

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Faith Formation News Noticias de Formacion de Fe

Confirmation 2026

Church of Ss Peter and Paul

Marcos Daniel Rodriguez
Angelle Rocio Callejas Cortez
Mary Yuritzi Callejas
Denis Melgar Callejas
Yoselin M Perez Lopez
Carlos Leonardo Garcia Balleza
Ashley Jocelin Perez Lopez
Veyda Haler



Church of St. James

William Beckendorf
Rylan Besel
Jeremiah Fabian Escobedo
Edy Kael Garcia-Miranda
Gabriela Garcia-Miranda
Valencia Gonzalez
Leonard Nicholas Mathistad
James Robert Mortwedt
Zoey Elena Rayo
Huxley Michael Romsdahl
Ethyn Richard Steinle
Emmett Daniel Strum
Alis Nallely Ambrocio-Garril
Rudy Tadeo Ambrocio-Miranda
Sofia Guadalupe Carrillo
Christy Evely Cuellar-Perez
Franco Elizondo Garcia-Miranda
Zoe Sofia Gonzalez
Danny Miranda-Garcia
Dalia Miranda-Garcia
Sofia Miranda-Pascual
Sasha Nicole Olvera
Maryori Alejandra Rodriguez-Reyes
Dylan Xavier Sorto-Arguera
Romina Trejo-Esqueda
Yarethzy Vite



First Communion April 18 & 19, 2026

Church of St. Mary

Dannai Kamila Callejas-Melgar
Keith Grunwaldt
Kenia Paola Saravia-Torres
Carlos Alexis Estrada-Mendiola
Daniela Hernandez
Adan Francisco Lorenzo-Gabriel
Natalia Martina Lorenzo-Gabriel
Ryan Rocaal Ramirez-Juarez

St. Mary's School

Flower Fundraiser

Supplied by *The Greenhouse Total Landscape Supply*

Will be ready for pickup between May 7 - 8, in Madelia.

Call 507-642-3324 to place your order!

- Assorted Annuals \$35
- Geranium \$35
- Mixed Petunias \$30
- Trailing Petunia \$30

These would make the perfect Mother's Day gift!

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



April 26, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Donna Kirchner

Mass Intentions

We invite all of our brothers and sisters to submit Mass intention requests. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested for each Intention. Donations may be placed in the office drop box, in the collection basket during Mass, or given in person at the parish office. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Please note that Mass times and locations may change during this transitional period. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as we receive support from the Diocese and neighboring parishes.

Tengan en cuenta que los horarios y lugares de las misas pueden cambiar durante este período de transición. Les agradecemos su comprensión y flexibilidad mientras recibimos el apoyo de la diócesis y las parroquias vecinas.

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✠ Mass Schedule & Intentions: April 27 - May 3, 2026

Mon 27	No Mass		
Tues 28	No Mass		
Wed 29	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Jon Henry
Thur 30	No Mass		
Fri 1	No Mass		
Sat 2	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parish	✠ Karen Wihlm
Sun 3	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 3	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Mary Ermatingert
Sun 3	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Alejandro Hernandez-Alvarez

Liturgical Roles: May 2 & 3, 2026

Sat. 2 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Annika Hagen, David Hagen
Reader: Bob Yurcek
Ushers: Mark Klinkner

Sun. 3 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

Servers:
Reader: Nona Runge
Communion Ministers:
Ushers:

2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,967		
St. Mary	\$12,193		

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of April 19, 2026</i>	St. James	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	3,185	2,495
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	267,918	100,287
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	171,161	70,666



READINGS ***For the Week***

MONDAY April 27

Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1-18
 John 10:11-18

TUESDAY April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
 Acts 11:19-26
 John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 12:24-13:5a
 John 12:44-50

THURSDAY April 30

St. Pius V, Pope
 Acts 13:13-25
 John 13:16-20

FRIDAY May 1

St. Joseph the Worker
 Acts 13:26-33
 John 14:1-6

SATURDAY May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 13:44-52
 John 14:7-14

SUNDAY May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7
 1 Peter 2:4-9
 John 14:1-12





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have the image in our Scriptures this week of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and as the Gate to his sheepfold. Let's ponder our Gospel Reading, John 10:1-10:

“Jesus said: Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But 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. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.’ Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.’”

