



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

*He is  
Risen  
Indeed!*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND

**Saturday**  
4:30pm

**Sunday**  
8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:00am

### WEEKDAY

**Monday-Thursday**  
9:00am

### CONFESSION

**Saturday**  
3:30-4:00pm

### ADORATION

**Tuesdays**  
9:30am-10:30am

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**M- Thurs** 8:00am-4:30pm  
**Friday** 8:00am-1:00pm

**APRIL 5, 2026**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### OUR MISSION

Holy Spirit Catholic Church exists to bring people into a heartfelt relationship with Jesus Christ.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

"I cannot promise to make you happy in this world, only in the next." Such powerful words in the conversation between Our Lady and St. Bernadette! On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate this happiness given to all of us through Jesus' death and resurrection. A happiness, however, which requires that we stay close to Jesus and keep our faith. This brings us to one of the greatest scenes in the series THE CHOSEN, when Jesus comes to the apostles in the boat during the storm on the Sea of Galilee. The scene captures the passage in chapter four of Mark's Gospel, the calming of the storm at sea. "I never said it would be easy," Jesus reminds the apostles in the boat. "But I will be with you always! I will never leave you." What a beautiful way to capture what Easter is all about. And what an important message for the whole world to hear! We live in a world with much war, fighting, tragedy, and unrest. Not to mention the everyday challenges in family life such as sickness or the death of a loved one. Easter is a message of hope. Easter celebrates Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Easter celebrates Jesus' triumph over sin and suffering! Easter celebrates eternal life! All we need to do is trust and believe. For the Lord will lead and guide us as promised. The Lord will be with us all the way! St. Carlo Acutis says it best: The Eucharist, Jesus himself, is the highway to Heaven. That is something worth celebrating and being joyful about. Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is Risen, he is Risen indeed!



On behalf on Fr. Smith and myself, we wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make this year's Holy Week and Easter celebrations very joyful and faith filled. Thank you to all those who helped with our liturgies, the church environment, music, hospitality and so much behind the scenes support! A very blessed and Happy Easter to all!

-Fr. John and Fr. Smith



# PRAY WITH US

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, April 4– Holy Saturday**  
7:30 pm Intention of Celebrant

**Sunday, April 5– Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am + Richard and Geraldine Lobsinger  
10:00 am Intention of Celebrant (Church)  
10:00 am Intention of Celebrant (Gathering Place)  
12:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**Monday, April 6– Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
9:00 am + Rick and Kayo Nash

**Tuesday, April 7– Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
9:00 am + Cindy Jacobsen and + Bernard Kestel

**Wednesday, April 8– Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Stromidlo Family

**Thursday, April 9– Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
9:00 am + Teresa Dizon Smith

The Parish Office will be closed  
on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
(Mass will still be  
celebrated at 9:00 am.)



We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the death of **Kathy Frish.**

**Please keep all our military in your prayers, especially those within our Parish family.**





# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

- Monday, April 6**  
6:00pm K of C Officers' Mtg., Multipurpose Room
- Tuesday, April 7**  
12:30pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg., Gathering Place
- Wednesday, April 8**  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
- Thursday, April 9**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room
- Friday, April 10**  
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session, Gathering Place
- Saturday, April 11**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room  
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place
- Sunday, April 12**  
9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room  
12:00pm Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Place
- Tuesday, April 14**  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, April 15**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
- Thursday, April 16**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room
- Saturday, April 18**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room  
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place
- Sunday, April 19**  
K of C Pancake Breakfast after All Masses, Gathering Place  
12:00pm New Parishioners Gathering, Multipurpose Room
- Monday, April 20**  
6:00pm K of C Council Mtg., Gathering Place
- Tuesday, April 21**  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, April 22**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
- Thursday, April 23**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room
- Saturday, April 25**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room  
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place  
9:00am Hooked on the Spirit, Gathering Place
- Sunday, April 26**  
12:00pm Rosary, Church
- Tuesday, April 28**  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, April 29**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
- Thursday, April 30**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

**We're HOWLIN' like a howler monkey!  
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VBS is offered to any student entering grades K-6 in the Fall of 2026.

