

# Park Ridge Community Church

MAY 2026

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**MEMORIAL DAY**

“BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”

### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

The office is closed from 12-12:30 pm for lunch.

*Pastors' Days off are Fridays and Saturdays.  
Please only contact in an emergency.*

# Just Love

### MAY 3 - Just Love: Your Community

Romans 14:13-19; Luke 5:17-20

**ONE SERVICE 10 am;** Holy Communion

My Communion;

11 am Annual Meeting w/ luncheon to follow

### MAY 10: Just Love: Your Family

Romans 12:9-21; Luke 7:11-17

Mother's Day

### May 17: Just Love: Your Purpose

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Luke 9:1-6

Graduate Sunday; Pastor Mollie preaching

### May 24: Just Love: On Fire!

PENTECOST; First Outdoor 8:30 Worship

1 Corinthians 12:14-26; Acts 2:1-21

### May 31: Just Love: Justly!

1 Corinthians 13; Luke 16:19-31

Stephen Ministers' & New Leaders'  
Commissioning





# The Pastor's Note

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
[pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)



## Keeping Perspective

I took a walk with God today. Through the woods, where I wasn't sure where I was going. Yet slowing down, breathing deeply, I felt honored to walk the path with our Almighty God. During our walk, I noticed some of the things I might not otherwise: a bee buzzing, a very tiny frog leaping, the acorns and butterflies. I prayed as I walked, hoping God would speak. I apologized for all the times I have walked without listening. In that space, I felt God's accompaniment, opening my eyes, opening my ears, and opening my mind, as I considered and dreamed of the year ahead.

It seems pretty bold to say definitively that I feel God has given me a vision for the future. My soul rebuffs that kind of hubrice. Yet, I **do** feel that God has given me a vision for our shared future and to not say so feels dishonest. We are about to celebrate another year together, a year full of changes - some slight and some significant. We have experienced growth, but even more, I feel like God has been preparing the soil of what's been planted to experience growth beyond our wildest dreams. In many ways we have done what Park Ridge Community Church has always done. We have been "that church" that has continually sought out justice, served the community and been a little out of place in the Park Ridge milieu. And yet, God continues to move, continues to speak, continues to inspire.

We are beginning the season of preparing. We are looking backwards at 2025-2026 and analyzing what resonated and what didn't. We are looking forward to what is needed, what's been missing, and what we could do better. We are currently designing a Church-wide survey to help guide our Board for these next few years. Please share your thoughts, your input, your feedback because we are genuinely striving to meet your needs. (this will hit your inbox in June)

But, as we reflect, plan and dream...I hope you too will try and walk with God. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit that nudge you about what's been missing. Pay attention to the things you find your soul longing to hear. Do we need more opportunities to connect heart to heart? Should we bring in more outside voices or devote more time to listen to one another? or both? When you look at the world and listen to your friends...what do you notice?

I have been so disappointed by elected officials, and I have been simultaneously inspired by local grassroots uprising, whether it's an alarm about another sibling killed in ICE custody or a Bible Study conversation about ways we can take action or protests growing around the country.

We are in the Eastertide season (50 days after Easter) for most of May, and we will ponder the question of whether or not the resurrection really matters. What changes? As people who profess to follow a Risen Lord, we must be about the work of shining light into the darkness and being witness to how God continues to show up in the world...including through our actions as Co-Conspirators in the revolution of Life in spite of death. So, let us continue to show up, pray up, serve generously, and combat the forces of injustice and oppression as we see them!

# Board Report



Hello,

Wow this year is flying by! Thank you to our staff and all those who helped make our Easter so impactful and meaningful to our members and all those who joined us during the week. We are blessed to have all the prayers, services, and beautiful music at the heart of our church and for all those who give of themselves to share God's grace with us all!

