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APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

(All times are Central Daylight Times (CDT) unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday:** 7:30 AM St. Nicholas (SN)
- Wednesday:** 7:30 AM St. Joseph (SJ)
- Thursday:** 7:30 AM Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)
- Saturday:** 5:00 PM St. Nicholas
- Sunday:** 7:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians
 [Livestreamed on our YouTube]
 9:00 AM St. Joseph
 11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**I AM THE GATE.
 WHOEVER ENTERS THROUGH ME
 WILL BE SAVED,
 AND WILL COME IN AND OUT
 AND WILL FIND PASTURE.
 —JOHN 10:9**

**I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD,
 SAYS THE LORD;
 I KNOW MY SHEEP,
 AND MINE KNOW ME.
 —JOHN 10:14**

Eucharistic Ministry Training

Come for Eucharistic Minister training on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Church.

Parish Events Calendar

Apr. 26 (Sunday) Fourth Sunday of Easter
 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Apr. 27 (Monday) Easter Weekday

Apr. 28 (Tuesday) Easter Weekday
 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
 St. Louis de Montfort, Priest

Apr. 29 (Wednesday) Easter Weekday
 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 SJ and MHC - Quilting
 Spanish Choir Practice 6 pm

Apr. 30 (Thursday) Easter Weekday
 St. Pius V, Pope

May 1 (Friday) Easter Weekday
 St. Joseph the Worker

May 2 (Saturday)
 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 May Crowning
 Blood Drive (SJ)

May 3 (Sunday) Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Ladies Spring Breakfast

Have a blessed week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now already the 4th Sunday of Easter, my mind and heart are still on the Easter Vigil mass. While it cannot capture the aura of the resurrection, the sole lighting of the Easter Candle followed by everyone lighting theirs from this one flame is a powerful symbol of how the news of the resurrection quickly captured all of Jerusalem. Peter is speaking to the Jews in Jerusalem shortly after the resurrection saying you crucified Jesus whom God has made both Lord and Christ. "Cut to the heart they were" the gospel says three thousand were baptized that day!

Ever wonder why the day that our Lord resurrected became known as Easter? For a very long time it was only known as "The Lord's Day." Every Sunday (First day of the week) was important to the early Christians because that is the day Jesus was raised from the dead. By the middle of the second century a single Sunday was being called "Paschal," meaning resurrection and it followed near the Jewish feast of Passover. But, wishing not to be the same date as the Jewish Passover, the church set it as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox. Thus, it is always moving. The word Easter, however, has its origins in Old English language of the Middle Ages and its meaning too was paschal.

While we are on a trivia hunt, the church celebrates Gaudete Sunday meaning joyful on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. On the 4th Sunday in Lent, it celebrates Laetare Sunday meaning joyful hope. On these two Sundays, the vestment color is Rose. What most people do not know is that the church calls the 3rd Sunday by a special name: Jubilate Sunday. It is named so by the first words of the Entrance Antiphon, Cry out with joy to God – Jubilate Deo in Latin. The 4th Sunday of Easter, which we celebrate today, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The back window to Mary Help of Christians Church beautifully portrays this.

Though time has caused all the lilies, daffodils, crocuses, and tulips to lose all their petals, very soon the peonies and lilies will be in full bloom. Nature is still resurrecting from the cold winter days. On our farm, this resurrection will continue long after Easter. However, all of us experience small resurrections throughout our lives: an old friend or child coming back home, a healing from cancer or the regaining of faculties from a stroke or accident, a relationship broken and now repaired, a child rising from the brokenness of addictions, or us simply renewed by the graces of the sacraments. All this was given to us through Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Deacon Jim

Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 2, 2026 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Annie Oxley
Sacristan: Anna Ward
Lector: Laura Kroll
Ushers: Bob Grundhoefer, Max Meyer,
Chad Schnieders, Liam Ward
Servers: Keith Kroll, Spencer Kroll
Greeters: LaVerne Grundhoefer, Marsha Grundhoefer

Sunday May 3, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Bryce Denning, John Kern
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stan Jochim
Ushers: John Becher, Jeff Dilger,
Brandon Hanloh, Brian Hanselman
Servers: Teagan Winchell, Trent Winchell
Greeters: Tami Nord, Tim Nord
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday May 3, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Kim Balbach, Martha Hagedorn,
Beverly Turnock, Cody Weyer
Sacristan: Tina Gehlhausen
Lectors: Aimee Arnold
Ushers: Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold,
Wayne Brinkman, Daryl Kast
Servers: Trevor Arnold, Matthew Schlachter
Greeters: Claire Brinkman, Susan Brinkman
CLOW: Saydee Arnold, Katrina Cochenour

Sunday May 3, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Guillermo Pozos, Amelia Marmolejo
Lectors: Diana Rico, Carmen Castillo
Ushers: Elias Perez, Lola Perez
Servers: Alex Rodriguez, Jessy Dubon, Diego Lara
Sacristan: Gela Lara

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and encourage parents to discuss vocations with their children.

