



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir ©LPi

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2 ©LPi



ST. MARY NEWS:

BINGO! All St. Mary's Women are invited
THURSDAY, APRIL 11th at the Parish Hall.
DOORS OPEN: 4:45PM
PIZZA: 5:30PM
BINGO STARTS AT 6:00PM
PIZZA, BEVERAGES, PRIZES & BINGO!

No Charge

Just bring a marker & a smile!

RSVP by April 8th to Darlene at dkkuehnel@gmail.com
217-725-3068 or Stacey at Parish Office 217-826-2845
stmarysmarshall@hotmail.com

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO:

APRIL VOLUNTEERS:

CLEANING: McMillan

FLOWERS: Cash

Flower Fund: Donations to our Flower Fund helps with the cost of flowers and decorations for various seasons. A container & envelopes are available on entry table. Write "Flower Fund" on an envelope, add your name on the envelope if you'd like a Donation statement at the end of each year.

Spring Catered Breakfast: Sunday, April 7 following the 9:30 am Mass. Breakfast in our Parish Hall is FREE. Hope you'll plan to join us for a nice time of fellowship. *Special thanks to Linda & Kevin Simmons for hosting the meal.*



April 7th

St. Mary's invites you to join us at 3:00 pm to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Question: Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

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ST. MARY'S:

**PSR: Pre-K to 5th Grade Sunday Morning 9:00-10:00 AM

APRIL:

7th: NO CLASS-SPRING BREAK

14th: CLASS

21st: CLASS

28th: CLASS

Youth Group:

April 14th

April 28th—Father's Day gift making

St. Mary's, Christ the King and St. Charles Borromeo Prayer List: Michael Callahan, Max Thompson, Clayton Gard, Colston Morrison, Sharon Burton, Ruth Shobe, Ellen Beard Urbanski, Eric Sauer, Clara Wilson, Sherri Farrell, Stacey Spereos, Tiffany Macke, Frederic Shaw, Joyce Orrell, Bobbie Berola, Janet Morecraft, Jerry Beasley, Lisa Bubeck Ashkin, Kinley Nash, Bettie Bounds, Bob Kenzel, Paul Cox, Millie Swalls, Trisha Nave, Martez Virgil, Jamie Clark, Claire Kusterman, Charlie Murphy, Jerry Downey, Mandy Schumacher, Melinda Keefer, Jerry Hauer, Kassandra Shattack, Bob Hoopingarner, Jackson Morris, Mike Delp, Antonio Yanas, Linda Sauer, Pat Morrison & Darren Thompson

NEW PETITIONS: Franklin Wallace, Aman Morgan, Lois Letner & Mike Saathoff. *Pray for those who no longer have anyone to pray for them.*

HOMEBOUND: AnneToensing, Kenneth Holmes, Sharon Robinson, Barb Igleheart, Sandy Tylka, Joe O'Rourke, Joel Heine, Betty Heine & Buddy Dukeman.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Sarah Dougherty, Zach Lueken, Jacob Vincent, Loren Smitley, Pete Williams, Brittany Smitley Clymer, Aaron Clymer, Michele Smitley Furmanski, Gage Furmanski, Jordan Ballard, Cotey Thompson, Joshua Thompson, Conner Wehrmeyer, Chase Murphy, Gage Shotts, Curtis Wetzel, Jake Kelly, Trey Montgomery, David Montgomery, Jacob Keller, Aaron Sisson, Justin Claypool, Brandon Claypool, Nathan Claypool, Jacob Heine, Ashley Updegraff, Jacob Duncan, Heaven Rayhel, Alston Keller & Reed Pringle.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list feel free to call or email the parish office.

Mass INTENTIONS

Sat.	Mar 30	8:00PM(G)	
Sun.	Mar 31	8:00AM(M)	
		9:30AM@	
		11:00AM(G)	
Mon.	Apr 1	7:00AM@	
Wed.	Apr 3	6:30PM(M)	*Dennis Mazzocco
Thurs.	Apr 4	7:00AM(M)	
Fri.	Apr 5	7:00AM(G)	
Sat.	Apr 6	4:30PM(G)	
		6:30PM(M)	*Joe Smitley
Sun.	Apr 7	8:00AM(M)	
		9:30AM@	*Jerry Chapman
		11:00AM(G)	

