



• 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER •

WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING?

Weekly Budget Goal	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 03/29/26	\$1,900.00
Difference	\$1,525.00
Weekly collection 04/05/26	\$2,760.00
Difference	\$665.00
Weekly collection 04/12/26	\$2,999.00
Difference	\$426.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$25,620.00

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**POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL
For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

April 29 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST: The Mother’s/Daughter’s Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 10th. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass April 25/26 and May 2/3. The cost will be \$8 for adult women and \$3 for girls 10 and under.

**Please purchase your tickets no later than May 3rd. We need the final count to order food.

A Family Perspective: In today’s Gospel, the Disciples were so downcast on their journey home that they didn’t recognize Jesus walking with them. Similarly, in our homes, we can become so overwhelmed with responsibilities that we fail to see God with us. Today’s Gospel encourages us to pause and open our eyes to ‘see Christ’ in each other.

Easter Flower Memorials:

from Mr. & Mrs. Frances Bleggi in memory of:

- Hazel & Albino Bleggi
- Catherine & Joseph DeCarli
- Joseph Bleggi
- Mario & Geno DeCarli



Millions of Monicas Like St. Monica, we pray for our children in need of God’s Mercy and a return to the Church. A new **Millions of Monicas** prayer group is beginning at **St. Leo Magnus Church**. We will meet **Wednesdays at 6pm, beginning May 6th**. Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary. All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of St. Monica in her perseverance in prayer. This is not a support group, and no sensitive information is shared. For more information, call 814-772-3135. No sign up necessary and no cost.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

My brothers and sisters of St. Joseph Parish Family, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to ALL of our parishioners who gave many hours in helping to get our Social Hall back in working order. I especially want to thank all who worked at our Annual Lenten Fish Dinners: those who planned the food, those who cooked and prepared the food, those who greeted and seated the people as they came in, those who cleaned and set the tables, those who took the dinner choices of orders and exchanged the money, those who waited on the tables, those who washed the dishes, those who cleaned and mopped the floor, and all of you who have supported our dinners by dining in our newly renovated Social Hall, and those of you who ordered take outs! To all of you, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As I reflect on these past few months, I want to share with you how truly blessed and grateful I feel, to serve you as pastor of such a generous and wonderful Parish Family as St. Joseph Church! Again...THANK YOU!

EMMAUS: “Stay with us Lord”

The Emmaus Story is one of the most inspiring events that happened after Jesus’ Resurrection! A person named Cleopas and friend, “two of Jesus’ Disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus.” (Lk 24: 13)

As the story goes, Jesus appears to them but they did not recognize Him. In the course of their conversation, Jesus shared with them all of the Scripture passages from the Old Testament (The Torah) that “referred to Him.” (Lk 24: 26) Jesus did this in order to teach them about the Messiah, but also to console their hearts that the Messiah had to suffer, in order to “enter into His Glory.” (Lk 24: 27)

When they arrived at the village of Emmaus, Jesus “gave the impression that He was going on farther.” (Lk 24: 28)

After talking with Jesus, they wanted to be fed more of the Word of God. They wanted to hear more from Jesus. So, they asked Him; “stay with us for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” Jesus did. And when they sat down to eat, Jesus broke the Bread and give it to them to eat. Upon that moment, Jesus vanished from their sight.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 20, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolly Garvelli	JoAnn McPherson	Easter Weekday	Acts 6: 8-15 Jn 6: 22-29 (273)
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joey Caliari	Joe Sexton	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Acts 7: 51 - 8: 1a Jn 6: 30-35 (274)
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 8: 1b-8 Jn 6: 35-40 (275)
Thursday, April 23, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Timothy W. Sims	Family and Friends	Easter Weekday <i>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Acts 8: 26-40 Jn 6: 44-51 (276)
Friday, April 24, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Easter Weekday <i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i>	Acts 9: 1-20 Jn 6: 52-59 (277)
Saturday, April 25, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Saint Mark, Evangelist	1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20 (555)
Saturday, April 25, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Pauline Lovenduski	Linda & Bob Marshall	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2: 20b-25 Jn 10: 1-10 (49)

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

My friends, the Emmaus Disciples wanted Jesus to stay with them because not only was He fascinating, interesting, and very knowledgeable of the Old Testament Sacred Scriptures, but He was loving, caring, and available to them. Isn't this what we want from our Lord Jesus? He is loving, caring, and available to us, especially in the Mass, where we experience the breaking of Bread, Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, given to us at every Mass. It is almost like us asking Jesus to stay with us at every Eucharistic celebration (The Mass).

From this Emmaus story, let's invite Jesus to be with us, especially in the following way:

Stay with us, Lord; when we have to make difficult decisions.

Stay with us, Lord; as we receive you again and again during Holy Communion at Mass.

Stay with us, Lord; when our days are almost over, that we may have a dawn of a new day of Resurrection with You for all eternity!

God Bless, Father Mark

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