

# Assumption Catholic Church

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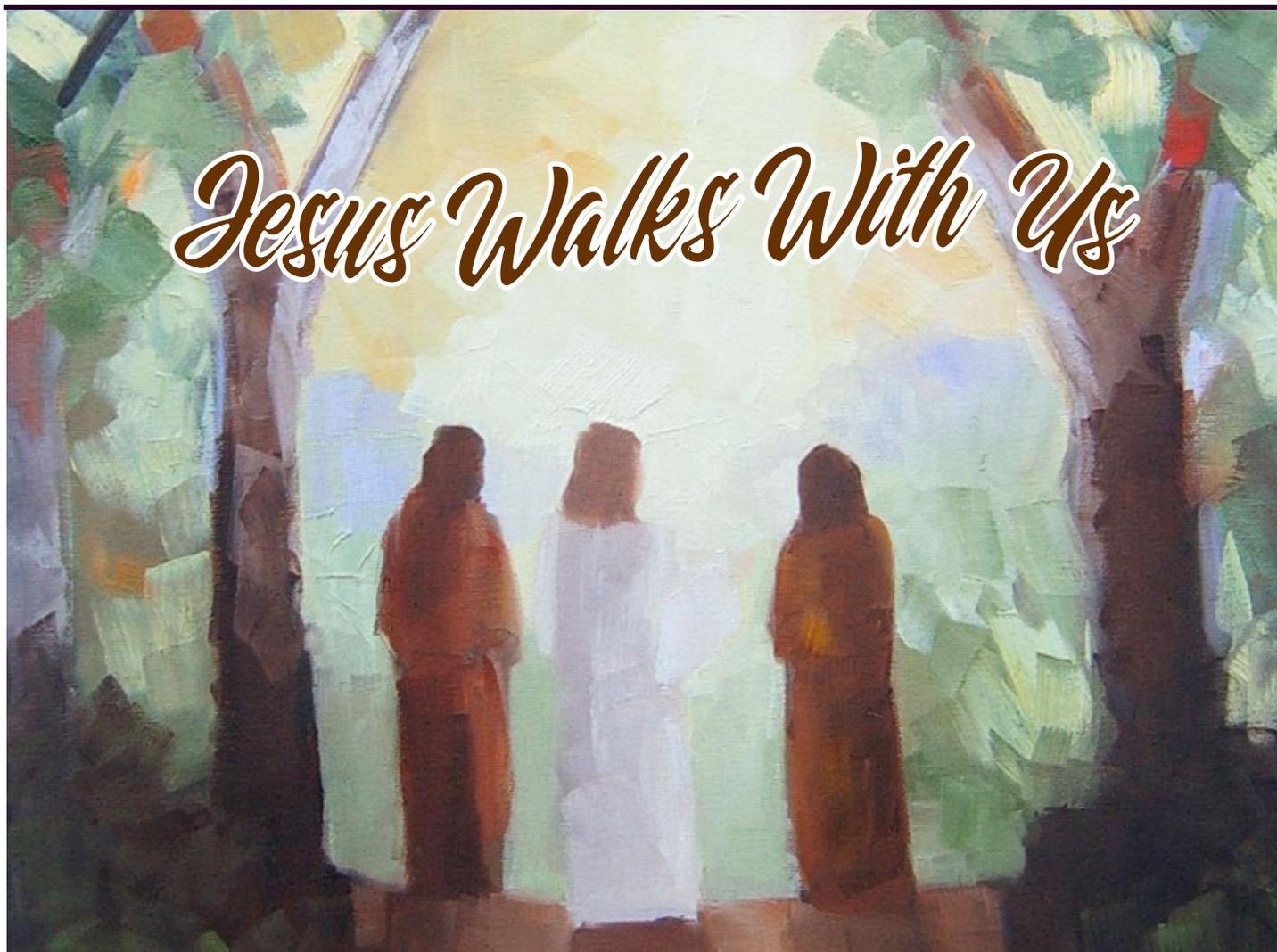
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***Third Sunday of Easter***

***April 23, 2023***



***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Easter

Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the Risen Lord (Luke 24:13-35)? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the Risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them.

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do we listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform us? Do we recognize the Lord in his Word and in the breaking of the bread? Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life.

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
April 30, 2023**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Peter 2:20b-25  
John 10:1-10

## Saint of the Week ... St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was born in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. She grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She disappointed her parents by cutting off her hair in protest to being encouraged to improve her appearance to attract a husband. They relented and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditations.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at age 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring, and she often claimed that it was invisible. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need.

Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to her. She established a monastery for women, and is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue. These works were so influential that she would later be declared a Doctor of the Church.

At age 33 Catherine became ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her illness accelerated, leading to a stroke and death a week later on April 29 which is now her feast day. St. Catherine is the patron saint of Italy, fire prevention and miscarriages.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)



Feast Day: April 29

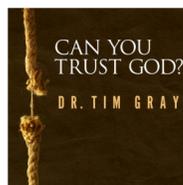


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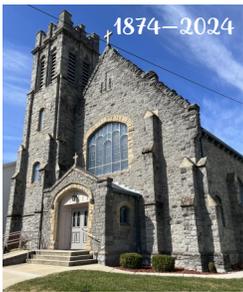
### Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



### Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



## Celebrating 150 Years!

As we announced last month, our parish will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary in September 2024! We will kick off our jubilee year this fall, but the planning starts now!

