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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 5, 2026**

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**Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.**

**Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.**

**Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.**

**Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.**

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Sat.	Apr.	4	8:00 pm	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sun.	Apr.	5	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon.	Apr.	6	8:00 am	+Virginia Simala req. by Sacred Heart Ushers club
Tues.	Apr.	7	8:00 am	+Kathleen Petryshak req. by People Helping People
Weds.	Apr.	8	8:00 am	+Walter Orlosky req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Thurs.	Apr.	9	8:00 am	+Melvina Shiber req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club
Fri.	Apr.	10	8:00 am	+Dee Berger req. by Bulsak, Berger, Lazere & Pollock Families
Sat.	Apr.	11	4:00 pm	+Chippo/Phillips Families req. by Daughters
Sun.	Apr.	12	8:00 am	+Franceska Norwich req. by Joe & Deb Babiak
			10:30 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Edward & Marilyn Layo** req. by Grandchildren.  
 The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Steven E. Bandzuh** req. by Gregg, Lisha & Alex.

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**April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday** The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the disciplines and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instructions on how to do this. Here, St Peter says that our Lord “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... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives – through the intentional use of our time, talent and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love – the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
 MONDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF  
 EASTER. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!**



PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 03/29/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 6,001.00
Children	25.00
Loose	138.00
Missals/Bulletin	60.00
Church Improvement	13.00
Easter	1,193.00
Lenten	40.00
Good Friday	175.00
Catholic Relief	<u>85.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,730.00</b>

<b>UP-COMING MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS 2026</b>	
Apr. 5	– Easter Sunday – Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Apr. 12	– Bible Mini Series – Noon until 1:00 PM
Apr. 12	– SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr. 18	– Pick up Gobs 9:30 to 11:00 AM
Apr. 19	– K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Apr. 25	– Pick up Gobs 9:30 to 11:00 AM
Apr. 26	– Pinochle 2:00 – 4:30/5:00 PM Parish Hall <b>NOTE: Time Change</b>

**Religious Education**

- **Service hours:** Grades 1-8 are due on Sunday: April 12, 2026
- **First Eucharist Retreat:** Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:00-11:30am
- **Confirmation Meeting with Parents and Sponsors:** Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 9:00 am in the Church Hall
- **Confirmation Practice:** Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 7:00pm. Required for Students and their Sponsors or Proxy person.

**Child & Youth Protection:** All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

**GOB SALE – The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is sponsoring a Gob Sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund, Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are on the credenzas in the back of the church and the children in religious education will also have order forms. Please be sure to PRINT your name and phone number, how many dozen, and a pick-up date Apr. 18 or Apr. 25, 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please be careful not to double order. Cost is \$15 a dozen.**

**PINOCHLE Card Party – We have a conflict...It’s the last day of CCD and a Carnival fun day for the children of the parish is being planned. The carnival is scheduled from noon to 2:00 PM. The Pinochle Card party will need to begin at 2:00 PM and end at 4:30/5:00 PM. I didn’t want to cancel. PLEASE CALL TO MAKE A RESERVATION!**

We will be selling 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tickets beginning next week! Cost is \$5.00 and each ticket will have 4 – 3 digit numbers. The winning numbers will be determined by the first 7:00 PM PICK 3 PA daily lottery number drawn on two dates listed. July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. The winners will each receive \$250.

*To further the implementation of our Parish Vision to bring the church family closer together, our parish purchased licensures to show some inspirational movies in the months ahead. The Bible episode 10 will be showing Sunday, April 12 Noon until 1:00 PM. The full schedule is posted on our bulletin boards, the parish website and our Facebook page. The Bible is rated PG-14 and recommended for ages 14+.*

**Formed** - A program series “Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told,” will be presented in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Wednesdays. There will be FIVE sessions, concluding on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The brilliant cinematic artistry of this video series shows the vast panorama of God’s work of mercy in the world – from St. Faustina, Fatima, Maximillian Kolbe to Pope St. John Paul II, this is a story to be experienced. The objective is to educate and prepare parishioners to participate in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after weekend Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026. Please join us this week, even if you weren’t able to attend the first session.

**2025 Palms - There are baskets on the credenzas in the vestibule of the church for last year’s palms. Remember they are blessed and of course must be burned or buried.**