

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF **LENT**

April 7, 2019



**I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.**

ISAIAH 43:20

Ascension of Our Lord

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, April 7, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Bernard Shedor - Diane Cynowa

† Rita Riedel - Family

† Mike & Katie Loizzi -

Frank & Verna Vlach

† Frieda Procido - Emily Kelly

Monday, April 8, 2019

12:00 PM † Frank A. Mungo

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

12:00 PM † William E. Ryan - Family

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

12:00 PM † Tara Feldman - Feldman Family

Thursday, April 11, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Friday, April 12, 2019

12:00 PM † Michael Sarallo - Felper Family

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:00 PM † Sarina Conmey - Loving Sister

† Dr. Richard J. Vacco - Loving Wife

† Frieda Procido - Emily Kelly

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Josephine Zadrozny -

Dorothy and Michael Carbon

† Gloria Power - Estelle Graham

† John Patrick Cibula - Tom O'Connell

† Harold E. Spratt - Tony Klazura

† Paula Mueller - Mary Agbayani

† Denotes Deceased



From Our Pastor

REVITALIZE AND REJOICE!

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish is a wonderful place, in our worship, in our discipleship, and in our fellowship. God has blessed us abundantly, and all praise and thanksgiving are offered to him. We have also been blessed with parishioners who give time, talents, and treasures for our Parish community. I thank you for giving so generously in all of these ways.

We now have some major projects necessary to maintain our Parish facilities, in our efforts to ***Revitalize and Rejoice***. In our Parish buildings, like in our homes, equipment and furnishings wear out and need to be replaced. Here are the greatest needs we now face:

- Heating and air conditioning systems are now about 27 years old. We have nine (9) rooftop units that provide both heat and cooling, and these are no longer cost-effective to repair. In fact, two of the units are currently not working. It's time to replace all nine units, and we have received estimates that this project will cost around \$110,000.
- Security has become more important for churches around the world, and we are no exception. We will replace our surveillance cameras with a new system and will add electronic locks to several doors in our buildings. This will cost about \$22,000.
- Carpeting wears out, so it's time to replace the green carpeting in the sanctuary and narthex of the Church, at a cost of about \$20,000.
- Wallpaper throughout our facilities is worn and needs repair or replacement, at an estimated cost of \$25,000.
- We have a vintage Chickering grand piano, built in the 1880s and donated to our Parish many years ago when Father Bill Cullen was pastor. This piano has been moved from Corpus Christi Hall into our Church so that it can enhance our worship through our music ministry. In order for it to last for many more years it needs restoration, costing about \$10,000, far less than the cost of a new grand piano.

These needs total \$187,000. I know how you already support our Parish, but I'm asking you to prayerfully consider how you can help us meet this great need. The envelope packet you just received includes monthly envelopes for our **Improvement Fund**. These will be included over the next twelve months. If you prefer, you can make a one-time donation or quarterly donations. Your support will help us to continue to ***Revitalize and Rejoice***.

I am truly blessed to be the Pastor of Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Your devotion to our Lord and His Blessed Mother is clear and strong, and you inspire me to strive to be a better shepherd. I thank you for all you have done and all you will do to sustain our Parish for years to come.

Your brother in Christ,

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI

Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 - 4:00 PM

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: DeChristopher, Vacco
Lector: Paula Rooney

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: J. Palisoc, Stopka, Jeske
Lector: G. Palisoc

This week's calendar

Wednesday, April 10: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi

Thursday, April 11: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

Friday, April 12:

Grief Support Journey, 10:00 a.m., Teen Zone
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

Children's Liturgy of the Word *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSION

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH
AFTER NOON MASS**

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



REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815-263-6467.

STEWARDSHIP

March 24, 2019 - \$7,513

March 31, 2019 - \$9,747

WeShare - \$1,847

Catholic Relief Services - \$928

*Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.*



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Parish Office Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean Palasz for her time with us at Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Jean resigned her position as part-time Communications and Ministries Assistant in the middle of March effective Thursday, April 18th. Up until last year when Jean moved into the position of Communications and Ministries Assist, she previously served this parish as a part-time Receptionist and Bulletin Editor. She was also instrumental in many of the behind the scene plans with the parish's 50th anniversary celebration and parish directory.

On a personal note, upon my arrival in July of 2017, Jean was most helpful in helping me settle in and to help get the Religious Education year off to a great start.

Best wishes to Jean as she discerns where God will lead her next! I am very glad that God led her to Ascension for these past four years.

After Easter, Tina Bustamante will add the responsibility of Bulletin Editor to her duties.

Religious Education Program News

Our Religious Education year is about to wrap-up with two sessions remaining on April 9th & 16th. How this year has flown by. Registration for the 2019-20 will be out very shortly for grades K-8. **This is also a great time for you to discern becoming a Catechist to help pass on the faith to our children of the parish.** All necessary training and formation will be provided!

Please also keep our second graders in prayer as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28th at the 10am Mass.

