Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 12, 2026

Low Sunday
Niedziela Przewodnia

April 12, 2026
Rite: See Program Book.

Entrance Hymn: V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia. **R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.** V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
First reading Acts 2:42-47
Psalm: Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: For all members and parishioners
Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.
Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Easter Season Booklet).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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Today's Music

- See Program Book
- Communion Instrumental: I Am The Resurrection

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Thank You:** To all who participated so prayerfully on Easter Sunday. It was such a joy to be together.
- **Easter:** More than just a day – an entire season of 50 days. Join us for everything Easter which started with the celebration of Easter last Sunday.
- **Books, Books, Books**: Parishioners have approached me concerning the proliferation of worship resources. We have white, red, and blue hymnals. Sometimes sheet music is added. Then there is the Pew missal as well. This becomes unwieldy and moving from book to book distracts from our attentive participation in worship. This also confuses our visitors and potential new members. As such, we have created one single book with everything in it. We are open to your feedback.
- **Men's Retreat**: Information is on the back table. This event is so very important, especially in this Synod year. In past Synod years the prayer that took place at this event has resulted in many graces and blessings for our Holy Church.
- **Basket Social Prep:** Thank you to all who worked so very hard at producing our pierogi. They looked wonderful. We will be making gołąbki next. Please start bringing your baskets in – and thank you so much for your generosity and artistry in preparing them. We have TWO WEEKS left.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

Grant that we may benefit from the graces merited by our Savior.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is truly risen! Alleluia!

The little verse I began with was taken from our Collect or Opening Prayer. A sort of hint for all of us about today's theme.

When you piece together the Collect (Opening Prayer), the Secret (Offertory Prayer) and Post Communion Prayer you are taken through a tour of themes central to today's and this week's Holy Masses. Indeed, these prayers are important because in them we pray to gain understanding and the grace to carry out what we pray for.

Also, in case you did not know, the Propers (the official name for these prayers) used in our Church are unique to each Sunday in the cycle of readings and Gospels. They match up, again important for our understanding and the reception of the grace needed to do as Jesus asks us to do.

So today we pray so that we may benefit from the graces Jesus won for us by His obedience to the Father's will.

We need that prayer. Think of the Apostles, disciples, and women in the weeks after the resurrection. Jesus kept showing up, and they did not recognize Him. They just did not get it.

Jesus meets Mary in the garden. she thought He was the caretaker, the gardener. Peter and John encounter the empty tomb, they do not understand. Jesus meets the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. They do not recognize Him. He appears in the Upper Room; they think He is a ghost. Thomas won't believe his friends and requires Jesus to show up to prove Himself.

Jesus merited graces for them yet they had a hard time getting it. These, the greatest people of all time, faced Jesus' reality with difficulty. They were stuck in troubles.

We need the graces we are praying for, to relieve our doubts and overcome our troubles. Jesus has given us the wonderful gift of true freedom to live fearlessly and eternally. Lord, help us by Your grace to benefit fully from Your victory.

Memory Verse

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: 1 Peter 5:7-9
MON: Revelation 19:11-14
TUE: Romans 12:2
WED: James 4:7
THR: Philippians 4:6
FRI: Hebrews 10:38-39
SAT: 2 Timothy 4:17-18

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, Your resurrection provides the promise of true freedom. Grant that I may fully benefit from Your gift of grace and in doing so overcome all fear and doubt. Amen!

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Don Carpenter, Barbara Rogers, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Francis Mission Parish, McHenry, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **April 12: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- April 13: Constance DuCanto Burial Service, Good Shepherd Cemetery at 9am. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- April 14: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 15: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 16: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 17: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 18: XXV PNCC Scholars' Conference. Zoom Link: https:/us02web.zoom.us/j/859443844962pwd=5Mbclk8Ymeod96k59WgWuXijesbVDm.l Meeting ID: 859 4438 4496 Passcode: 888443
- **April 19: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- April 20: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 5pm.
- April 21: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 22: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 23: Holy Mass at Noon.