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Sundays of Easter
April — 2024



View these videos on Eucharistic Stations by Fr Jonathan Meyer & Miracles inspired by teenage Bl Carlos Acutis <https://www.hptc.com/eucharisticrevival>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z2Z09krVAA>

After all US Bishops have named 2021-2025 "Years of Eucharistic Revival"

Easter is the Season of the Eucharist:

They recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread.



WORSHIP

1st Friday — Divine Mercy Octave — April 5, 2024

11:30am Anointing Mass preceded by Confessions. Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions. Divine Mercy Chaplet. 1pm Rosary and Benediction.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & 2nd OF EASTER — Apr 7, 2024

9:45am Divine Mercy Chaplet

10am Mass + Tony Pawlik — of. Emily Panek and Anna Pascucci

LORD'S DAY — 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER — April 14, 2024

10am Mass + Butch George — of. Family

LORD'S DAY — 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER — April 21, 2024

10am Mass + Nicholas Grote — of. Family

LORD'S DAY — 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER — April 28, 2024

10am Mass + Jeanette & Robert Newman — of. Son

1st Friday — May 3, 2024

11:30am Anointing Mass preceded by Confessions. Exposition & Sacred Heart Devotions. Divine Mercy Chaplet. 1pm Rosary led by Holy Name Society, Benediction.

Christ is Risen!

FAITH IS ACTION: Eucharistic Revival

A diet is not real until we start eating healthy foods and portions at appropriate times. Exercise does not work until we start walking regularly, do cardio, stretching or lifting 3x per week. Faith too, is only real when acted out.

The initial encounter with Jesus changes personal direction. It begins in beliefs and thoughts, but soon matures into behaviors. Faith is a lifestyle, not just a change of mind or opinion. Believers pray together with certain visible gestures: "the entire Liturgy is carried out by means of perceptible signs by which the faith is nourished, strengthened, and expressed." During 5-senses worship, this is also called action praying.

Catholic prayer includes *visible* liturgical gestures:

Genuflecting & Kneeling (or profoundly bowing from the waist), **Silence, Standing Processing, Incensing, Signing with the Cross, Striking the breast, Sitting, Crossing** lips, forehead, heart, **Kneeling, Bowing the head**

Devotional gestures include

Lighting votive candles, **Kneeling** before images, **Signing with the Cross, Bowing**
Venerating or touching a Crucifix/sacred image

Action praying, as total body and mind prayer, is never rushed. During Holy Week many new visitors mentioned St Casimir's prayer-filled, inspiring environment. Praying together needs to mirror the church's architecture to build people's faith. See 1Cor 14:24-25. More on this soon.

How mindfully reverent is your action prayer? How well do you know their meaning and purpose?

TABLE GRACE:

Continue "joyfully and with sincerity of heart" to break a slice of bread at your daily meals in honor of the Risen Jesus.

Pray: *They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.*

See Acts 2:46



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FAITHFUL
FLOWERS
PROCESSION

Youth carry potted Spring flowers of love and hope as they follow Jesus' Holy Thursday journey to jail represented by the Repository.

Pic by C Lewandowski

PTL! and thanks to God for organists, Robert Winkler and Andrei Kowtalo, who kept us on the right spiritual track this past Holy Week & Easter. Praise Jesus too, for WNY's Polish Heritage Dancers' commitment to St Casimir's prayerful, inspiring, and beautiful Event Worship.
Christ is risen!



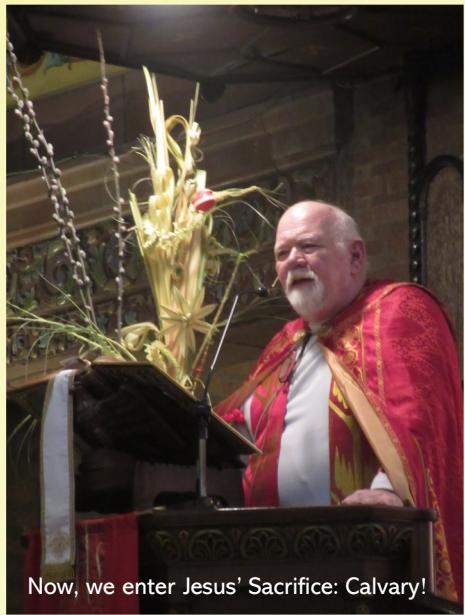
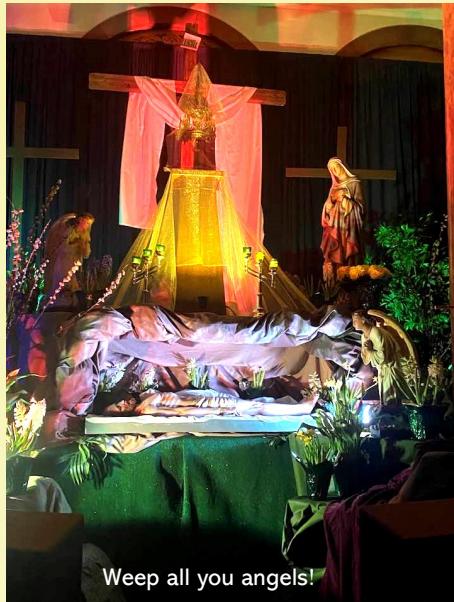
On Holy Thursday evening until midnight, over 900 people making the annual 7 Church Pilgrimage stopped by St Casimir Church. It's the largest single movement of teens, 20-somethings and young families of the entire year. Each participant received a 7 Church Scriptural guide.

