



# ST. JOSEPH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

#### DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

#### CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

#### ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

### STAFF

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GOOD  
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FOR HE  
FEEDS  
HIS FLOCK  
WITH HIS  
OWN BODY.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*

Exposition of the Gospel of Luke, 7.209

## Saturday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

## Sunday, April 26

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Jack Flaugher +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

## Monday, April 27

No Public Mass

## Tuesday, April 28

No Public Mass

## Wednesday, April 29

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault +

## Thursday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Greg Buckland +

## Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Fr. Spencer St. Louis

## Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Victoria Rios +

## Sunday, May 3

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond & Rose Mary  
Helm +



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 27 - Easter Weekday [4] -  
Acts 11:1-18 / Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Jn 10:11  
-18

Tues., Apr. 28 - Easter Weekday [4] -St.  
Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; St. Louis  
Grignon de Montfort, Priest - Acts 11:19  
-26 / Ps 87:1b-7 / Jn 10:22-30

Wed., April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin, Doctor of the Church - Acts  
12:24—13:5a / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Jn 12:44-  
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Thurs., April 30 - Easter Weekday [4] -  
St. Pius V, Pope - Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-  
3, 21-22, 25, 27 / Jn 13:16-20

Fri., May 1 - Easter Weekday [4] -St.  
Joseph the Worker - Acts 13:26-33 / Ps  
2:6-11b / Jn 14:1-6

Sat., May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church - Acts 13:44-52 / Ps  
98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14

Sun., May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter -  
Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / 1 Pt 2:4-  
9 / Jn 14:1-12

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2026

This weekend (April 25th/26th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, affectionately known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This secondary name comes from our Gospel reading, drawn from the tenth chapter of St. John, that gives the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. In this image, we are given a contrast between the true Shepherd, who calls His sheep by name, and the hireling who flees when the wolf comes.

This imagery of the Good Shepherd is meant both to be a comfort and a call to discernment. Jesus does not merely watch over us from a distance; He knows each of us individually. And, just as He knows us, we are, in turn, called to know Him and recognize His voice when He calls. This means that Easter isn't only about celebrating the Resurrection, but about discerning the true voice of the Risen Shepherd amid all the false voices that call out to us.

Why does this matter? Why make **Eastertide** so challenging? Because we are not meant to wander aimlessly in this life: **We have a Shepherd and we belong to a flock**. Jesus Christ has not only risen from the dead, He has gathered us together into His body, the Church. It is here that His voice is heard clearly and that His life is given to us in the Sacraments. This matters because there is only one voice that leads to eternal life and that voice is His.

What does it mean to live as a member of Christ's flock? This means being obedient to the voice of the Shepherd, trusting in His guidance, and keeping vigilant against the wolves that seek to kill and destroy. To follow after the Good Shepherd means being docile, not in the sense of weakness, but in the sense of being teachable, of being led. We do not chart our own course; we trust in and follow after the one who knows the way **because He is the Way**.

This also means cultivating a relationship with the Shepherd that is personal: He calls His sheep by name. Do we know His voice? Can we distinguish it from the voices of the world, the flesh, and the devil? To know His voice requires a daily prayer life, found both in the daily reading of Sacred Scripture and frequent reception of the Sacraments. It requires silence, so that we can hear His voice. It requires fidelity, so that when we hear Him, we respond.

As we continue through these next several weeks of **Eastertide**, let us ask the Good Shepherd for the grace to be good sheep. Pray for us, your priests, that we may shepherd faithfully in His name. Pray for those discerning vocations to the priesthood, that they respond to His call. And, finally, pray for the unity of His flock, that all who are scattered may be gathered into His Church, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd, now and forever.

## INDUCTION LOOP HEARING SYSTEM

As mentioned at Mass last weekend, one part of our renovation process has included the installation of an induction loop hearing system in the nave (body) of the Church. This system allows those with hearing aids or cochlear implants **equipped with a telecoil (T-coil)** to receive clear, direct sound from our audio system, helping ensure that all are able to hear and participate more fully in the sacred liturgy.

If your telecoil is turned off or if you are unsure whether your device has one, please speak with your hearing care provider to learn how to activate it and take full advantage of our new system. At this time, the signal is strongest when seated at the end of a pew closest to the center aisle and weaker toward the middle of the pews. A special **"Thank You!"** to local **Stylus Technologies** for their work as we continue to fine-tune this new system.

## INDUCTION LOOP HEARING SYSTEM

**"Thank You!"** to the many volunteers who helped tape and repair our hymnals. Over 15+ years, they have experienced significant wear and tear. While we will be exploring purchasing new hymnals in the near future, we are awaiting the approval of the new lectionary translation from our Bishops' Conference, expected later this year, before beginning this search.

~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

# FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—May 1, 2026

*Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass*

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)**

*Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.*

*Sign-up sheet in the back of Church.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Tues., May 5<sup>th</sup>

*Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Chapel.*

*The meeting starts in the gym at 7:00 PM.*

**All men in the Parish are welcome!**



### CONGRATULATION TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Magdalene “Maximillian”

Veronica “Lucia”

Andrew “Carlo”

Macy “Anne”

Isaac “Michael”

### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., April 25** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 26** - Last Religious Ed. Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., April 28** - **No Public Mass Today**
- **Wed., April 29** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., April 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., April 30** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 1** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Confession 3:00-3:45 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 2** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 3** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 5** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., May 6** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., May 6** - Parish Council 7:45 p.m. - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- **Thurs., May 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 7** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Sat., May 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 9** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 10** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKEND OF MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>



**MASS Cantors**  
 5:00 p.m. Sam Smith  
 7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



**LECTORS**  
 5:00 p.m. Carol Butler  
 7:30 a.m. Christie Felger  
 10:00 a.m. John Vanderkolk



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 5:00 p.m. Laurisa Sudhoff  
 7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey  
 10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



**Servers**  
 5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer  
 7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/Jackson Felger  
 10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Isaiah Bedwell

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

### Weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Adult Envelopes - \$1,706.00  
 Loose - \$234.00  
 Repair / Rainy Day - \$230.25  
 Easter Offering - \$40.25  
**Total - \$2,210.50**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are **\$885.84 behind** our budget for the month of April 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$532.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!  
 Thank you!*

To set up **Online Giving** through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:  
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 Scan the QR Code on the right:



Members of our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (plus two helpers)** packed 184 bags of food for the *Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today* 4H Program, helping to provide food for local children each weekend.



## TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

**Junior High/High School**  
 June 21<sup>st</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Grades 1-6**  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

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 - St. John Paul II

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**BECOME A KNIGHT**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Before you speak...

**THINK!**

T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?

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