We are all pushed and pulled in many directions, but in the end, only one voice matters, that of the Good Shepherd. Let's pray for the grace to hear and heed this week the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Dobbs



Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En nuestras Escrituras de esta semana, tenemos la imagen de Jesús como el Buen Pastor y como la Puerta de su redil. Reflexionemos sobre nuestra lectura del Evangelio, Juan 10:1-10:

“Jesús dijo: En verdad, en verdad les digo: el que no entra por la puerta en el redil de las ovejas, sino que salta por otra parte, es un ladrón y un asaltante. Pero el que entra por la puerta es el pastor de las ovejas. El portero le abre, y las ovejas escuchan su voz; él llama a sus ovejas por su nombre y las saca fuera. Cuando ha sacado a todas las suyas, camina delante de ellas, y las ovejas lo siguen, porque reconocen su voz. Pero no seguirán a un extraño; huirán de él, porque no reconocen la voz de los extraños”. Aunque Jesús utilizó esta figura del lenguaje, los fariseos no comprendieron lo que él intentaba decirles.





Entonces Jesús volvió a decir: “En verdad, en verdad les digo: yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que vinieron antes de mí son ladrones y asaltantes, pero las ovejas no los escucharon. Yo soy la puerta. El que entre por mí se salvará; podrá entrar y salir, y encontrará pastos. El ladrón solo viene para robar, matar y destruir; yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia.”

Todos nos sentimos empujados y atraídos en muchas direcciones, pero, al final, solo una voz importa: la del Buen Pastor. Pidamos la gracia de escuchar y atender, durante esta semana, la voz del Buen Pastor.

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

P. Dobbs

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ April 26 - May 9, 2026

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2
<p>4th Sunday of Easter</p> 		<p>St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p>St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <p>Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Column on page 1 for details.</p>	<p> 4-29-26 Wellspring Coffee and Conversation <i>Watonwan County Library Meeting Room, St. James.</i> AARP of Minnesota Please RSVP at 507-375-1276</p>		<p>5th Sunday of Easter Vigil</p> 
Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
<p>5th Sunday of Easter</p>  <p>St. James St. James Historical Society Open House from 1pm-4pm <i>Come by and see us</i></p>		<p>St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p>St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <p>Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Column on page 1 for details.</p> <p>St. Mary CCW Meeting 5:30 pm in the Social Hall</p> <p>St. James/St. Mary Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm in Room 5</p>	<p>St. Mary's Flower Fundraiser Pickup Day</p>	<p>St. Mary's Flower Fundraiser Pickup Day</p>	<p>6th Sunday of Easter Vigil</p>

It is with our deepest condolences that Father James Anthony Berning Sr. passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN. Funeral will be held Thursday April 30, 2026 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church in Owatonna. Visitation will be held an hour before mass.

Obituary can be viewed on www.michaelsonfuneral.com/obituaries/james-berning-sr

Condolences may be sent out to Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 352, Adams, MN, 55909.

Con nuestro más profundo pesar, comunicamos que el Padre James Anthony Berning Sr. falleció el domingo 19 de abril de 2026 en el Fairview Care Center, en Dodge Center, MN. El funeral se celebrará el jueves 30 de abril de 2026 a las 11:00am. en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart Church), en Owatonna. El velorio tendrá lugar una hora antes de la misa.

El obituario puede consultarse en www.michaelsonfuneral.com/obituaries/james-berning-sr

Las condolencias pueden enviarse a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón, P.O. Box 352, Adams, MN, 55909.