New Parish Website!

The finishing touches are taking place on our new parish website. We hope that you will find it to be a wonderful tool to use. There will be an option to sign-up for e-mail blasts about parish news and other events! As with anything new, please be patient as websites are always a continued work in progress! A special thank-you to Deacon Peter who has been helpful with his expertise!

Today's Gospel

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

Adapted from <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

WORKING TO BETTER OUR WORK

Sometimes our Members ask when our work will end and poverty be eliminated. But Christ has said, "The poor will always be with us." So instead of seeking the end of our work, our goal must be to continue working to better our work with the poor. That is, to always be working to improve our strategies and find new and better methods of helping others help themselves. By combining the resources of the poor, the government and donated funds we are often able to lift an individual or whole family out of poverty and move them toward self-sufficiency and a plan to remain "out of poverty" from that point forward. One of our local banks is now offering to work with the poor to show how proper budgeting and a modest savings plan can provide both the incentive and a solution to "growing out of poverty." And we are sure many in this parish also can offer similar guidance to others on managing a budget so as not to become trapped in a disadvantaged situation. We need your ideas, your help as Members in assisting the poor of our area either directly by making home visits or meeting with our "clients" directly in our office or indirectly by developing better methods of securing resources and funds for aiding the poor of our community. Why don't you "give it a try" and become a lay Vincentian? The invitation is there. It is your opportunity to better our work with the poor.

As we approach the end of Lent and the Easter season of spring weather (we hope!) we invite you to dine at Anyway's Restaurant in Oakbrook Terrace and earn our Society a wonderful rebate donation by saving the receipt from your meal and placing it in the box in the Church entryway. That is a good and easy way "to work to better our work."

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY ♦ Feed the hungry
♦ Give drink to the thirsty ♦ Shelter the homeless ♦
Clothe the naked ♦ Visit the sick ♦ Visit the
prisoners ♦ Bury the dead ♦ Give alms to the poor ♦
Care of our Common Home ♦ **SPIRITUAL WORKS
OF MERCY** ♦ Counseling the doubtful ♦ Instructing
the ignorant ♦ Admonishing the sinner ♦
Comforting the sorrowful ♦ Forgiving injuries ♦
Bearing wrongs patiently ♦ Praying for the living
and the dead ♦ Caring for our Common Home

Catholic End of Life Supportive Care forum

Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:00 - 11:00 am

There is a lot of confusion about hospice and palliative care. This educational forum will provide an opportunity to learn about the differences in supportive care based upon the Roman Catholic traditions.

Join us to learn about the benefits of supportive care and obtain information from clinical team members from JourneyCare. Resources from the Roman Catholic traditions and materials on hospice and palliative care will be provided for each attendee. Breakfast, coffee and drinks will also be provided.

St. Joan of Arc Parish Center

Room 22, 820 Division Street, Lisle, Illinois 60532

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Magnitude and Scope of Abortion

The United States has lost about 1.2 million soldiers in all of its wars since the Declaration of Independence in 1776. In a much shorter time since 1973, we have killed about 50 times as many pre-born babies. Also, abortion has cost the U.S. about 120 times as much as all American wars have.

Who could have predicted this wide scale slaughter of innocent life that goes on, day in day out? Who would have guessed that abortion would be de-criminalized, protected by governments and proudly promoted and funded by governments and corporations?

Who would have guessed that some schools and colleges would promote this, imagined that churches would remain silent and that school officials can and do send minors for abortions without parental consent? Who would have guessed that the media moguls would despise and oppose all who valiantly come to the defense of innocent life?

How did we get to this position? How did we become so callous and how can "civilized" people consider their God given children as disposable? There is nothing in human history to equal this massive slaughter.

Why do we not do more to prevent abortion? Lord, have mercy on us.

Catholic Sports Camps



Catholic Sports Camps are faith-filled experiences where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened. As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to impact our Catholic faith by changing the future of one sports camper at a time. Each camp/retreat is designed to be a fun, inspiring, and challenging week of sports with the integration of learning the Catholic faith. For the summer of 2019, we have 9 sports and 12 camps and are ready to spread the Gospel throughout the Diocese of Joliet and beyond! Families may go to www.catholicsportscamps.org to register now.

2019 Catholic Sports Camps Schedule - Illinois

- Soccer: June 10-12, 2019 at IC Catholic Prep
- Hockey: June 24-26, 2019 at Nelson Ice Arena
- Football: July 1-3, 2019 at Benedictine University
- Hockey: July 15-17, 2019 at Darien Sportsplex
- Basketball: July 22-24, 2019 at Guerin College Prep High School
- Baseball: July 29-31, 2019 at Benet Academy
- Wrestling: July 29-31, 2019 at Joliet Junior College*
- Volleyball: August 5-7, 2019 at Montini Catholic High School
- Cross Country: August 5-7, 2019 at Mt. Carmel High School (Chicago)