

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 20, 2025



Saint Stanislaus & Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches

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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-3:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil

8:00PM at St. Stanislaus

Sunday, April 20th: Easter Sunday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Sr. Barbara Ann Zakutney

Monday, April 21st: Easter Monday

12:05pm (SA) John Prez, Anniversary April 23 by Christine Prez Farnum

Tuesday, April 22nd: Easter Tuesday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Wednesday, April 23rd: Easter Wednesday

12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez by Judy Stanek

Thursday, April 24th: Easter Thursday

12:05pm (SA) Mr. & Mrs. Jan ZaZulak by Darrell & Dianna Rose

Friday, April 25th: Easter Friday

12:05pm (SA) Joseph, Edward and Jack Hartman by Family

Saturday, April 26th: Easter Saturday

Private: Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

Sunday, April 27th: Divine Mercy Sunday

Private: Robert Jurino by wife and son

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Dolores Mankosky by Beverly and Frank Vento

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:15-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Apr. 21st - Private Intention

Tues., Apr. 22nd - Virginia Jaskiewicz (Judy & Gus Manna)

Wed., Apr. 23rd - Paul Pawlak, Sr. (Sonny Striker)

Thur., Apr. 24th - Joseph Dylewski (David Dylewski & Family)

Fri., Apr. 25th - Harriette Kwitowski (Fran Ponitowski)

Sat., Apr. 26th, 4:00PM - Teresa & Ben Wycech (Family)

Sun., Apr. 27th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-19/Jn 20:19-31

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: In Thanksgiving (Helen Zimmerman)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Rose Marie Skrypek by Robert Skrypek; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) Special Intentions of all our Priests and Deacons

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 27th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Special devotions will take place at St. Anne's Church. Confessions will begin at 1:30PM. A special Mass will be celebrated at 3:00PM to remember the deceased members of the Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families.

MSGR. MAGRAW CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

All are invited to celebrate Msgr. Magraw's 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. A reception will be held at the Holy Trinity church social hall on Sunday, May 18th after the 10:30 am Mass (approximately 11:15 am). For reservations please call Mary Ann at 814-456-0671.

A HAPPY ENDING ISN'T THE WHOLE STORY

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question: "Is there a happy ending?" As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



On behalf of Fr. Swoger and Fr. Priscaro, I would like to wish all of our parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter! May the hope and joy of the Resurrection be with you and your loved ones all year around!

- Fr. Jason

THE SEARCH

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BINGO

Catholic Charities will host a "Mega Bingo Event" on Friday, April 25th at JPT Event Center (2319 West 38th Street). Doors will open at 5:30PM; Bingo starts at 7:00PM. Prizes include designer purses, electronics, and cash. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. BYOB and BYOF. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/ccbingo2025> or by calling 814-824-1260. Come on out for an entertaining evening and to support a good cause.

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