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee held our regularly scheduled monthly meeting in April. We continue to pursue our annual goals:

1. Engaging Our Church Body
  - a. Growing in Numbers of Active Members
  - b. Engaging the Faith of all ages - in Love of God and Love of Neighbor
  - c. Empowering Ministry Involvement/Leadership
  - d. Meaningful Connections - Small Group
  - e. Encouraging "Sweat Equity"
2. Invitation into Faithful Fellowship
  - a. To Build Our Connections with one another
  - b. Clarifying Our identity & What PRCC is about
  - c. Projecting Our Values Outward to Invite Others In
  - d. Broaden Our Impact on the World
3. Updating Our Resources to Facilitate Ministry
  - a. Teaching Faithful Stewardship
  - b. Building a Foundation for Generations to Come
  - c. Investing in Safe and Welcoming Spaces
  - d. Updating our Technology

As we prepare for this year's annual meeting thank you to all who served our church and our community through our church this year. PRCC has done so much good and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve with each of you as we bring God's light to our world. This is an amazing church with so much good to do for our world and I look forward to the years ahead as we continue to work together for God's people. We have the Pastors, the leaders, and the people to expand our mission. Please join me in congratulating, supporting, and praying for Colleen Moriarty as she takes over the Church Chair position. She has a huge heart for PRCC and will do a great job working with you and the rest of our church leadership to keep us growing and going for God!

Peace and Love to All,

*Dan Smith*

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH



# Connected by Love.

May 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM

"ABOVE ALL, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH LOVE,  
WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN PERFECT  
HARMONY."  
COL. 3:14

## **ANNUAL MEETING 2026**

- ♥ **Written Reports from EVERY Ministry**
- ♥ **Vote on Nominating Committee Slate**
- ♥ **Reports from Chair, Trustees, and Finance**
- ♥ **Hear about NEW initiatives/goals**
- ♥ **All Church Luncheon!**

[View Annual Report Here](#)

# stephen MINISTRY

**By: Laura Sissman**

*John 15:12: "This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you."*

PRCC began a Stephen Ministry program in 1994. Our beloved Ginny Feurer was a founding Stephen Minister and Leader. Ginny's compassionate heart, listening ear and love to help others helped develop and grow our Stephen Ministry program.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers meet with care receivers on a weekly basis to listen, care, pray, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister is a confidant, someone who you can freely share your thoughts and feelings with.

In January our Stephen Leaders began Stephen Ministry training classes for members of our congregation, Redeemer Church of Park Ridge and Glenview Community Church.

Each of the Stephen Minister trainees will complete over 50 hours of specialized training to enable them to offer comfort and hope in times of need and help you better work through life events.

The presence of God was felt through the trainees, their friendships, their sharing and caring spirits. As a Stephen Leader I am blessed to share this Stephen Ministry journey, training new Stephen Ministers for a caring relationship, to listen and walk beside others as a Christian friend.

Please join us on Sunday, May 31st, at the 10:00 am service to commission and celebrate our 8 new Stephen Ministers.

Christin Anzalotti, Julie Bruno, Georgia Delis, Sharon Kemerer, Lauri McCleneghan, Shawna Moorad, Sharon Peterson, and Pastor Dan Quest.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you find yourself in need of someone to walk beside you through a life event, please reach out to a Pastor or any Stephen Leader.

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**Liz Swanson:** liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

# May Birthdays!



05/01 Marc Erlandson  
 05/01 Emmitt Tone  
 05/02 Dale Reynolds  
 05/03 Kate Joyce  
 05/03 Nick Laudadio  
 05/04 Zaryn Gaby  
 05/05 Mark Holihan  
 05/05 Mariela Thompson  
 05/06 Reese McCuffey  
 05/07 John Weber  
 05/08 David Black  
 05/09 Abbey Bernardo  
 05/10 Bill Williams

05/12 Sarah McCarty  
 05/13 Massie Bernardo  
 05/14 Addison Anderson  
 05/14 Katie Collins  
 05/14 Theresa Egan  
 05/14 Sawyer Good  
 05/14 Sydney Hollingsworth  
 05/15 Layla Chacko  
 05/16 Henry Born  
 05/17 Edde Young  
 05/18 Ella DiCristofano  
 05/19 Kathy Logan  
 05/20 Amanda Hogle