In Need of Your Prayers

(Names will remain in bulletin for 3 weeks, please call the office after that if more time is needed.)

Jessie (Kern) Neireiter
Mike Guth

Stewardship of Treasure from 4/12/26

Parish Envelopes: 113

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$5,899

Mail Drop: \$630.00 Online: \$375.00

IRA: \$

Week Total: \$6,904

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 pm: no count

MHC 7:00 am: 145

SJ 9:00 am: no count

SJ 11:00 am: 202

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have pledged to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Our parish goal is \$133,625.00.
As of this weekend, our parish has \$81,659.00 pledged,
with \$73,687.38 collected.

Out of 633 families there have been only
181 families that have pledged.

If you haven't yet made your gift,
contact the Parish office for a pledge card.
Or you can make a check payable to CMA and
bring it to the office and we will fill out a card for you.

Your pledge is very much appreciated!

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 25 (5 pm) Alan Widmer, Matthew Weber

Sun., Apr. 26 (7 am) John Keller, Ray & Sylvia Kern Family

Sun., Apr. 26 (9 am) All Deceased SFA Parishioners

Sun., Apr. 26 (11 am) Familia Martinez Barco

Tue., Apr. 28 (7:30 am) Herb Dilger, Isaac Miller

Wed., Apr. 29 (7:30 am) Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Thurs., Apr. 30 (7:30 am) Annette Truax

Sat., May 2 (5 pm) Jim & Marilyn Seger, Tom Zuzzio

Sun., May 3 (7 am) Frank & Regina-Brockman Family

Sun., May 3 (9 am) Bernard & Estelle Wahl, Jim & Mickey Bittle

Sun., May 3 (11 am) Las benditas animas del Purgatorio

*If there is a funeral, the weekday Mass will be canceled for that day.
Please call the office to reschedule your Mass intention.
** Masses will only be scheduled 3 months in advance.*

Sign up This Weekend
All Ladies of St. Francis of Assisi
Spring Breakfast

Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.
at the Mariah Hill Parish Center

All ladies of St. Francis of Assisi are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship!

We will recognize the graduating seniors and their mothers.

Please bring a guest(s):
daughters, granddaughters, daughter-in-law's, mothers,
fellow SFA parishioner, or a special friend.

Sign up in back of church by April 27th or call/text Cindy Gogel 812-686-8933.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship
Deadline: May 4

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Knights of Columbus \$500 Scholarship is awarded annually to students entering the freshman class in a college or university undergraduate program leading to an associates or bachelor's degree. Included in this, as well, are students pursuing a two-year junior college or technical school program. To be eligible, an applicant must be a member in good standing of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information or to apply, please contact the Heritage Hills High School Guidance Office or email Brian Gehlhausen at bgehlhausen@gmail.com. The application is the same one used for applying to the K of C Fourth Degree \$500 Scholarship, which the applicant must be related to a K of C member at any of the parishes in Spencer County. All applications must be filled out and submitted by **May 4**.

Monte Cassino Shrine Pilgrimages
Service begin at 2:00 Central Time.

- May 3: Br. Chrysostom Sica, OSB: "Mary: Like Us"
- May 10: Br. Joel Blaize, OSB: "Regina Caeli: The Church's Easter Song to Mary"
- May 17: Br. Francis de Sales Wagner, OSB: "Our Lady of Peace"
- May 24: Br. Jude Angel Romero-Olivas, OSB: "Have You Discovered Your Gift from the Holy Spirit Yet?"
- May 31: Br. Gregory Morris, OSB: "Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit"

2026
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Graduation Mass
HONORING THE CLASS OF 2026
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, DALE
Sunday, MAY 17, 2026
AT 9:00 AM
RSVP: 937-2200 or tbrandes@evdio.org or scan QR

This Mass will celebrate high school, college, trade school, and military graduates!

Please check your calendars and let me know as soon as possible if you will be attending. The Knights of Columbus graciously host a delicious breakfast for this and we need to provide them an accurate guest count. Thank you!

Fatima, Lourdes & Spain Pilgrimage

with Fr. Mark O'Keefe, O.S.B.
December 6-18, 2026

For information or to make a reservation, contact Shannon Fuhs,
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