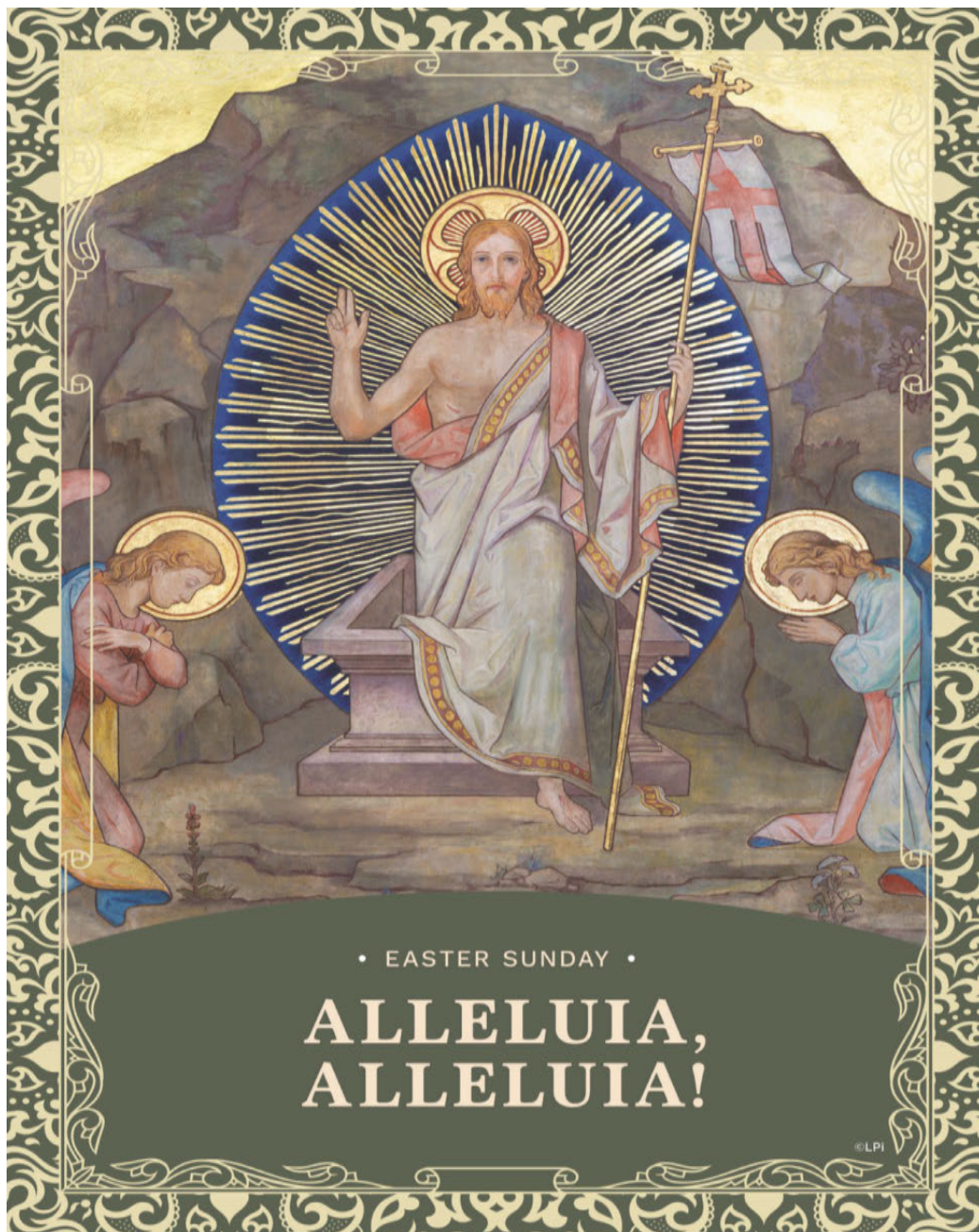
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Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church provides a welcoming and inclusive parish home.

We bear witness to the Gospel of Christ through prayer and worship, catechesis and spiritual growth, outreach and social action.

April 20, 2025

*Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of
The Lord*



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday Communion Service

8:30 am

Tuesday to Saturday Masses

8:30 am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday

8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of each month

from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the
month at 12:00 pm.