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# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT



**Volunteers Needed**

Dinner,  
Wednesday  
**April 8th**

through  
Breakfast,  
Thursday  
**April 9th**

Please bring food donations to Holy Spirit by Noon on Tuesday, April 7th.

**For Information:**  
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# GROWING IN FAITH



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For more information, contact Danielle Plotke at [dplotke@hsc.us](mailto:dplotke@hsc.us)

## Job Opening: Business Manager

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is seeking a qualified Business Manager as our current Business Manager, Leslie Bejna, prepares to retire on May 15.

The Business Manager serves a vital leadership role in overseeing the parish's financial operations, facilities management, and human resources, in alignment with the policies and procedures of the Diocese of Joliet. This position requires strong expertise in accounting and financial management, along with the ability to collaborate effectively with the Pastor, parish staff, Finance Council, Parish Leadership Team, and diocesan leadership.

For more information or to apply, please email Danielle Plotke at [dplotke@hsc.us](mailto:dplotke@hsc.us). For additional details on this position, visit [dijoliet.org/offices/careers/parish-opportunities](http://dijoliet.org/offices/careers/parish-opportunities)



# OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This Lenten season, our Holy Spirit Catholic Church community came together in powerful ways to pray, serve, and grow in faith. Through worship, fellowship, and acts of generosity, we witnessed the true spirit of Lent alive in our parish.



Our RE families joined special Family Sessions, prayed and learned at home with Lenten packets—including Time, Talent, and Treasure envelopes—and joyfully celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



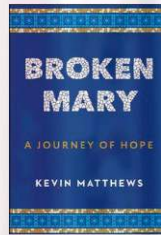
Holy Spirit came together this Lent as parishioners generously donated supplies to create 108 Easter baskets for children at Hesed House. Our Religious Education students, Seasoned Spirits, and staff joyfully assembled each one—and it took two truckloads to deliver them all! Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talents, and treasure—together, we are living out the true spirit of Lent through compassion, community, and generosity.

Our Young Adult Group (18-35) gathered together every Friday night of Lent to watch season 5 of *The Chosen* together having prayerful discussion drawing from the many impactful scenes from Palm Sunday to the Last Supper.



We launched our Book Club this Lent with *Broken Mary* by Kevin Matthews, gathering in a spirit of prayer and reflection. Led by Deacon Steve, the discussion invited us to thoughtfully consider our own experiences of “being broken” and how God meets us there with grace. We then shared in watching the documentary together, deepening both our faith and our connection as a community.

Our next book is *Braving the Thin Places* by Julianne Stanz, meeting planned for May.



During this Lenten season, our Hooked on the Spirit ministry has gathered every month to create handmade crochet items for those in need. What makes this group especially inspiring is the wide range of ages involved —from as young as 8 to as seasoned as 80—coming together in fellowship and purpose. Each gathering has been a reminder that everyone has something to offer. Through shared time, talent, and conversation, participants are not only crafting items with care but also building connections across generations. This ministry beautifully reflects the spirit of Lent: giving of ourselves in service to others and growing together as a faith community. So far, the ministry has made 20 afghans/ blankets, 197 hats, 27 scarves, 5 shawls, 8 washcloths, 4 pairs of mittens, 1 stuffy, and 35 hair scrunchies.



Our High School Teen Youth Group gathered for two hands-on afternoons of faith and fun as we learned how to make our own rosaries and palm crosses. We also invited other parishioners to participate and share on Palm Sunday.



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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the parish!

Monthly Offering	#of Donors	Feb. 2026
WeShare Online Giving:	174	\$13,863
Electronic Funds Transfer:	157	\$17,783
Envelopes & Loose Cash:	202	\$75,043
<b>Total January Collection:</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>\$106,689</b>

### Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Sunday Offering:	\$769,986
Fiscal Year Budget:	\$700,400
Surplus:	\$69,586

### Special Offerings - February 2026

Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$9,258
Church in Central & Eastern Europe:	\$881

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Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

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