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Folz, Riecker to be ordained as transitional deacons April 18



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Easter 2026

Pascua del 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On that first Easter morning, the angel proclaimed to the women at the tomb, "Do not be afraid. The Lord is risen." This message echoes down through the centuries to us today. Jesus has triumphed over the darkness that seemed to triumph over Him, and in Him we can do the same. Today, we are overshadowed by the darkness of troubling events in our country and around the world. Closer to home, we may experience the pain of economic struggles, conflict in our homes, serious illness or the loss of a loved one.

Yet, this darkness is pierced by light of the Risen Christ for by His passion, death and resurrection, He has overcome the powers of evil, sin and death. He has made all things new. On this Easter, may we be renewed, so that, like Mary Magdalene, we be witnesses to the new life and hope that the resurrection brings. Let us not be afraid to proclaim His message of hope and peace to our world so much in need of it. Let us not be afraid to be known as His disciples and to live and share our faith actively and fully.

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo:

En aquella primera mañana de Pascua, el ángel proclamó a las mujeres junto al sepulcro: "No teman. El Señor ha resucitado." Este mensaje resuena a través de los siglos hasta llegar a nosotros hoy. Jesús ha triunfado sobre la oscuridad que parecía haber triunfado sobre Él, y en Él nosotros podemos hacer lo mismo. Hoy, nos vemos ensombrecidos por la oscuridad de acontecimientos inquietantes en nuestro país y en todo el mundo. Más cerca de nuestro hogar, tal vez experimentemos el dolor de las dificultades económicas, los conflictos en nuestros hogares, las enfermedades graves o la pérdida de un ser querido.

Sin embargo, esta oscuridad es atravesada por la luz de Cristo Resucitado, pues mediante su pasión, muerte y resurrección, Él ha vencido a los poderes del mal, del pecado y de la muerte. Él ha hecho nuevas todas las cosas. En esta Pascua, que seamos renovados para que, al igual que María Magdalena, seamos testigos de la nueva vida y de la esperanza que



OSV News photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

The risen Christ is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck, New York. Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, is April 5.

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Rogation Mass an annual observance in the life of the church

By JOHN ROHLF
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Parishioners and faithful from across the Diocese of Evansville gathered at St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run March 24 for the annual Rogation Mass.

The Rogation Mass, hosted by St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run and the Diocesan Office of Catholic Rural Life, celebrates the importance of farming and asks for God's blessings and mercy during the planting and harvesting seasons.

"I'd like to welcome you to our annual Rogation Day," Father John Boeglin, senior priest of the diocese and vicar for senior priests, said. "We resurrected this in 1988 and we've been going ever since."

Bishop Siegel celebrated the annual Mass. Father Boeglin and Father Ray Brenner concelebrated the Mass.

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The Message photo by John Rohlf

The procession into church occurs during the Litany of the Saints March 24 at the campus of St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run.