

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Third Sunday of

LENT

March 24, 2019

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“Sir, leave the fig tree for another year;
perhaps it will bear fruit.”

Luke 13:8-9

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Liturgies for the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † John McCrory - Diane McKay Menna

† Jacinta Sadia - Nilda and Bessie

† Harold E. Spratt - Tony Klazura

† Michael Kelly - Judy McGah

Intention of the Bojan Family

Intention of Maxim Dias Da Costa -

Nilda and Bessie

Monday, March 25, 2019

12:00 PM † John McCrory - DonnaJean Amstadt

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

12:00 PM † Anthony Vrlec - Vrlec

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

12:00 PM † Jack McCrory - Dr. David & Nancy Hayden

Thursday, March 28, 2019

12:00 PM † John Tomino - Loving Wife

Friday, March 29, 2019

12:00 PM † John E. Miller - Carol Devins

Saturday, March 30, 2019

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Living and Deceased Members of the
Vacco and Varco Families - Connie

† Diosdado Galang, Sr. - Vrlec Family

† Tory Lezza - Kathy & Mike Demma

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Dolores Olker - Diane Cynowa

† Gloria Power - Estelle Graham

† Julia Kubacka - Bill & Barbara Cizek

† Dr. Nunilo Rubio - Caridad Cuasay

† Denotes Deceased



*Calendar***Monday**

MARCH 25

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

Friday

MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

*Dear Padre,***Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?**

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: “Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul” (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it’s first blessed in a prayer to God “who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified” (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn’t permitted. To do so “is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts” (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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*A Word from Pope Francis*

Gathered before Jesus crucified, we hear his words ring out also for us: “I thirst” (John 19:28)...What does the Lord thirst for? Certainly for water, that element essential for life. But above all for love....He thirsts to give us the living waters of his love, but also to receive our love.

—Visit to Assisi, September 20, 2016

Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: Santucci, Hariman, Lugo
Lector: Mitchell

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Morrissey, Stephens, Vacco
Lector: J. Butkovich

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Neffke, Jeske
Lector: Sandoval

*We wish to offer our
sympathy and a
promise of our
prayers to family
and friends on the
recent deaths of*



**James V. Fennell
Edward A. Cox, Jr.**

This week's calendar

Wednesday, March 27: A Biblical Walk Through
Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi

Thursday, March 28: Legion of Mary Prayer
Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, March 29:

Grief Support Journey, 10:00 a.m.,
Parish Office Conference Room

Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and Rosary,
7:00 p.m. in the Church

Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting,
7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone

STEWARDSHIP

March 17, 2019 - \$6,862

*Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.*

**DURING LENT AT
*Ascension of Our Lord***

**CONFESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER NOON MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY
FRIDAY AFTER NOON MASS
THROUGH APRIL 12TH.**

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18

7:30 P.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

3:00 P.M.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20

Blessing of Easter Food: 12:00 NOON

Easter Vigil: 7:30 P.M.

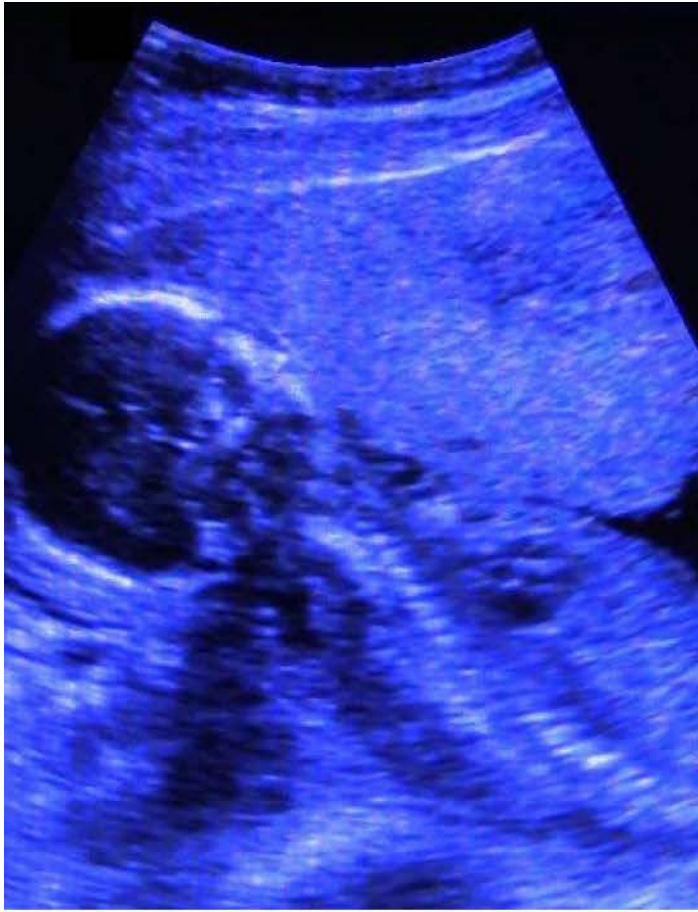
EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

