

GOSPEL MEDITATION: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are

— Father John Muir

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**April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I write from the conference in Texas with 160 priests from the US and Canada; the theme is the Psalms. Focusing on Scripture is so good as we hear this Sunday Jesus opening their minds to the Scripture for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and then revealing himself in the 'breaking of bread', i.e. the Eucharist!

Let us look forward with prayer for our confirmation candidates and Bishop DeGrood coming next Sunday for a 2pm Mass at St. Johns. This 'time of grace' is manifest in baptisms at Martyr for Eli (Elijah) & Barrett (Riley) & Amy Reiss and Lindy Kreeger (Miles & Keva), at Dante for

Major James (Jordan & Misty Kocer) and at Wagner for McKenna Lu (Steve & Olivia Cotton). Due to 2pm Confirmation there will not be 3pm Divine Mercy Hour next Sunday at St. Johns. The usual Mass times will remain the same; all loose collection and any in the special envelopes will go to the annual "Home Missions Collection" next weekend. I anticipate powerful sharing from the speaker on human trafficking at the Light-house this Friday the 24th at 5:30 - open to all. We pray eternal life for Fr. Hal Barber, long time priest of our diocese.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim

PRAYING AMIDST GRIEF
With Father James Mason

This beautiful evening, featuring Father James Mason, will include presentations on how to find Jesus in grief and guidance on how to pray in the darkest moments. There will be space for prayerful reflection along with piano accompaniment. Please join us on Wednesday, July 15, starting at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1501 W 26th Street, Sioux Falls. Register to ensure enough materials are created for each participant. There is no cost to attend, however, a free-will donation will gladly be accepted. For more information, please call 605-988-3775 or visit <https://thelourdescenter.com/events/praying-amidst-grief-w-father-james-mason>



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to (or taken off) the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 22
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, April 24
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, April 25
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, April 26
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

UPCOMING EVENTS

Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 28
11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
Priestly Ordination
May 29
11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls



Please pray for those to be ordained and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: APRIL 19

- ◆ Saint Mark the Evangelist
- ◆ Lectio: Mark
- ◆ Via Lucis (Stations of the Resurrection)

34 SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	April 20	Easter Weekday	NO MASS
Tuesday	April 21	Easter Weekday/ St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	NO MASS
Wednesday	April 22	Easter Weekday	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Leonard & Ayrelo Farke †/ Rachel Soukup †
Thursday	April 23	Easter Weekday/ St. George, Martyr/St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Joe & Mary Geaghan †
Friday	April 24	Easter Weekday/ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors
Saturday	April 25	Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	9:00 a.m. - Martyr Convent	Poor Souls †
		Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jon Doom †
Sunday	April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Confirmandi
			2:00 p.m. - St. John's	Vocations

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT BROOM TREE

May 5 - Directed by Father Nick Hairar
"Lectio Divina: Hearing God's Voice in the Scriptures"

Beginning at 10am and ending at 3pm, these day-long retreats consist of two conferences and Mass as well as built in time for Adoration and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch is provided. The value of these retreats is \$50/person. We invite retreatants to prayerfully make a donation in response to graces received.

THE ROSARY, EXPLAINED

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

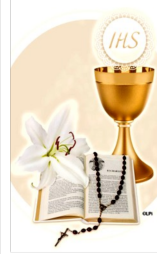
The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Mary's divided

into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

"Serve the Lord with gladness" <small>- Psalm 100</small>	Saturday, April 25 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, April 26 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, April 26 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Sunday, April 26 2:00 p.m. St. John's
EM	Bonnie Soukup/ Judy Barnett	Joe Sees	Alice	
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Buzz Durham	Joe Sees	Georgia/ Amy/ Georgia	Bonnie Soukup
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Easton Sees/ Hudson Sees	Nariah/ Tegan	McKinley Podzimek/ Clarah Soukup/ Jaylee Kafka
Music	Lisa Cihak	Marilee Krcil		Austin Genzlinger
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Don Krcil/ Volunteer	Riley R./ Dave. L.	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers
Greeters	Barb Johannsen		Judy	Dorothy Holzbauer
Gift Bearers	Lynn & Kim Soukup	Joe Sees Family	Andrea & Family	Jeff & Julie Doom
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal			
Sacristan	Ray Soukup			Ray Soukup
Collection Counters	Patty Eggers/ Dorothy Holzbauer	Karen Peters/ Josie Rezac	Jason/ Ridge	Paul Eggers/ Karol Kniffen



May God bless these young people of St. John's parish, Wagner, as they receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 18. May God also bless their parents and their faith formation teachers - Judy Barnett, Matt & Mieke Slaba - for guiding these young people on their faith journey!

Slider Davies,
Son of Josh & Jennifer Davies
Kenna Hanan,
Daughter of Mick & Kara Hanan
Owen Kuhlman,
Son of Chase & Erin Kuhlman
Chloe Payer,
Daughter of Clay & Traci Payer
Maci Soukup,
Daughter of Ryan Soukup & Taylor Fischer
Lalena Turner,
Daughter of Russell Turner, Jr.
Jentry Wiechmann,
Son of Josh & Lindsey Wiechmann



May God bless these young people of Assumption parish, Dante, as they receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 19. May God also bless their parents and their faith formation teacher, Danielle Krcil, for guiding these young people on their faith journey!

