Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Naperville, Illinois

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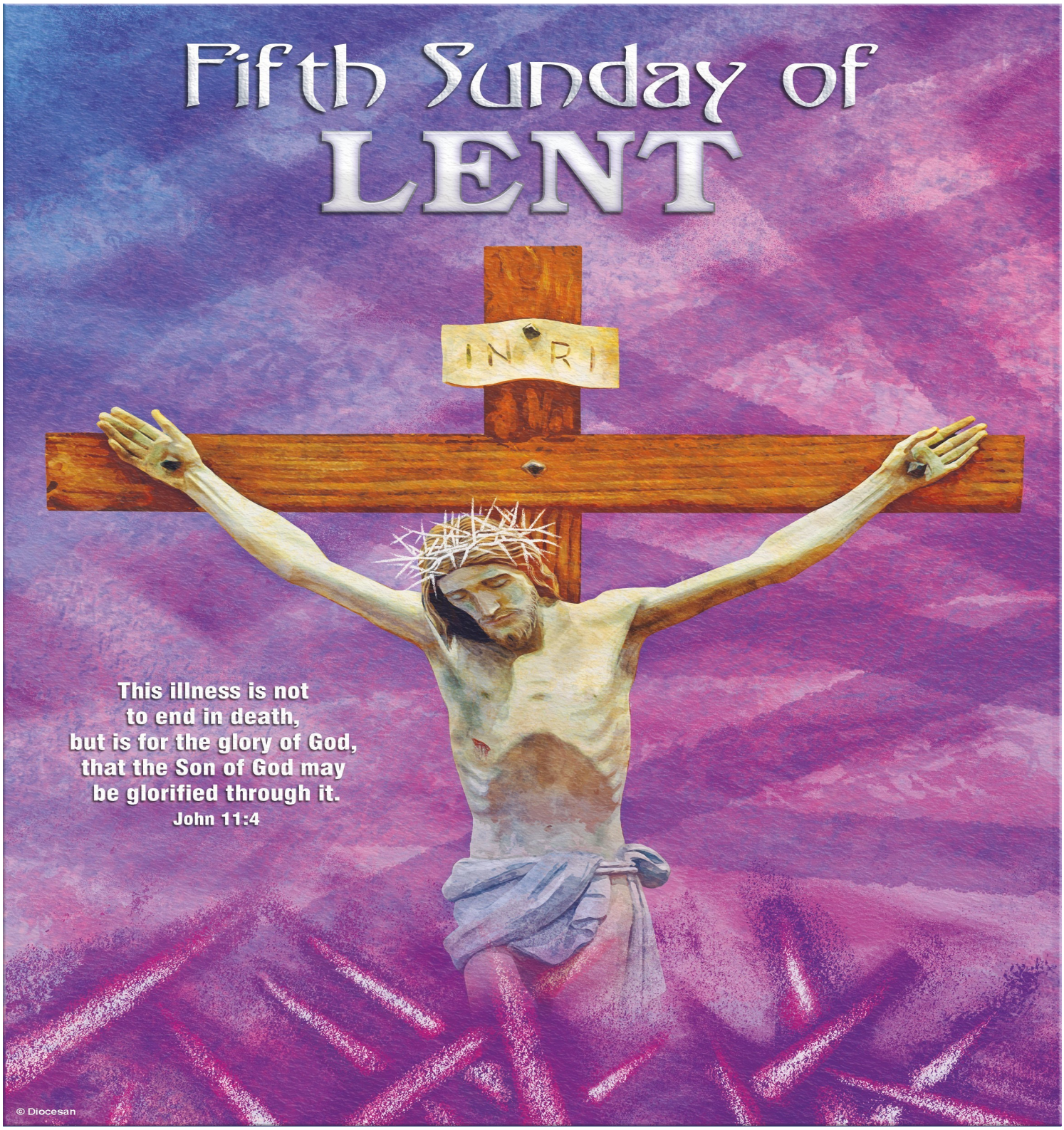
Fifth Sunday of LENT



March 26, 2023 • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

(+Deceased)

Sunday, March 26

8 am	+ Patricia Gniech
9:30 am	+ Samuel J. Demkoski
11 am	People of Holy Spirit Catholic Community

Monday, March 27

9 am	+ Bill Yeadon

Tuesday, March 28

9 am	+ Bettie Dragin

Wednesday, March 29

9 am	+Andrea Racibozynski

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm	People of Holy Spirit Catholic Community

Lenten Confession

Saturday, April 1 (extended to one hour), 3pm-4pm

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday., April 8

Palm Sunday & Easter Mass Schedules

8 am, 10 am, and 12 noon

Please Pray For

All those who are in our hearts facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Parishioners who serve our country with pride and valor.

