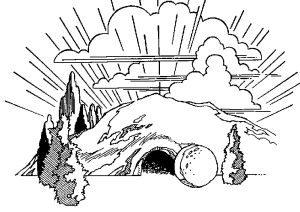


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 April 20, 2025  
 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass  
**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Tony & Doris Holdener

Envelopes \$1,666.25; Loose \$154.25; Candles \$53.70; Catholic Education \$100; Mtce \$100 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Carol Reiter  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Susan Halt & Karen Mueller  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
 Sandi Gerdes  
 Jennifer Neff & Diane Mueller  
 Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper  
 Riley Neff & Carson Parker  
 Mackenna Hauck

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Easter Sunday crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting on how the followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his resurrection from the dead.

John narrates Mary of Magdala’s coming to Jesus’ tomb on the week’s first day. Mary is alone and “it was still dark.” For John, darkness can indicate lack of faith, and that is the case with Mary. She will come into the light but has a journey to travel. Seeing the stone removed, she rushes to Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple to report the tomb emptied. Where is the executed Jesus? We know that God is the one involved, but they must still catch on.

Peter and Beloved Disciple run to the tomb. Peter leads, but the other disciple passes him, sees that the signs of death are absent, but relinquishes first entry. Peter has emerged as the leader, while the Beloved is the model disciple who both gives access and defers to his leader. We see the burial cloths rolled to one side, contrasting Jesus’ raising of Lazarus, who was still bound. This is distinctive. Following into the empty tomb, the Beloved Disciple sees further evidence of death overcome by God. The burial cloths are folded and lain at opposite ends of the tomb. He believes (Jn 20:8). Peter’s and Mary’s responses are not recorded; their faith journeys need more time.

The disciples return home, as yet unaware of the Scripture of Jesus’ resurrection. The Scripture is John’s Gospel, and we eventually learn that we are blessed to have it (20:30-31). They witnessed, but we are summoned to believe because of that witness, to believe without seeing. Paul summons us likewise in his letter to the Colossians, as does Luke in the Acts of Apostles. To find our place, we must “seek what is above” (Col 3:1).

**2025 QUILT RAFFLE**

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner, March – David & Janice Holdener. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2025 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that your will be entered in the remaining 9 drawings.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**A Desperate Seeking** - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals). For information call 618-397-0584.

**Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives** – 5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Tuesdays April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025, 10:00 am – Noon Cost \$25 for series, \$5 for session. For more information call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/deanvideo-spring2025/>.

**The Romanization of Christianity** – 2 – part Scripture Series, Saturday’s May 31 and June 7, 2025 from 10 am to 12 noon. Cost is \$15 per session. Call 618-394-6281 for more information.

**St. Michael’s Prayer Chain** – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the “prayer chain” for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously support ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
 Hope in the Lord**

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 Michael McGovern and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

**ST. JOHN’S – SMITHTON**

Join us on Friday, April 25, 2025 for Fun Family Game Night. \$100 for a full table (seats 8-10 adults & children) or \$10 per adult & \$5.00 per child for a ticket. Activities Include: Trivia & Dessert Bingo, Life Size Games, Carnival Games, Concessions. You may drop off your money for a ticket at the school.

**SPRING FARM BLESSING**

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Ruppert Family Farm, 597 Tulip Road, Coulterville, IL Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Non-perishable food items for the needy of the area will be collected.

**ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY**

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Sliced Ham, Potatoes au Gratin, Jello with Fruit, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

**METRO EAST VICARIATE CCW 2025 SPRING DAY OF PRAYER/MEETING**

The 2025 Metro East Vicariate CCW 2025 Spring Day of Prayer/Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30. It will be held at St. Liborius Church in St. Libory. The presentation, Jesus in the Resurrection According to St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be given by Fr. David Kiblinger, SJ. Reservations are required by April 22. Call Madonna Stapf 618-791-3675 for more information.

**CRS RICE BOWLS**

Please turn in your filled Rice Bowls by April 27<sup>th</sup>. Rice Bowls may be placed in the offering basket.

**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE OPEN POSITIONS**

The Diocese has an open position available for: Buildings and Ground Technician. The Catholic Cemetery Association has the following open positions: Administrative Assistant (part time), Funeral Service Advisor (full time). More information is available on the bulletin board in the entrance of church.

**FLORAVILLE COMMUNITY GRANGE**

The 2025 Spring Chicken Dinner has been Canceled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s April collection; Laundry soap, bleach, stain removers, fabric softeners – Thank you!  
**Immaculate Conception** – Glo Bingo on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 pm ICS GYM – See Bulletin Board for more information

**HAPPY EASTER!**