Kolt LaVern Koupal,
Son of Derek & Kristi Koupal
Naomi Josephine Krcil,
Daughter of Andrew & Andrea Krcil
Grace Uchtyl,
Daughter of Adam & Julie Uchtyl

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26, is Good Shepherd Sunday and also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
April 12	\$2085.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:	
Earmarked Donations	\$ 150.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 40.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 427.00
Donation	\$ 200.00
CCD Mass, April 8 *	\$ 108.00
*Earmarked for Ministerial Association	



With their parents and the St. Paul's parish family, we welcome, through the waters of Baptism, Elijah (Eli) Wesley Marshall and Barrett Ray Reiff. Elijah and Barrett are the sons of Amy & Riley Reiff and were baptized on Thursday, April 9, at St. Paul's. We rejoice in welcoming Elijah and Barrett to the family of God!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LUNCH**

Assumption Parish Dante will be celebrating First Holy Communion at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 19th, 2026. The parish is welcome to join us for lunch following and celebrate this special day.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, May 8
9:00 a.m.
Assumption CCD Center

FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION

Parishioners are invited to join the First Communicants and their families for supper in the church basement following the First Communion Mass!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who assisted with decorating the church for Easter, and thank you to those whose donations of Easter flowers/plants or cash to purchase Easter flowers/plants. Watch future bulletins for a complete list of donors and those honored by their donations.

ST. JOHN'S CFSA UPDATE

Donations/Pledges Received: \$35,437 (116.2%)
Goal Exceeded By: \$4,937
Level of Parish Participation: 33.8%
The \$4937 remains in the parish (as will additional donations received) without being counted/considered as parish income. Thank you to those who have already submitted your pledges and donations! If you have not already donated, your donation will increase our level of participation (we have had 7 fewer donations this year than last year) as well as the amount to remain in the parish.



JUNE 1 BIG STONE CITY
JUNE 8 PIERRE

Bass & Walleye Tournament
Meet Our Seminarists
Mass with Bishop DeGroot
Social & Kid's Activities
Outdoor Prime Rib Dinner
Silent Auction & Cash Raffles
Knights of Columbus Challenge

Benefiting Seminarian
Education & Formation

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

High School Seniors: The deadline for submitting applications for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship is May 1. Seniors are asked to contact Theresa Koupal or Jamie Soukup to have a copy of the scholarship application emailed to them. Completed applications must be emailed to Jamie Soukup by May 1.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage to overcome all obstacles to their vocation in life. Give their parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Please pray for our priests and for an increase in vocations!



Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

April 22: Denise Soukup (SJ), Lisa Schoenfelder (SJ), Nolan Carda (SJ); April 23: Thomas Krcil (A); April 24: McKayla Krcil (A); April 25: Tammy Stone (SJ); April 26: Kathy Leibel (SJ).

Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

April 20: Don & Delores Kotab (A); April 21: Paul & Jessica Kuhlman (SJ); April 23: Russell & Marlene Stone (A); April 24: Clarence & Lillian Bartunek (A), Dick & DeElla Soukup (SJ); April 25: Leonard & Marcy Bares (A), Ron & Denise Soukup.

Also, Happy Anniversary to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week!



May God bless these young people as they prepare for their high school graduation and embark on their future endeavors. They will be honored at Masses in the coming weeks.

St. John the Baptist, Wagner - Saturday, May 2

Leighton Carda,
Son of Mike Carda & Gina Carda

Addison Cuka,
Daughter of Tyler & Larissa Cuka

Matthew Kokes,
Son of Jay & Lori Kokes

Shana Lensing,
Daughter of Ron & Trish Lensing

Slaten Podzimek,
Son of Jenni Soukup

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dante - Sunday, May 3

Kaden Anthony Mixon,
Son of Shawn & Penny Mixon

Katherine Swier,
Daughter of Scott & Theresa Swier

St. Paul's, Marty - Sunday, May 17

Kalea Kuhlman,
Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman

Ryann Langdeaux,
Daughter of George & Tana Langdeaux

**LOOKING AHEAD
Monday, April 20**

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Tuesday, April 21

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Wednesday, April 22

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following
Adult Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's

Thursday, April 23

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at GSC/Daily Rosary Following

Friday, March April 24

Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Adoration at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Benediction at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Saturday, April 25

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Marty Convent
Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's
Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Sunday, April 26

Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
Confirmation Mass at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's/Reception Following in Church Basement

BLESSING FOR THE WAY

*Dear Lord,
As we journey through life, journey with us. As we wrestle with uncertainty, comfort us with your presence. Through distances, walk alongside us. Bless us with your companionship, your prayer, your sacred presence in the Eucharist. Amen.*

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Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to be confirmed on Sunday, April 26, at St. John's.



St. Paul's, Marty

Teacher: Amy Doom

Bennett Kuhlman, Son of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman
Braxton Nedved, Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved
Eli Marshall, Son of Riley & Amy Reiff
Emma Kreeger, Daughter of Chad & Cathy Kreeger
Leo Mendoza, Son of Cecilia Mendoza
Ryann Langdeaux, Daughter of George & Tana Langdeaux

St. John's, Wagner

Teacher: Jamie Soukup

Jessica Barnett, Daughter of Judy & the Late Jerry Barnett
Brianna Fuchs, Daughter of Curt & Sherri Fuchs
Hannah Holzbauer, Daughter of John & Stacy Holzbauer
Paxton Kuhlman, Son of Paul & Jessica Kuhlman
Ravyn Medricky, Daughter of Mike & Miranda Medricky
Taya Stone, Daughter of Tim & Tammy Stone

Assumption, Dante

Teacher: Mike Beeson

Radek Kotab, Son of David & Ericka Kotab
Kadon Mixon, Son of Shawn & Penny Mixon
Easton Sees, Son of Joe & Janelle Sees
Dashel Smejkal Son of Shawn & Donna Smejkal
Katherine Swier, Daughter of Scott & Theresa Swier

Readings for the Week of April 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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CONFIRMATION