All first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

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Dear Parishioners,

It is my pleasure to **welcome Deacon John Finn** to our parish deaconal ministry. Deacon John will begin here Palm Sunday weekend. He and his wife, Ruthanne come to us from Lansing, Michigan and are both excited to worship and serve at Holy Spirit. Please join me in welcoming them to our parish family.

Fr. John Sponder

Deacon John Finn was born in Chicago and grew up in Downers Grove, Illinois. John is the third of four children born to Thomas and Mary Finn.

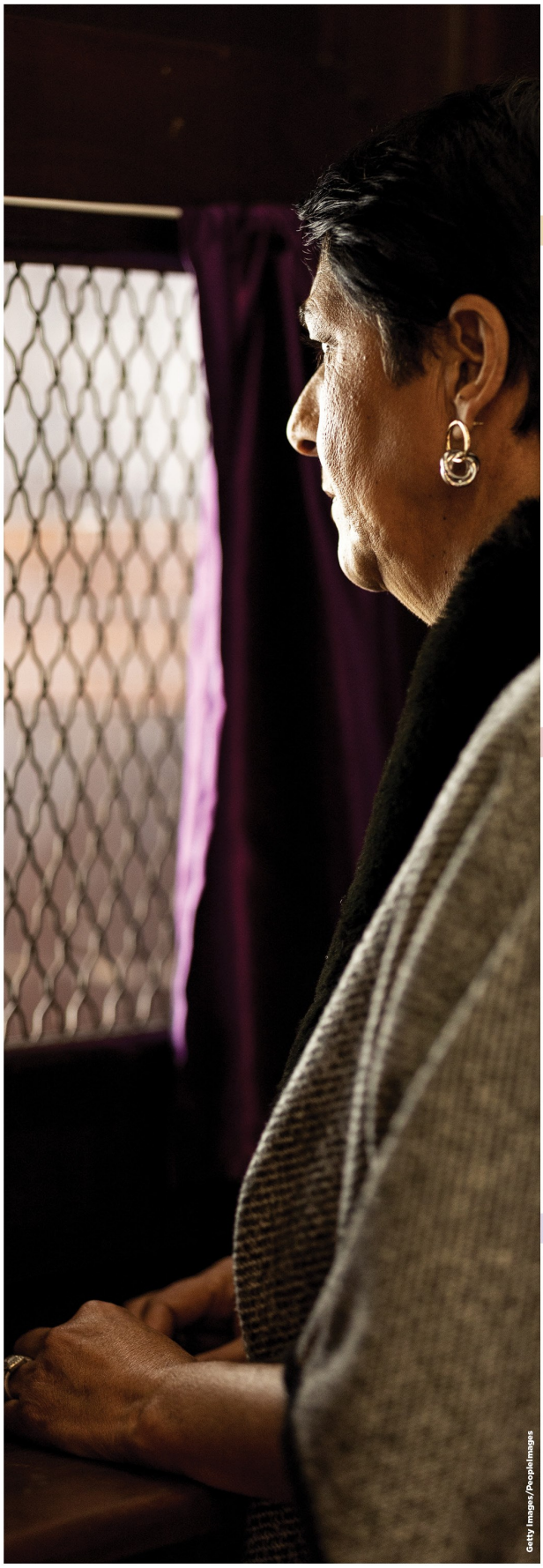
John attended Fenwick High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois; a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Loyola University, Chicago; and a Certification in Theological Studies from Sienna Heights University, Adrian, Michigan.

John was employed in the trucking industry for many years. He recently retired from ownership in LC Freight, a freight transportation management firm in Lansing, Michigan.

John and his wife Ruthanne have been married for 18 years. Both previously widowed, they met in the choir at St. Martha Catholic Church in Okemos, Michigan. They have 4 adult children and 9 grandchildren. Recently they moved to Naperville to be closer to family here and they also have a cottage in Northern Michigan near family there.

John was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan on May 13, 2017. Deacon John is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and has been active in Pro Life activities, ministry to the residents of nursing homes and jail ministry.

Deacon John and Ruthanne are excited to become parishioners of Holy Spirit and continue diaconal ministry in service to God and the Catholic Community.



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Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: usccb.org.

Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday, April 1 - Palm Sunday anticipatory Mass, 4:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday, 8 am, 10 am, 12noon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Weekday Mass 9 am - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

• Adoration following the Tuesday 9 am mass until noon

Tuesday, April 4 - Tenebrae Service 7 pm

Triduum

Thurs, April 6 - **Holy Thursday**

• Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following mass until 10 pm

Fri, April 7 - **Good Friday**

• Stations of the Cross, 3 pm

• Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7 pm

Sat, April 8 - **Holy Saturday**

• Blessing of the Easter Baskets, 10 am

• Easter Vigil Mass, 7 pm

• No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday,

April 9, 2023

Mass Schedule:

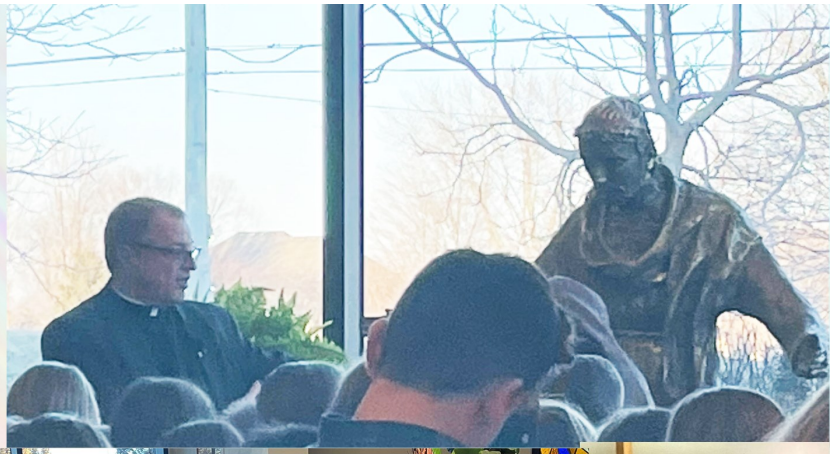
8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Parish offices will be closed Good Friday, April 7 through Monday, April 10.

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

TEACHING MASS



Fr. John spent an evening with our Second Graders and their parents to explain the important parts of the Mass.
We had music by Mrs. Eubanks and got a tour of the church.
Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they near their First Holy Communion.

Thank you Fr. John!

This Week's Meetings/Events

March 26-April 1

Sunday, March 26
9am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm
12pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Monday, March 27
7 pm Stephen Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

Tuesday, March 28
7 pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, March 29
6 pm Youth Choir, Church

Friday, March 31
7pm Stations, Church

Saturday, April 1
7 am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

For additional future events, see the Parish Website, www.hscc.us

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist and , come back to that Adoration.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY, FAST, WITNESS

From February 22 to April 2 Christians around the world will again join together for the most powerful pro-life effort the world has ever seen. During these 40 days, churches in our area will participate in our local effort: **40DAYSFORLIFE**/ Aurora. Each day, one church will commit to praying for an end to abortion outside of the Aurora Clinic.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will hold a prayer vigil, as part of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, on **Thursday, March 30th, 2023 outside the Aurora Clinic**. Please **sign up at 40daysforlife.com/aurora to pray with us for one hour during our prayer vigil, beginning at 9:00 am till 5 pm.**

If you are unable to join our group on March 30th please consider praying with other groups on another day during the 40 day period. You can also show your love and support through daily prayer and fasting.

For more information, please email Roberta Balsewicz at rbalsewicz@hscc.us.

SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL U.S.A.

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist several families; providing food, funds for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You for your generosity!

Parish Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8am to 4:30pm
(closed 12noon-1pm)
Friday 8am to 1pm

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Sacraments

Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms
12:30pm on the 1st & 2nd Sunday/
Month unless otherwise noted

Weddings
Please contact the parish office

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

2023 Parish Goal	$	94,300
2022 Parish Goal	$	85,700
Amount Pledged	$	127,383
Amount Paid	$	122,170
Balance Due	$	5,213
Rebate	$	25,529
Donor Count		321

Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	***# of* Donors**	**Feb-23**
WeShare Online Giving	93	$9,317
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	165	$19,668
Envelopes & Loose Cash	204	$56,853
Total February Collection	**462**	**$85,838**
July 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023		
Fiscal Year-to-date Actual		$683,503
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget		$682,500
Surplus		**$1,003**
Special Collections - February 2023		
Mortgage Donations		$2,753
HSCC Mortgage Loan Balance		**$652,329**