Mass: 8:00 A.M. ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ 12:00 NOON



The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



EXTREME Abortion Bills Introduced in IL Legislature

House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594:

Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act

Current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. Includes a waiver for children physically or sexually abused. Passed in 1995 but not implemented until 2013 by a ***unanimous*** Illinois Supreme Court ruling.

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942:

- ***Repeals*** current state ban on partial-birth abortions.
- ***Defines*** abortion as a fundamental right.
- ***Removes*** abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures.
- ***Removes*** the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions.
- ***We are studying the bill for further impact.***



February 2019

We will keep you updated at **www.ilcatholic.org**,
and via emails sent through our
Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN).

Sign up for I-CAN at:
www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can

Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers
and urge them to vote "no" on
HB 2467, SB 1594, HB 2495 & SB 1942.
Go to **www.ilcatholic.org** for more info.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

FROM CALLS TO SOLUTIONS

How do we know who needs the help of our parish SVDP unit? Most come by way of phone calls from those in need to our parish office and voice mail line. Still others come through referrals by parishioners or other service agencies which may not be able to help or who can join together the resources and plans necessary to assist a particular person or family in need. Still others come by a referral from a friend or coworker that knows we might be able to help. Fr. Jose regularly receives calls or visits from individuals in the area that always know the Church will find a solution for their pains and needs. Once called or referred to us, our Screener Members review the situation with the client to determine if we are the appropriate helper or that they will be more appropriately served by other agencies in the community. Often callers simply want to discuss their problems and confirm the solutions they already have are appropriate. Our Screeners always get confirmation of their service plans with at least one other Member before making a commitment of SVDP resources. Once the available solutions are agreed upon, then our SVDP Members who either make a home visit or serve those in need in the privacy of our office to provide the assistance most appropriate for their situation along with referrals to other agencies for continuing services and benefits.

To reach sound solutions of the needs of the poor also requires Members who keep track as well as track down additional resources and community organizing to be confident we are doing our best to serve the poor and disadvantaged in our midst. Yes, we always need bookkeepers, secretaries, lawyers, nurses, employment specialists, fund raisers, and an array of Members who can bring their unique efforts to the table.



Please pick up a cup or two for Lenten Almsgiving of your “loose change” *to help us help others.*

2018 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540

Friday, March 29, 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM
Mass 7:30 PM

For more information,
please call Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576



PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament praying to defeat Illinois HB 2495 & 2467 and for the conversion of those who support these bills.

These bills will make Illinois the most abortion friendly state in the Union, removing all regulations for safety and parental notice.

At St. Alexander's
Catholic Church
Noon - 1 PM

**SUNDAY
MARCH 31**

300 S Cornell, Villa Park

Lenten Reconciliation

18 HOURS OF CONFESSION

The priests of our Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

**Friday, April 5, Noon - 10:00 p.m. and
Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst

All are invited to receive God's grace

We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to receive God's forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.



Our **Council of Catholic Women** sincerely thanks our parish family and friends for your generous support of this year's St. Joseph Table weekend. The invaluable donations received not only from our parish family, but also from the numerous local businesses in the area listed below enabled us to raise \$840 going to charity. This was beyond incredible. A huge thank you to all our volunteers big and little, especially Martha, Paula, Melizza, Nick, Brandon and Dennis. We would not have had such a successful event had it not been for all the many hours you gave us. Also, a big thank you to our office staff for their assistance throughout. Again, thank you everyone!

Mary Thon, C.C.W. President

*Pete's Fresh Market
Trader Joe's
Walmart*

*Gordon Food Service
Kuppie's Bakery
Panera*