



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Olney, Illinois

April 17-19, 2025

Celebrant: Fr. Steven Beatty

Pastoral Associate: Caroline Trimble

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, during which the Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place, is a memorial of the institution of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. This Mass is a memorial of that love by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world.

On Holy Thursday, the priest washes the feet of representatives chosen from the community. This washing symbolizes the service and charity of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. It also refers to our Baptism, serving as a reminder to all of us of the connection between our Baptism and the responsibility to serve others as Christ did.

The Mass ends with a procession of the Body of Christ to a side tabernacle, where we are encouraged to spend time in silent prayer and meditation with our Lord. It is a symbolic re-enactment of Christ's disciples being present with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus implores them to pray with him, as he awaits his betrayal, arrest, torture and death on a cross.

Entrance: *Lift High the Cross* #750

Greeting

Kyrie: "Kyrie, Eleison"

Gloria: "Glory to God"

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of The Word

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Responsorial Psalm: "Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Acclamation: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Homily

Washing of the Feet: *As I Have Done for You* #150

General Intercessions

Liturgy of The Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts: *What Wonderful Love* #422

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite: *Gift of Finest Wheat* #345, *Where Charity and Love Prevail* #429

Transfer of The Holy Eucharist {all kneel}

During Procession: *Sing My Tongue the Savior's Glory* #26 page 115

After the Holy Thursday celebration of the Last Supper, you are free to stay and pray or you may leave QUIETLY anytime at this point.

Please remain silent until back in your vehicle.

*The church will remain open until 10:00 p.m.,
at which time we will close with night prayer.*

[please maintain an atmosphere of Silence in the church]

Good Friday

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world.

The parish altar looks very different on *Good Friday*: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.

The liturgy on *Good Friday* is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.

Opening Prayer {all kneel}

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Responsorial Psalm: "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Acclamation: "Praise to your Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

General Intercessions

Today's intercessions are solemn. Use the silence after each invitation in prayer for remembering specific persons and groups.

Veneration of the Cross

Veneration: *Behold the Wood of the Cross #29, page 125, O Sacred Head Surrounded #147*

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion: *Glory in the Cross #147*

Closing Prayer

*Because our liturgy continues tomorrow evening with the Easter Vigil, there is no final blessing or recessional.
Depart in silence after genuflecting
or showing some reverence to the Cross.*

Holy Saturday

One is invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which we began on Good Friday. We are also called to remain in recollection at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on His suffering and death. The solitude and sorrow of this day gives way to the Easter Vigil where mourning is transformed into the joy of the resurrection.

The Solemn Beginning of the Easter Vigil

During the most solemn vigil, the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the Sacraments of Initiation. It is a most wondrous and beautiful celebration!

At the Easter Vigil, we gather in darkness and light the new fire of creation and the Easter/Paschal Candle. The candle represents Jesus the Christ, who has risen from the shadow of death and has won for us the brightness of forgiveness and the joy of eternal life. In a darkened church alight with the flame of Christ and the candles of the faithful, the *Exsultet* is sung – a solemn proclamation of Christ's resurrection. The *Exsultet* is followed by several readings from Old Testament Scripture where we are called to meditate on all the wonderful things that God has done for his people from the beginning.

After the homily, the new water of Baptism is blessed, our Catechumens and Candidates are baptized and confirmed, and we renew our baptismal promises. Finally, we celebrate the Eucharist, made possible through Christ's death and resurrection. Together, we gather around the Table of the Lord, partake of his sacred Body and Blood, and are united as one body and one spirit. Strengthened by this divine sacrifice, each of us is then sent forth, in joy, to love and serve all of God's people.

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle
Procession

The Easter Proclamation [*Exsultet*]- *extinguish candles*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Prayer

Third Reading: Exodus 14: 15-15:1

Responsorial Psalm: "Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory."

Prayer

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14

Responsorial Psalm: "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Prayer

Sixth Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

Prayer

Gloria

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Responsorial Psalm: "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Homily

Baptismal Liturgy

Litany of the Saints

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Celebration of Baptism

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling Rite: *Baptized in Water* #633

Celebration of Reception and Celebration of Confirmation

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts: *Glory in the Cross* #147, *Ye Sons and Daughters* #184

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion: *Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain* #169, *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* #194

Recessional

Candidate and Sponsor

Everett Bissey -*St. John*- Henry Kessler

Pamela Mix-Bissey -*St. Philip Neri*- Sandi Kessler

Alysa Botkin -*St. Dympha*- Ruth Ginder

Jennifer Deimel -*St. Lucy*- Ashlee Hatten

Jordan Jones -*St. Christopher*- Breanne Buerster

Lindsey Kapper -*St. Monica*- Sara Peavler

Emily Kessler -*St. Anne*- Anderson Kessler

Trevor Stevens -*St. Joseph*- Jennifer Rudolphi

Tracy Stevens -*St. Philomena*- Celia Rudolphi

Lauren Tibbs -*St. Monica*- Cindy Peters

***Reception following to welcome and celebrate
our new members in Christ in the Multi-Purpose Room.***

*Thank you to our musicians, choir, decorators, and
all who prepared and assisted in any way throughout
the Lenten Season and with our Triduum liturgy.*

*May God's richest blessing be
yours this Easter Season.*