



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for

us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)  
APRIL 11, 2021**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021- 5:45 pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**+Craig Cieply req. by Molly Marino**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, NO MASS**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 9:00 am**

**+Catherine Stromski**

**Friday, April 16, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration until 10:00am**

**Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 5:45pm**

**+Mary Jane Keigher req. by Mike & Katie Horath Family**

**Sunday, April 18, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

DATE	LECTOR	USHER/GREETER
SATURDAY, April 17 - 5:45pm	Sue Nugent	Doug & Eva Luehrs
SUNDAY, April 18 - 9:00am	Sarah Hoehn	Dan & Tricia Knowles

**COUNTERS FOR APRIL 18, 2021 – Mooi**



**Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for  
JANIS NUGENT  
Requested by Don & Sue Nugent**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, March 21, 2021.....\$2,205.00

Sunday, March 28, 2021.....\$1,830.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the online giving link. *Thank you*



### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY (Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)

#### ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

#### ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

#### ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Please remember in your prayers FRANK QUIGLEY who entered eternal life. Remember also his family as we commend his soul to the Lord. It is holy and wholesome to pray for the dead.

**St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL** is seeking to hire a Part-time Coordinator of Youth Discipleship (primarily grades 7 & 8 and their families). Our Junior High Youth Ministry program goals are to engage junior high teens and their parents, to evangelize and inspire a renewed understanding of the Catholic faith, and to invite teens and parents into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Our high-energy and dynamic program is built on these three cornerstones: Relationship, Discipleship & Mission. The person who fills this position will serve as a collaborative partner on the parish faith formation team. Must possess a comprehensive understanding and comfort with Catholic theology, including scripture, creed, morality, and the sacraments and be fully initiated and an active member of a Roman Catholic faith community. A Bachelor or Master's Degree in Religious Studies, Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Education or related field required.

1-3 years' experience in the field of Catholic faith formation necessary. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#).

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and contact information for two persons of reference to the attention of the St. Jude Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Katie Neu at [kneu@stjudes.org](mailto:kneu@stjudes.org) or mail to 241 West Second Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451. Interviews will begin immediately.

## FEAST OF FAITH The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs – poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy – in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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April 1, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are about to enter into this Easter Season, my hope and prayer is that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and in good health.

I am writing to you in the spirit of Child Abuse Prevention Month, which our nation celebrates each April. I am grateful to be ministering together with you as we continue our dedicated work and service to keep our children and vulnerable safe. It is during this month of April that we recognize this important ministry to maintain safe environments for all of God's children and to raise awareness about child abuse prevention efforts.

With guidance from the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established in June 2002, our Office for Child and Youth Protection has worked together with parishes and schools to help create and maintain safe environments for our children and vulnerable adults and continue our efforts to prevent child abuse. Please review the information from our Office of Child and Youth Protection about Child Abuse Prevention Month and ways in which you may recognize child abuse prevention efforts at your parish, school, and/or office.

Keeping our children safe and creating environments in which they can learn and grow takes the effort and dedication of all of us. To all clergy, employees, volunteers, and those who are VIRTUS facilitators and local administrators - thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to this invaluable ministry. Please join me in praying for all who have been abused and affected by abuse; that they may find healing, safety, and peace. Please also be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



## St. Rose Parish to host Community COVID Vaccination Clinic

We are pleased to announce that beginning the week of March 22, 2021, St. Rose Parish will serve as a Community Vaccination Clinic to provide access to vaccinations for residents and workers in Will County who qualify under Phase 1B.

The clinic will provide vaccinations by **appointment only**. In order to protect the health of all attending the clinic, there will be **no walk-ins accepted**. **Those seeking to schedule an appointment must pre-register at: [WillCountyHealth.org](http://WillCountyHealth.org) for an appointment and receive an invitation to schedule their appointment.**

Will County residents who qualify for Phase 1B and are registered and live in southern or eastern Will County will receive an email, text or phone call with an invitation to schedule their appointment after registering.

Phase 1B includes residents 65 or older and essential frontline workers. This includes first responders, teachers, postal service workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, manufacturing workers, food and agriculture workers, shelter/adult day care staff and residents. Please visit: [WillCountyHealth.org](http://WillCountyHealth.org) for a complete list of eligible people.

Residents with questions about vaccinations at St. Rose should call the Will County COVID-19 Hotline at 815-740-8977, not the church.

Although we are grateful for the opportunity to help our community, St. Rose Parish does not have the ability to schedule, change or register any individuals for appointments at any location.

Thank you again for your understanding and for all you are continuing to do to stay safe. We will continue to update you on any new information regarding COVID vaccinations at our location.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,  
Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim  
Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp;  
Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Frank Steve  
Niemic; Mike Phelan

**Please call the office to be included on  
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father  
MONTH OF APRIL**

- We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1 (815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

**A CHEERFUL GIVER**

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives.

His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

— St. Julian

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**APRIL 11, 2021**



- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
- Tuesday: St. Martin I

**CHRIST IS HERE**

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

— St. Augustine

Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



## FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and “Doubting Thomas” shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesús’ time with them. Thomas’ doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

## LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas’ lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

Today’s Readings: Acts 4:32–35; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

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