Required Baptismal
preparation on the 2nd
Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at
least 6 months in advance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

*Easter Blessings to you and your families from
Fr. Sławek, Deacon Alex, Deacon Tim and
the Staff of Mary Queen of Heaven*



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A Message From Fr. Sławek

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever!

"PEACE BE WITH YOU!" This greeting of the Risen Christ to His disciples on the evening of Easter will continue to resound in all of us as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society, women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through His appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Easter and God bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek



Calendar

4/19/25 HOLY SATURDAY

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am Blessing of Easter Baskets
12:00pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00pm Easter Vigil

4/20/25 SUNDAY

~ *Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord* ~

8:30am Easter Mass
10:30am Easter Mass
12:30pm Easter Mass
3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic



4/21/25 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service
3:00pm Brownie Troop

4/22/25 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00am Gentle Stretch

4/23/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass
5:00pm Practice - First Communion

4/24/25 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass

4/25/25 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass

4/26/25 SATURDAY

2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions

6:30am TMIY (@ Visitation Parish)
8:00am Preschool Spring Resale
8:30am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation
4:30pm Mass
5:30pm Focalare Word of Life Meeting

4/27/25 SUNDAY

~ *Divine Mercy Sunday* ~
2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
12:30pm First Communion
3:00pm First Communion



The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

Easter Weekend Schedule

Holy Saturday / Paschal Vigil ~ April 19th



Easter Egg Hunt ~ 10:30am
Blessing of the Baskets ~
11:00am and 12:00pm
Easter Vigil ~ 8:00pm



Easter Sunday ~ April 20th

Mass ~ 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

*Please Note: Rosary and Daily Mass will not be held April 19th
No Reconciliation available April 19th*

Welcome!



We are so glad you chose to worship with us today here at Mary Queen of Heaven and we extend a warm welcome to you.

Today as we gather together to celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us do so with renewed hope and gratitude!

If you currently do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so happy you're here and hope you'll come back again!

May your Easter Day be filled with joy and happiness!

Upcoming 2nd Collection ~ April 26th/27th

What is a "Home Mission" Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people.



Strengthening the Church at Home

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home mission dioceses. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its current and former territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Thank you for strengthening the Church at home!

Faith Formation News - Mary Claudell, Director



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

Today as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us rejoice with family and friends. Soon we will also celebrate First Communions on April 27th and Confirmation on May 7th. Please keep all our children preparing for these Sacraments in your prayers.

Registration for 2025/2026 Faith Formation is open! Forms are available on-line or contact the Faith Formation Office.



Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowls to the Faith Formation Office by April 25th or donate directly online: www.crsricebowl.org

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Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool News— Genet Pinkerton, Director

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Save The Date! National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

2025 St. Katharine Drexel Route

At the end of the National Eucharistic Congress last year, Bishop Andrew Cozzens announced there would be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles in 2025.

Upon being asked, Bishop Ronald Hicks gratefully accepted the honor for the Diocese of Joliet to be the first Diocese on the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage St. Katharine Drexel Route**.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2025 St. Katherine Drexel Route will begin in Indianapolis and will make its first stop in the Diocese of Joliet. Below is the schedule of parish and school prayer stops on **Sunday, May 18th and Monday, May 19th**.

Your presence at one or more of these places for Eucharistic Adoration and/or Mass will be a sign of your relationship with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Our Diocese has been given the privilege of being part of this most holy time of public adoration of the Eucharist, plan now for your participation in this National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence to any one who participates in any part of this Pilgrimage.

For more information on each parish, visit: www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

- 2:00pm** Bishop Hicks will receive National Pilgrimage Monstrance at St. Mary Church, Paxton. A Holy Hour of Adoration will be celebrated.
- 3:30pm** Depart St. Mary Church and travel by car to Immaculate Conception Church, Gilman
- 4:00pm** Arrive at Immaculate Conception Church, Gilman and celebrate a Holy Hour of Adoration
- 5:30pm** Depart Immaculate Conception Church and travel by car to St. John Paul II Church, Kankakee
- 6:30pm** Arrive at St. John Paul II Church, Kankakee to celebrate a Eucharistic Procession, a Holy Hour of Adoration and Nocturnal Adoration until 7:00am



