

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

### BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

### MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

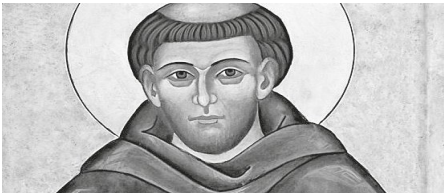
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3



## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

04-19-2026.....\$3,145  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$145  
 YTD Offertory.....\$154,543  
 Budget.....\$123,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$31,543  
 Food Pantry .....\$



**ACTS 2:14A, 36-41**  
**1 PETER 2:20B-25**  
**JOHN 10:1-10**

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen for his voice and follow him.

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 958

Hi everyone,

This week, The Church celebrates the 4th Sunday of Easter. Traditionally, this Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because we read about Christ being the shepherd of his sheep. This is one of the constant themes of the Old Testament. Since the shepherds of the people (the kings and priests) did not take care of the people, God Himself promised to do the job. I think this is a good moment to reflect on our shepherds in the Catholic Church. Anyone who reads the news should know by now that our shepherds are weak and sinful men. And yet, we know that Jesus directly willed that His Church be governed by such people. Today is a great day to pray for our shepherds, that they can be better images of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Fr. Rob

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### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

#### *Readings for the week of April 26, 2026*

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 ©LPi

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Chris and Zosima Operario
Sunday, April 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, April 27	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, April 28	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Wednesday, April 29	Noon Mass	+Neal Stidham
Thursday, April 30	Noon Mass	+Serafin Tanael
Friday, May 1	Noon Mass	+Nanette Schmidt
Saturday, May 2	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Cokley
Sunday, May 3	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Felina Tanael

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

### LAY MINISTRY - 04/26/2026

**Lector** - Joe Collins

**Lector Fill in Only** - MaShawna Jacobs

**Gift Bearer Server** - Joseph & Pia Mata

**Coffee & Donuts** - Joseph & Pia Mata

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** -

MaShawna Jacobs

### LAY MINISTRY - 05/03/2026

**Lector** - Joseph Mata

**Lector Fill in Only** - William Fleniken

**Gift Bearer Server** - MaShawna Jacobs

**Coffee & Donuts** - Todd & Sandra May

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** -

Pia Mata

### LAY MINISTRY - 05/10/2026

**Lector** - Sidney Cline

**Lector Fill in Only** - Benjamin Cline

**Gift Bearer Server** - Todd & Sandra May

**Coffee & Donuts** - Sidney & Valerie Cline

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** -

Sidney Cline

### LAY MINISTRY - 05/17/2026

**Lector** - Mary Jo Ratliff

**Lector Fill in Only** - Isabella Ramsey

**Gift Bearer Server** - Bob & Annice Welch

**Coffee & Donuts** - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** -

Theresa Dawahare

### VOLUNTEER LAWN CARE

#### OPPORTUNITY

#### *Lawn Care Volunteers Needed*

We are needing additional volunteers to help maintain our grounds. By volunteering, you will play a vital role in keeping our outdoor spaces attractive and welcoming for everyone.

#### *How to Get Involved*

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reach out to Dale Hamilton at (606) 213-3943 for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

### 2025 ANNUAL APPEAL RESULTS

*Congratulations and Thank You for Your Generosity!*

#### **Goal**

The target for 2025 Annual Appeal was set at \$7,175.00.

#### **Total Contributions**

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of everyone involved, a total of \$16,583.47 was collected. This amount exceeded the goal by \$9,408.47.

#### **Share Back Amount**

Our share back from the appeal will be \$4,704.24.

**ROSARY** - The first Saturday of each month at **noon**

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you. — Father John Muir ©LPi

### PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### *Blessing of the Good Shepherd*

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.  
Help me to know your voice and to respond.  
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead. Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters. Refresh my soul.  
Amen. ©LPi



Susie Johnson

Kallum Coleman, infant son of Skylar and Evan Coleman

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

### **VOTIVE CANDLES:**

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50