05/20 Katie Reboletti  
 05/23 Kristin Krizman  
 05/24 Heather Mehrabian  
 05/25 Arlyn Reter  
 05/26 Zaiden Gilliam  
 05/28 Megan Thomas  
 05/29 Sue Cocagne  
 05/29 Harper Good  
 05/30 Deuce Hill  
 05/30 Rae Hill  
 05/30 Ann Swindell

## MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> 10 am ONE Service 11:15 Annual Mtg. 12:00 pm Luncheon 3:00 pm Staff Retreat (offsite)	4 6 pm Children's Ministry 7 pm Trustees	5 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training	6 10 am Staff Meeting 10 am AA Meeting 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study	7 9 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 Lincoln Park Cooking 6 pm Outreach Mtg. 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8	9 1-4 pm Youth Car Wash
10 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30 am Chapel Worship 10 am Sanctuary Worship 11:30 am Loving Lunches	11 7 pm Yoga	12 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	13 10 am Staff Mtg. 10 am AA Meeting 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	14 9 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15	16
17 <b>GRADUATE SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am Chapel Worship 10 am Sanctuary Worship 11:30 am School's Out Carnival 3 pm Romeo Open House 3 pm Sunday Night Supper	18 5:30 pm Finance 6:30 pm Executive Comm 7 pm Yoga 7:30 pm Board of Directors	19 10:15am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training	20 10 am Staff Mtg. 10 am AA Mtg. 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	21 9 am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	22	23
24 8:30 am Chapel Service 10 am Worship Service 6:30 pm Parade Prep Party	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!!</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	27 10 am Staff Mtg 10 am AA Mtg. 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Bible Study	28 9 am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	29	30
31 8:30 am Chapel Service 10:00 am Worship Service	<p><i>If you notice an error on the calendar, please share that information with <a href="mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org">office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org</a>.</i></p>					

# Park Ridge MEMORIAL DAY Parade!

WALK WITH US IN THE  
PARK RIDGE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

**May 24: Parade Prep Party:** 6:30 pm, Carriage House Driveway  
**May 25: Parade Day!** Line up time and place TBD

**SIGN UP HERE!**

**OUR THEME: "LOVE IS IN THE AIR"**



- BRING NON-CHOCOLATE CANDY
- WEAR YOUR PRCC SHIRT!
- FUN & CREATIVE SIGNS WELCOMED

# Volunteer Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of many extraordinary volunteers whose contributions are making a difference at PRCC!

## This month we recognize Siri Nelson



This month we recognize Siri Nelson! Hard to say when Siri joined PRCC because she has been here FOREVER! Siri and her husband Scott raised their three children, Kate, Kyrie and Zach, at PRCC.

Siri is synonymous with PRCC and the spirit of serving. Siri has played many roles over the years, most serving our PRCC children and as a Deacon. Most recently Siri rallied the Deacons and her family to jump in and help. PRCC was packed on Easter Sunday! All were welcome to the Easter brunch Siri orchestrated! Many people attended and enjoyed the fellowship.

Thank you Siri for organizing a beautiful Easter morning brunch. It was enjoyed by all!

## Kindred Spirits Café

**Tuesdays at 12:00 pm**

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each week in Jordan Hall! Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our May plans. Contact Sarah to be added to our email list:

sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



## Knitting Knights

**Monday, June 1 @ 7 pm**



The Knitting Knights will be meeting Monday, June 1 at 7pm in Jordan Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us! We will be working on the Red Scarf Project which is a way to show support for students in the foster care system. The handmade red scarves are included in Valentine's Day care packages and can offer warmth and encouragement to a foster student. If you'd like more details about this project or Knitting Knights, please reach out to Liz Swanson



**May 5:** Celebrate May Birthdays

**May 12:** Just Love Heart Craft

**May 19:** Flower Potting Fun

**May 26:** Bingo!

## Mens Breakfast

**Thursdays at 9 am**

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda!