Six committees have been formed and members are needed for each one to ensure our celebration is successful. Please look over the committees listed below to determine which you would most enjoy helping with. And you can be on more than one! Simply let the Parish Office or a chairperson know which team(s) you choose. Thank you in advance for making this milestone an enjoyable and memorable event for everyone!

### Committee

Kick-Off Event  
 Communications  
 Commemorative Book  
 Liturgy  
 Fund Raising  
 Jubilee Finale

### Chairperson(s)

Tammy Dale, Nancy Starcher  
 Kelley Kuhn, Mike Landis  
 Pam Williams, Lauren Ellifritz  
 Dena Turner, Nancy Starcher  
 Julie Alt  
 Jean Harber, Sue Harber

## Faith In Action!

These Knights and family members traveled to Wheeling last weekend to participate in the Knights of Columbus/Cross Catholic Outreach food packing event.



Approximately 170 volunteers packed 60,707 meals. Of that total, over 6,000 are being distributed in West Virginia while the remainder are being shipped to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Thank you to Rosie Landis, Micah Alt, Mike Landis, Kelley Kuhn, Jeff Kuhn and Remy Kuhn for participating!

Another food packing event will be held in the eastern panhandle in the fall; we will share more details when we have them!

*Lord, you will show us  
 the path of life.*

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date                | Time      | Intention                              | Offered by             |
|---------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| Saturday, April 22  | 4:00 p.m. | Souls of Mary & Frank Sagal .....      | Tom & Kathy Finnell    |
|                     |           | Intentions of Peggy Dyer .....         | Linda Marsh            |
| Sunday, April 23    | 8:30 a.m. | Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....   | Sue Greco              |
| Monday, April 24    | No Mass   |  |                        |
| Tuesday, April 25   | No Mass   |  |                        |
| Wednesday, April 26 | 5:00 p.m. | Soul of Krista Taylor .....            | Mitch & Carol Durst    |
|                     |           | The Barrick & Travis Families .....    | Howard & Karen Barrick |
| Thursday, April 27  | 12 noon   | The Wise & Calemine Families .....     | Jean Harber            |
|                     |           | The Landis Family .....                | Mike & Rosie Landis    |
| Friday, April 28    | 9:00 a.m. | Soul of Tracy Harman Alt .....         | Kelley & Jeff Kuhn     |
|                     |           | The Labonte & Ouellette Families ..... | Anita Tetreault        |
| Saturday, April 29  | 4:00 p.m. | Souls of John & Hazel Coffman .....    | Cindy & Jim Alt        |
|                     |           | Soul of Jerry Marsh .....              | Linda Marsh            |
| Sunday, April 30    | 8:30 a.m. | Soul of Fr. Ivan .....                 | Mary Lambert           |

*Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.*



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Larena Brant, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 3

## K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host their next spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 3 at St. Mary's Hall. Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out). Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Sunday, May 7

## Fr. Giles Birthday Celebration

Our Lady of Grace Parish is hosting a birthday celebration for Fr. Giles and they have graciously invited all of us! The luncheon will be held Sunday, May 7, at the church following their 11 a.m. Mass. If you are able to attend, please sign up in the vestibule or contact the Assumption Parish Office.

Sunday, May 14

## Youth Group Attending Altoona Curve Game

Our next Youth Group activity is an Altoona Curve game on Sunday, May 14 at 1:00. Youth Group members will receive a free ticket. Family members or anyone else who would like to attend is also welcome! Tickets are \$11 each; checks can be made payable to "Assumption Church" and given to Jill Blacka, the Parish Office, or dropped in the offertory basket by May 7.



## Assumption Council Knight of the Month

Les Halapy has contributed greatly to the success of the Assumption Council for many years. He has been a leader serving as Grand Knight for a record number of 6 years straight! He took 3 years off and was elected again this year. Grand Knight is a job that takes a lot of time and effort, keeping our council involved and productive serving our parish, the community and goals of the K of C. Thanks for your leadership Les!

## Collections & Attendance

April 15-16, 2023

### Offertory

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Offertory Envelopes ..... | \$2,206        |
| Loose Donations .....     | \$792          |
| <b>Total .....</b>        | <b>\$2,998</b> |

### Attendance

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Saturday, 4/15 ..... | 67         |
| Sunday, 4/16 .....   | 109        |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>176</b> |

## Confirmation Candidates Attend Retreat

Our Confirmation candidates attended a day-long retreat at St. Mary's Hall on Palm Sunday. Coordinated by class catechists Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury, the day consisted of special classes, Catholic Trivia with our high school students, and a special presentation by Deacon Harold Bradley from Divine Mercy Parish.

Part of their Confirmation preparation includes community service projects. During the retreat, the class (with the help of parent volunteers) prepared a hot meal for our parish shut-ins.



Please keep our students in your prayers as they conclude their sacramental preparation. Confirmation is scheduled for May 22.



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, April 29

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Sue Harber, Jean Harber (c), TBD (c)  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, April 30

Lector: Sally Maybury  
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka, Nick McKinzie  
EM: Nancy Starcher, Charlotte Delilo (c), Pam Williams (c)  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach  
Cantor: Julie Alt & Nancy Starcher

### Saturday, May 6

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Alan Taylor, Cathy Pardee (c), Janet Corley (c)  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Sunday, May 7

Lector: Mike Landis  
Servers: Abby & Libby Del Signore  
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Jane Placka (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore  
Cantor: Julie Alt & Nancy Starcher

### Stonerise EM

April 27 Meredythe Barrick  
May 4 Stacey Rhodes