

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
March 31, 2024  
Mass Intentions**

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

8:00AM+Parishioners and Benefactors  
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5:00PM NO EVENING MASS

**April 1, Monday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Edgar Johnston (Family)

**April 2, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Lee Scholz (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)  
7:00PM Confirmation

**April 3, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Joe Jaronieski Jr. (Bob and Donna Pike)

**April 4, Thursday Within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina, Birthday (Family)

**April 5, Friday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Jim Weaver, Birth. (Wife and Daughters)

**April 6, Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Don & Anita Hanekamp (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

**Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy**

5:00PM+Dan Shade, Anniversary (Family)

**April 7, Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Patrick Duffy (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)  
10:00AM+Joseph Gallagher, Anniversary (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**



The 2024 *Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is **Encountering Christ**. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, **Encountering Christ** is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries need our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of March 25, 45 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$12,990.00. Thank you.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

This month, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on the second Wednesday of the month, April 10, from after the noon Mass until 6:45 P.M. Please note the change in Benediction time. A sign-up sheet will be located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be at least two people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

**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

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
Sunday, March 24, 2024 \$ 9,051.38  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults**

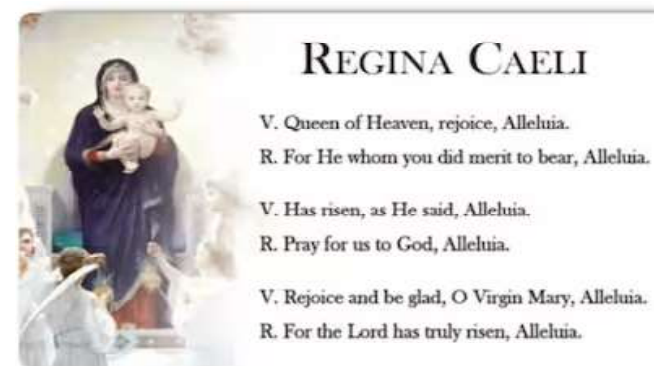
Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayers and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God!

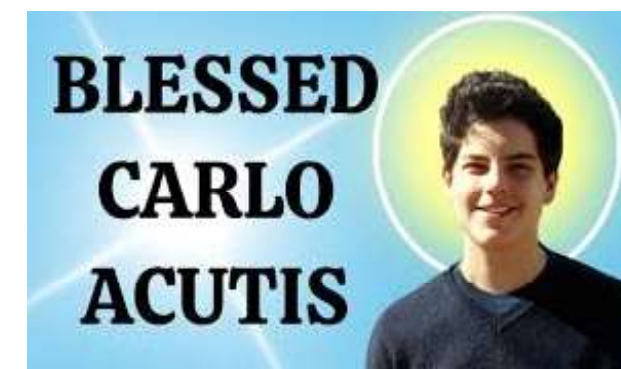
The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair, but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!



**Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory. Pictures will be taken the week of May 20-23. The directory will be a great opportunity to improve parish unity and fellowship. Signing up for appointments to have your picture taken will begin next weekend. It can be done online or in person at the 13th avenue entrance. Details will be included in our bulletin, facebook page, and website.**

**A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our parish to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory was in 1993!**



Our parish now has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

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!



**Easter Water/Holy Water**

A limited number of bottles of blessed Easter Water will be available for use in the home. They will be near the baptismal font. Holy Water is a refreshing reminder of our baptism. It is also a powerful sacramental, capable of providing spiritual protection and healing.

**Contribution Reports**

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office, 814-944-4603.

**Basket Bingo Coming Soon**

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts.

**Basket Bingo Meeting**

We will be having our first basket bingo meeting on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 6:00PM in the Cathedral Parish Center 13th Avenue door. If you have any ideas on what we could do differently, or if you have any suggestions. Come and join us. All are welcome.



**A Note of Thanks**

Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who staffed this Lent's very delicious and successful Drive-Thru Luncheon: Mary Ann Bell, Bobbi Dixon, Jim Dixon, Tony Eckenrode, John Fischer, George Gluscic, Randy Isenberg, Bob Jones, Mike Kuny, Anne Marie Longwill, Paul Luke (may he rest in peace), Marissa & Kelli from Senior Life, Peachy Medley, Chris & Kim McNelis, Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Mark Talasky, Lee Trudy, Butch Winkler, and Linda Yaskow.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Fourteen children from the Cathedral parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 14, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Two children from Our Lady of Fatima Parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 21, at their 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603**

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Upon Request and Communal celebration

**MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

**DEVOTIONS:**

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY**

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org)

Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

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