All are welcome! [Join us on Zoom!](#)

# MEET THE MUSICIANS SARAH HIBBARD



Sarah Hibbard has been singing soprano with our Chancel Choir for decades (since 2004)! As the Soprano section leader, her solos often have enhanced our Good Friday requiems, Christmas cantatas, and Sunday morning service. She has completed her doctorate. Some of her singing accomplishment include being a Soloist with NY Philharmonic, singing in Santa Fe, and with the Haifa Symphony in Israel. Sarah's favorite styles of music are music theater and opera jazz. Her favorite hymn is *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*. Her favorite choir anthem is *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson. Her favorite choir memory is of the crazy conductor in Belgium with the teeth. Sarah

has raised her daughter Alex at PRCC, who will be married here next year. She and her husband Bob participated in the Greece trip and Mardi Gras/Carnival fundraisers. She recently became an official member at our April New Member Sunday, and is truly a blessing to the music ministry and life of Park Ridge Community Church!

**Bells On High Practice: Thursdays, 6:30 pm & Chancel Choir**

**Practice: Thursdays, 7:30 pm**

**Youth Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm**



## Creation Care News!

Hooray, starting May 1, the City of Park Ridge is now including food scraps (AKA compost) as part of its yard waste collection. Through its new hauler, S.B.C., you can put food scraps in your yard waste container. And compost will still be collected at the City Parking lots at the downtown and Dee Road train stations. Here are the items that will be collected in the yard waste/ food scrap container:

- produce, coffee grounds, paper filters, eggshells, tea bags, meat, seafood, dairy, bones, shells bakery/grocery items including all types of bread/bakery waste, post-dated items, dry baked goods yard waste Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, cut flowers, small branches, trimmings, certified compostable products, bags, cups, service ware, and soiled paper

Other good news not only is the City of Park Ridge taking care of the Earth, they are also saving money on this new long-term hauling contract.



# Outreach News

## Help the Hawaii Flood Relief!

Throughout the month of May, we invite our congregation to join in supporting our wider United Church of Christ family in Hawai'i as they recover from recent devastating flooding. Communities are working to rebuild homes, restore ministries, and care for neighbors in need—and our support can make a meaningful difference.



**Our Christian Outreach Team has committed \$500 to this effort as a sign of our shared compassion and connection across the wider church. Now, we invite you to help us match—or even exceed—that gift as a congregation! Every contribution, large or small, is a powerful expression of God's love in action.**

Let's come together to extend hope, healing, and solidarity to our siblings in Christ. You may give throughout the month of May by marking your donation "UCC Hawaii Flood Relief" online or by placing a check in the offering plate or in the church office.

Together, we can go above and beyond. Thank you for being a church that shows up with generosity and heart.



### Hawaii Flood Appeal – United Church of Christ

In late March 2026, Hawaii experienced back-to-back storms known as Kona Lows that caused severe flooding across the Hawaiian Islands. This flooding represents the worst flooding that Hawaii has seen in more than 20 years. The Governor of Hawaii estimates the damages from these storms at over \$1 billion, including damage to airports, schools, roads, homes, and a Maui hospital in Kula. While the immediate threat of further flooding has passed, the long road to recovery is just beginning. [Learn more on the United Church of Christ website!](#)

# Outreach News



## Lincoln Park Community Shelter

**MAY 7**

We prepare and cook a healthy meal for approximately 35 adults who are experiencing homelessness on the first Thursday of each month. Our prep/cook time is 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. SIGN UP if you are available to help. We need 3 people to prep/cook and 1 person to deliver the prepared meal to Lincoln Park.



## Loving Lunches

**MAY 10**

Help pack lunches for those in need with Loving Lunches! Please SIGN UP HERE to help assemble 160 lunches or supply items. The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit using our Committee budget (the bread is generously donated). We are always in need of items for the lunches: individual chips, granola bars, juice boxes, and baggies.



## **Ronald McDonald House**

**MAY 13**

The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunches quarterly for the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Let Kathy Erlandson know if you wish to help that day. You are always welcome to contribute food/snacks for families of children undergoing treatment; please use their WISHLIST.



## **Sunday Night Supper**

**MAY 17**

We will prepare a healthy meal for 50 people in the PRCC Kitchen on May 17th and serve it at Park Ridge United Methodist Church. **We'd like to give a shout out and big THANK YOU to City BBQ in Park Ridge that has graciously donated BBQ pork to serve 50+ people** as our entree and we will supplement that with other picnic-themed side dishes.