The Repository (pic right) depicts St Albert Chmielowski's painting "Behold the Man." Jesus is severely scourged, tied with a rope, crowned with thorns, and condemned by political and religious leadership to public mockery and execution. St Albert completed this work as he was recovering from debilitating depression.



He is Risen Indeed!

HOLY WEEK & THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM: Rehearsal for every Sunday Mass of the Year



Family Easter Basket: symbolic foods shared at the Resurrection festival meal. Domestic church at its best.



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EUCARIST IS PROFOUND GRATITUDE

PRAY-ERS, especially the record number of teens, 20-somethings leading loved ones and friends to follow Jesus this Holy Week were sacrifices, some motivated by St Casimir's crisis, others inspired by the church's landmark spirituality.

FINANCIAL CRISIS IS REAL: Core membership, Friends, visitors have begun to generously respond. Report today after Mass.

ST JOSEPH HELPERS are the blood, sweat, tears, passion, and therefore sacrifice, inspiring many who "never before came to St Casimir's." Some left saying, "It's so easy to pray in this church," "I've never seen (celebrated) anything like this," or "We're going to start coming here with my family each Sunday." This is why St Casimir's is a Free Standing Church.

EASTER FLOWER ECO-SPIRITUALITY AND MEMORIALS listed on insert page.

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WE DON'T GO TO CHURCH TO GET HOLY COMMUNION

We go to Mass, however, to become Holy Communion in Jesus' Body for a broken world. How does this happen? The priest leads us, carrying our own sacrifices, into Jesus' own sacrifice.

It begins with the priest calling for our silent prayers and saying, "Let us pray." His hands gather (Opening Prayer of the Mass is called the "collect") raising the deepest desires, hopes and needs of our hearts before Jesus' heavenly throne.

Through him we bond even more intensely in the Eucharistic Prayer, the Church's greatest prayer. Then, hear the call, "Lift up your hearts! Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

Together, with the priest, bearing our sacrifices into the dwelling of the saints and angels, thrones and dominions, we boldly join in singing Isaiah's celestial vision hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy...." Hearing the words, "On the night before He suffered, Jesus took bread...", through the Holy Spirit, we enter the very crucible of Jesus' execution and death.

What sacrifices do we bring here? Our weaknesses, wounded hearts, disappointments, anxieties, fears, failures, broken promises, pain, rejection, tears, trauma, tragedies, all part and parcel of personal blood, sweat, and tears – our daily crosses.

We also present joy, gratitude, service to the marginalized, fervent daily prayer, and the love of "Thy will be done."

Entering Calvary, we kneel in profound adoration with bowed heads as the priest repeats Jesus' words, "My Body given up for you.... My Blood poured out for you." Having dropped our sacrifices into the anointed hands of the priest we courageously acclaim: "By Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free!" The broken bread and spilled Blood of Jesus' Holy Communion is our eternal Resurrection. This is the "dough" and the "wine" of real presence: God's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The priest re-presents Calvary and the Empty Tomb for us. He begs us, "Pray that *my sacrifice and yours* be acceptable to God" (improved 2011 translation). Mystically the Holy Eucharist captures the sacrifices we bring to Mass, uniting them with Jesus' excruciating Passion, Death, & once-and-for-all victorious Resurrection.

One of the fifty National Eucharistic Revival preachers, Father Jonathan Meyers of Guilford, Indiana, puts it this way, "We need the representation of Calvary because we need to take our sufferings and trials there so we know we're not alone, that there's a place we can go in our isolation, brokenness, and addiction and can unite it to Christ. And, this is not just me thinking about Jesus and that He did that one time in history. He allows us to continue to enter into it because we're all broken, and every day that brokenness continues, and the brokenness of the world continues."

Reflection compiled by Fr Czesław. During Event Worship homily worshipers submitted written responses to his question, "What sacrifice do you bring to today's Mass." Divine Mercy Sunday 2024.



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