Please note that a (*) before a person's name denotes that this person is

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter

COLLECTION: 3/24/2024

St. Charles:	Envelopes:	\$ 900.00
	Loose:	\$ 62.00
	Other:	\$ 115.00
	Total:	\$ 1,077.00
	Attendance:	45
Christ the King:	Envelopes:	\$ 1,280.00
	Loose:	\$ 252.00
	Other:	\$.00
	Total:	\$ 1,532.00
	Attendance:	115
St. Mary's:	Envelopes:	\$ 2,040.00
	Loose:	\$ 183.00
	Other:	\$ 310.00
	Total:	\$ 2,533.00
	Attendance:	125

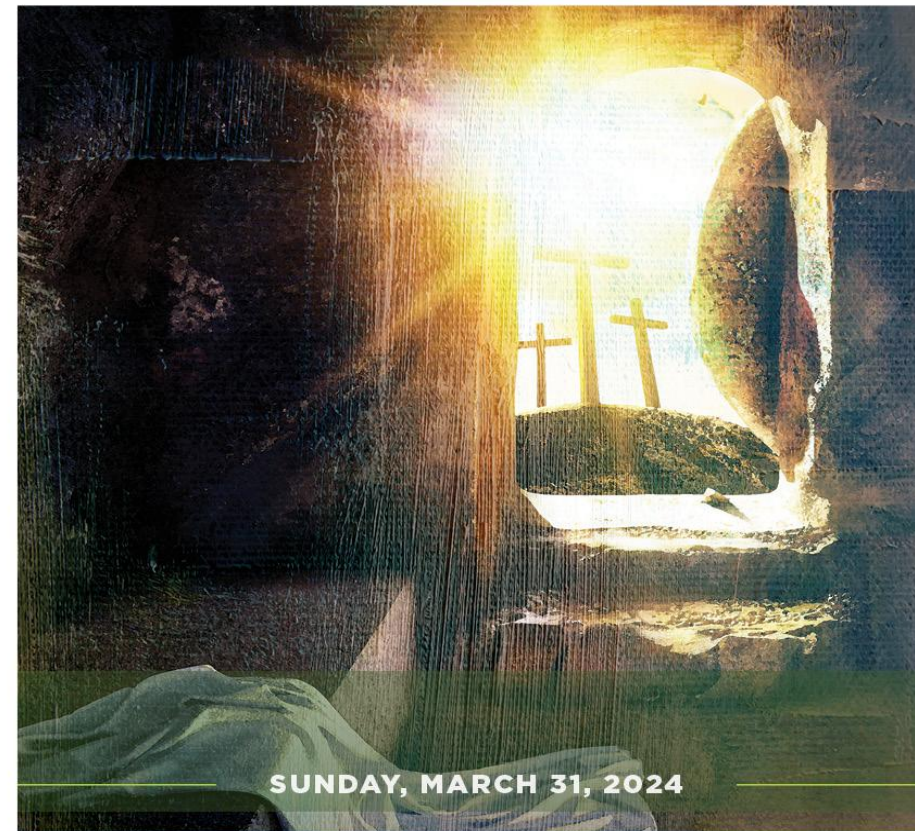
WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6:

Greenup:	LECTOR:	Gail McDowell
Marshall:	LECTOR:	Keith Welsh
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:		Richard Bernardoni
	CANTOR:	Jeff Burress

Sunday, April 7:

Marshall:	LECTOR:	Curtis Cline
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:		Nancy Cushman
	CANTOR:	Keith Crouch
Casey:	LECTOR:	Glen Isley
	GIFT BEARER:	Immke family
Greenup:	LECTOR:	Pete Bradley



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

St. Mary

414 S. 6th St.
Marshall, IL

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	6:30pm
Sunday	8:00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon. & Tues.	7am Com. Service
Wed.	6:30pm Mass
Thurs. & Fri.	7am Mass

Reconciliation: Wed. 6:00pm

Christ the King

110 E. Lincoln Dr.
Greenup, IL 62428

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am

Reconciliation: 1st Sat. at 4pm

St. Charles Borromeo

300 E. Jefferson St.
Casey, IL

Weekend Mass:

Sunday	9:30am
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Weekday Mass:

Monday	7:00am
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Reconciliation: By appointment

Office Phone: 217-826-2845

Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:00am to 12:30pm

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and parishioners.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the office to make arrangements with the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months before wedding. Wedding date should not be set until pre-nuptial preparation is completed.

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