JOIN US for a meeting and see what we're all about!

Our next meeting is Thursday, MAY 7th at 6:00 pm in the PRCC Parlor.

EMAIL US at [outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) with questions or suggestions.

# Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry



## Sunday School News

April was an amazing month in Sunday School! We began with a joyful celebration of Easter, including our Easter egg hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny, and then kicked off our My Communion class. Throughout the month, our Sunday School kids celebrated Easter through hands-on activities and were reminded that Jesus is always with us. A group of volunteers also headed to Bernie's Book Bank to prepare books for at risk youth! It was a meaningful and joy-filled time for everyone involved.

As we head into May, we're excited to recognize our My Communion students on May 3! We'll also wrap up Sunday School with a Mother's Day Kids Club on May 10 and celebrate a wonderful year at our School's Out Carnival on May 17, complete with games and a bounce house. We can't wait to celebrate all that this year has brought and enjoy these special moments together.

## MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ✿ 3: SUNDAY SCHOOL-THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 MY COMMUNION RECOGNITION  
 ANNUAL MEETING
- ✿ 10: MOTHER'S DAY KIDS CLUB & SUNDAY  
 SCHOOL WRAP UP
- ✿ 17: SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL
- ✿ 24: OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS



# Children's Ministry



Volunteers  
needed



Register today for True North VBS—  
an exciting, hands-on week where  
kids will explore what it means to  
trust Jesus in a wild world! With  
engaging Bible stories, science  
experiments, crafts, and high-  
energy activities, it's a week your  
child won't want to miss.

[Sign up here](#)

Interested in volunteering? We'd love your  
help—please reach out to  
[morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)  
to get involved!



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH

# CLEAN CARS = CHECKED BAGS!

50 PEOPLE. LOTS OF BAGS. 1 MISSION.

**MAY 9 | 1:00-4:00 PM**  
**PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH LOT**

Support the PRCC Youth Service Team with a donation based car wash. All funds will help cover the expense of transporting our luggage and supplies to Portland, OR this June!



# portland

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
 YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026

42 youth and 8 adults are heading to Portland, Oregon June 7-13 for a week of service with Praying Pelican! They will be working in the city and learning about housing insecurity and how environmental issues are affecting the coast!

The group will be flying and needs support getting baggage to and from! Come on out and get your car washed to help the group!



Congratulations to our Confirmands!  
 Layla Chacko, Archer Geye, Deuce Hill, Rae Hill, El McCarty, Owen Smith



# PRCC Youth

6TH-12TH GRADES

# Graduation Sunday

## HIGH SCHOOL & HIGHER ED GRADUATES!

We want to celebrate you and bless you in your next adventure on Sunday, May 17th.

Email Pastor Mollie a photo of you, where you're graduating from, degree info, and where your next adventure will be!

Please share by May 9th.  
We are so proud of you!



**Wednesdays**  
**2:30 - 3:30 pm**

Open gym and homework time!  
All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

**WW will conclude on May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**for the school year!**



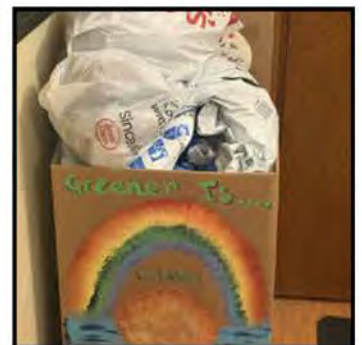
### MAY:

- 3- STAY IN WORSHIP / HOLY COMMUNION
- 10- WHO ARE YOU
- 17- LAST CLASS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR / LIVE OUT LOVE



# Celebrating Our Story

## Photos from April





Order T-shirts  
and yard signs here



**JUNE 5TH**  
**4:00-8:00 PM**  
**Hodges Park**

live music / food trucks/ vendors  
inflatables & facepaint 4-6 PM  
guest speakers @ 6 PM  
drag show @ 7 PM

Sponsors and Volunteers needed!! For more information, go to  
[www.prideinparkridge.com](http://www.prideinparkridge.com)

