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A Good News Story

## Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

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### Q&A

What did Mary and Martha say to Jesus?

What did Jesus do before He raised Lazarus?

Read more about it in John 11

Two of Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus and asked for His help. Their brother Lazarus was very sick.

When Jesus received the message, He said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God."

Though Jesus loved Mary and her family very much, He did not leave until two more days had passed. He said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

But the disciples answered, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"

"Lazarus has died," said Jesus. "And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him."

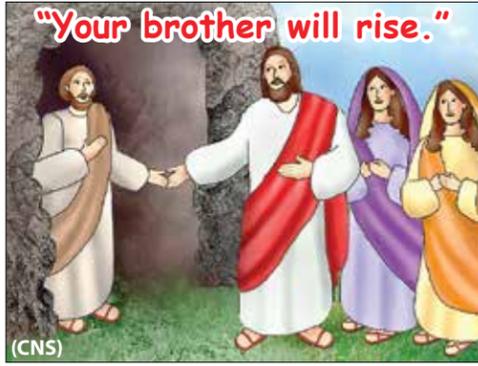
When Jesus and the disciples arrived, they learned that Lazarus had been in his tomb for four days.

Martha went out to meet Jesus, but Mary stayed home with the people who had come to comfort them after their brother's death.

When Martha saw Jesus, she said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

"Your brother will rise," Jesus said to her.

"I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the



### Bible Trivia

What acts of kindness had Mary done for Jesus? (Hint: Jn 11:2)

Answer: Anointed Him and dried His feet with her hair.

last day," Martha said.

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said. "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Martha went to bring her sister back to see Jesus. The visitors at the house came along with her. When Mary saw Jesus she said with tears in her eyes the same thing her sister had said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When everyone was in front of the tomb, Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

"Lord," said Martha, "by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

The stone was moved so that the entrance to the tomb no longer was blocked.

Jesus looked toward heaven and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me." Then he said with a loud commanding voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out, alive and well.

## Chili Champions

ELGIN—Three teams of students from St. Mary School were awarded for their cooking skills and creativity at Chili for Charity, an event held by the Knights of Columbus Council #654 on Feb. 25. The event draws dozens of chili cooks of all ages to compete and "bring the heat."

The St. Mary teams placed first, second and third in the children's division, each winning a "Great Chili Chef Award." Connor Lynch placed first in the children's division, winning \$50 and a traveling trophy for the school — and he also scored \$100 by winning third place overall.

Presentation makes the chilis memorable (and fun), and the winners each chose themes: superheroes and comics, park rangers and "Lilo and Stitch."



(Photo provided/ Carol Norman)

**Connor Lynch**  
1st place, children's division  
3rd place, overall



(Photos/ St. Mary School)

**Joel Lynch, Rachael Lynch, Clara Ochs**  
2nd place, children's division



**Norah Lynch, Eva Ochs**  
3rd place, children's division



(Photo provided/ Laurie Brown)

### St. Peter School Chooses Boy Bishop

GENEVA—During school Mass on Feb. 21, St. Peter Parish selected St. Peter School fourth-grade student Zavier Breugelmans as its seventh "boy bishop." Breugelmans (third from left), once vested, joined (from left) seminarian Ryan Nooraee; Father Jonathan Bakkelund, pastor; and Father John McFadden, parochial vicar, for a photo.

After the Mass, the school body processed from the church to the gymnasium where Breugelmans gave a short address, exhorting them to love Jesus and live Christian lives. The ceremony concluded with a blessing from the "bishop," followed by a celebration.

The "boy bishop" custom goes back to medieval times and was a Christmas practice, starting on the feast of St. Nicholas and ending on the feast of the Holy Innocents. The "boy bishop" would wear the vestments of a bishop, carry the crozier, and give homilies and blessings.

The February date was chosen to celebrate the parish patronal feast day on Feb. 22. The practice inspires vocations to the priesthood and reminds us to pray for our bishop.