MONDAY MAY 19TH

- 7:30am** Celebration of the Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist at St. John Paul II, Kankakee - Celebrant; Bishop Dennis Spies. Mass to be Livestreamed on Parish's YouTube Channel.
- 8:30am** Depart St. John Paul II Church and travel by car to Bishop McNamara School, Kankakee
- 9:15am** Arrive at Bishop McNamara School to celebrate a Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop Spies, and a Holy Hour of Adoration (livestreamed at bishopmac.tv)
- 10:30am** Depart Bishop McNamara and travel by car to Immaculate Conception Church, Morris
- 11:30am** Arrive at Immaculate Conception Church, Morris to celebrate a Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop Hicks and a Holy Hour of Adoration (livestreamed on Parish's Facebook page)
- 1:15pm** Depart Immaculate Conception Church, Morris and travel by car to St. Patrick Church, Seneca, IL where the National Eucharistic Monstrance will be transferred by Bishop Hicks to Bishop Louis Tylka, Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria.

Readings of the Week

The Week of April 20th, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 /Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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

Read, listen to an audio recording or watch a reflection video of the readings for each day by visiting <https://bible.usccb.org/>

You can also sign up to have daily readings sent to your email address.



DONATIONS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday \$ 6,847.00

Mail in \$ 130.00

Electronic \$ 5,510.00

TOTAL \$ 12,487.00

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Your Generosity!**



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>



April 21

Sr. Joan Shields
Sr. Adrienne Weseman SNDdeN

April 22

Fr. Daniel Belanger CSV
Fr. John Peeters CSV

April 23

Dcn Milton Leppert
Dcn. Francis Lillig
Dcn. Laurence Lissak

April 24

Dcn. Thomas Goebel
Dcn. George Goes
Dcn. Sergio Gonzalez

April 25

Deacon Candidates
Zoltan Baksay
John Brett
Jose Cornelio
Vijay Devadas

April 26

Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez
Fr. Robert A. Hoffenkamp

April 27

Dcn. Alexander Grozik
Dcn. Manuel Guerrero

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



Office of Lifelong Lay Formation
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IS O'ER,
THE BATTLE
DONE.**

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to the Diocese of Joliet

Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES June 1, 2025 12:30 p.m.

**Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois**

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 | Holy Saturday**

8:00pm Catechumen Drita Zenel Dervishi
Parishioners of MQH

Sunday, April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

8:30am † Greg Lentini
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Kathleen Reiter

Monday, April 21, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:30am † Paul Schroedl

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

8:30am † Teresita Maglonzo

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30am † Herminia Cagalpin

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:30am † Raffaele DiBalsamo

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen
4:30pm † Michael N. Durdil

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:30am † Bernice Ruff
† Theresa Lara
† Baltazar Lara
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Les Barloga

† indicates person is deceased



Please remember deceased family, friends and parishioners in your daily prayers. May God grant them eternal rest and may His light shine on them forever.



Ministry Schedule
Saturday, April 26th - Sunday, April 27th

LECTORS

Saturday: April 26th | **4:30pm** | B. Dunn

Sunday: April 27th | **8:30am** | K. Sutkus
| **10:30am** | R. Styka

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: April 26th | **4:30pm** | Deacon Tim
L. Maniola (Capt.) | S. Harrington

Sunday: April 27th | **8:30am** | Deacon Alex
M. Grozik (Capt.) | W. Woollard

Sunday: April 27th | **10:30am** | Deacon Alex
D. Reed (Capt.) | M. Alcorn | R. Baguilet |
L. Frank | G. Pozen

Hunter Zielinski
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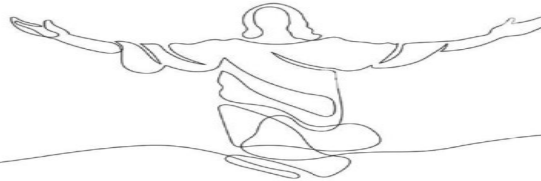
Angelica Gonzalez
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Patrick Mooney

Armed Forces Prayer List

We remember and pray for the protection of our military as they serve in our Armed Forces.

U.S. Marine Corps SGT Ethan Zielinski, Camp Pendleton, CA
U.S. Navy Kevin Caskey, Japan

Please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 APRIL CELEBRATIONS**

On April 25-27, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with teens. Every parish has teenage parishioners, and we recognize them for their importance to the life of the parish community. We give thanks, along with Holy Father for our parish teens and their families during their gathering in Rome.

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22nd

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GOD,

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