# Our Prayer Ministry

As we enter May and welcome the fullness of spring, we rejoice in the renewing power of God's Spirit moving all around us. In this season of Pentecost, we give thanks that the Holy Spirit continues to breathe new life into the Church—gathering us as one family of faith, inspiring us to celebrate one another's joys, and strengthening us to walk with compassion alongside those facing struggle, sorrow, and uncertainty. Surrounded by the beauty of creation and the promise of God's presence, we trust that every prayer is held in abiding love and grace. We especially remember those on our long-term prayer list:

**Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski, Greg Sarlo**

## Joys

- Charlie and Kym wish everyone a happy Easter!
- We continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, the joy of new life and the ways God persists in triumphing over evil and injustice!
- We celebrate our students and all of their accomplishments, and especially this week Maeve H., who won first place in her grade level for the Young Authors Contest at Roosevelt.
- We celebrate with Joey Figgins as he was one of seven students at Loyola inducted into the Neuroscience Honor Society.
- We give thanks for the successful surgeries this week for Susan, Cindy, and Kym and pray for God's healing grace in the recovery process for each of these.
- We celebrate the joy of adding 18 new members and the baptism of Ella McCarty this week!
- We celebrate our Confirmation Students' journeys and all who continue to walk alongside them!

## General Prayers

- We pray for a son who is beginning a new job. May he find success and fulfillment.
- We hold the Mauery family in prayer as they continue to face challenges, while also celebrating their daughter, Catherine's, upcoming graduation from her Master's Program.
- We pray for strength, clarity, and peace for the McGuffey family.
- Seth asks for prayers as he prepares for an overseas job search.

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS**  
*Through*  
**Christ**  
Philippians 4:13  
*who strengthens me.*



# Our Prayer Ministry

## Healing & Recovery

- We pray for Susan G. who will have knee surgery on Monday, April 6.
- We pray for Cindy K. as she prepares for hip replacement surgery on April 7.
- We hold in prayer Keith R.'s mom, Dottie, as she prepares to return home after a hospitalization.
- Jim M. asks for prayers for his beloved aunt who is hospitalized and awaiting a heart procedure, as well as for Viola in the Philippines, who is struggling with blood pressure issues
- We continue to pray for Winnie E. as she transitions home after a period in the hospital.
- We pray for Brian F.'s recovery from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Karen N. asks for prayers of peace and hope for her brother, Bron, as he navigates health concerns.
- We pray for Jimmy and Peter M.'s aunt, Carol, who is facing health challenges.
- We pray for a family member who is hospitalized struggling with alcohol abuse.
- We pray for Lisa as she recovers from her medical procedure.
- We pray for Paul, a friend of Janet J.'s, who is home after a long hospitalization, but is now struggling with depression.
- We pray for Julie B.'s friend, Holly, who has been struggling with illness.
- Sheila B. asks for continued prayers for her aunt, who has undergone several spinal surgeries and has now experienced a spinal stroke, which may leave her paralyzed.
- Grace C. asks for prayers for her cousin Mark G. who is awaiting a possible lung transplant.
- Shelley O. asks for prayers for her father, Fred, who is in the hospital.
- Blaire S. asks for prayers of peace and comfort for her neighbor, Kathleen, whose mother is entering end of life care.

## Life in the Resurrection

- We hold Sandra A. and family as her grandmother Carol Joshua entered Life in the Resurrection on March 30.
- We hold the Steele family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of their father and grandfather, Cecil Steele, as he entered into Life in the Resurrection on March 31.
- Our prayers are with the family and friends of Bill Madden, brother-in-law to Lois and Joe Z., who unexpectedly entered Life in the Resurrection on April 7.
- We pray for Rich S.'s friend, Bob, whose wife, Debbie, entered Life in the Resurrection unexpectedly last week.
- We hold in prayer dear friends of the Liz and Dave S., Franz, who drowned on a biking trip in South Africa. We pray for Franz's wife, Cyndi, as she faces this tragic loss as well as all of their loved ones.
- Julie B. asks for continued prayers for friends Kathy and Mike, who recently lost their son unexpectedly.
- We hold in prayer Janet J.'s friend, Barb, whose sister passed away unexpectedly in April.



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