



APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:15 am
Rosary at 4:35 pm Saturdays & 8:05 am Sundays

Confessions:

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30-7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker (620) 475-3567
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Michael Ratcliff (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 04/06/26 - 04/12/26

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Servers

- 04/04: (8:00 p.m.) Raylon Ratcliff, Isaac Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Aiden Dreier
- 04/05: Bryce Weeden, Sawyer McGee, Bryer McGee
- 04/11: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
- 04/12: Chloe Arndt, Thomas Arnold, Cooper Barnhart
- 04/18: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
- 04/19: John Musick, Maren Ratcliff, Aiden Dreier
- 04/25: Lilly Lienemann, Raylon Ratcliff
- 04/26: Augusta, Sawyer, & Bryer McGee

A reminder that if your child is unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

- 04/04: Cass Coughlin, Michael Ratcliff, Maren Ratcliff, Jana Redeker; Cass Coughlin, Michael Ratcliff, & Jana Redeker - EMHCs
- 04/05: Greg Markowitz, Rose Mary Martin; Laurie Schmidt, Rose Mary Martin, & Trish Markowitz - EMHCs
- 04/11: LeAnn Eberle
- 04/12: Dan Schneider
- 04/18: Carolyn Cole
- 04/19: Donna Bolen
- 04/25: Jana Redeker
- 04/26: Cass Coughlin



St. Joseph Prayer List

- Collins Baldwin
- Linda Barnard
- Maya Bishop
- Jeanette Reed Copeland
- Donna Dains
- Vicki Dickson
- Kauffman Dieker
- Norman Geiger
- Susan Haag
- Sylvia Haag
- Darren Heins
- Kenneth Langley
- Debbie Markowitz
- Brian Martin
- Sylvia Miller
- Jenna Moyer
- Shea Mueting
- James Nunley
- Twyla Owen
- Olivia Pimpl
- Mrs. Ken Redeker
- Norma Redeker
- Ken Schade
- Richard Scheve
- Danny Schmidt
- Jackie Schmidt
- Greg Schonhardt
- Audra Steen
- Mike Wecker
- Clara Young
- United States Army:**
- SGM Matthew S. Richter
- Sgt. Austin Burenheide
- Grant Fath
- Major Jacob Haag
- Navy:**
- Grace Coughlin
- Air Force:**
- Megan DePauw
- Army National Guard:**
- Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	04/04:	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	04/05:	8:30 am	+Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt
Wed.	04/08:	7:15 am	+Fred & Helen Windle
Thurs.	04/09:	7:15 am	+Chad Blow
Fri.	04/10:	7:15 am	+Ida Joy Brown, and +Ricky Hammond, Jr.
Sat.	04/11:	5:00 pm	+Herb & Lorene Haag and +Alfred Redeker
Sun.	04/12:	8:30 am	For the Parish



Knights' News



Our next biscuits and gravy breakfast will be served on Sunday, April 12th from 7:30-10:00 am.

The April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00. Another degree ceremony will also be that evening.

Sincerely,

- *Danny Schneider,*

Grand Knight

CCD News

2nd grade CCD students and their Special Partners will meet Wednesday, April 8th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center to make their First Communion candles. A small meal / dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Kay Schmidt @ 620-340-5638.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 8th - NO CCD
- April 29th - Last night of CCD classes



Plan to send your kids to Totus Tuus which will be held Sunday through Friday, June 7th-12th. We will be combining with Sacred Heart this year because of parish demand for missionary teams. The daytime program will be at Sacred Heart.

St. Joseph will host the evening program.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (30)	\$ 1,955.00
Plate	328.25
Leaven (2)	50.00
Social Support (4)	140.00
Easter Flowers	281.00
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TOTAL

\$ 2,754.25

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ALTARS DURING THIS EASTER SEASON WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Beyer & Hoelting Families
Ida Joy Brown
Nick & Clara Brown
Bob and John Dieker
Kathy Hiller
Robert & Ann Dieker
Erwin Eberle
Jud & Frances Erpelding
Herb & Lorene Haag and Alfred Redeker
Marie Haag
Ricky Hammond, Jr.
Francis Kehres
Kehres & Langley Families
Walter & Frances and Richard Kehres
Marvin & Sylvia and Steven Klumpe
Jim Krueger
Jim & Marie Kuhlmann
Charles Lutz
Markowitz/Schultz Families
Ben Miller
Brian Miller
Johnnie & Edna Miller
Peggy Miller
Rusty Miller
Living/Deceased Murphy & Hicks Families
Clayton & Leonarda Nuessen
Todd and Phillip Orear
August & Helen Redeker
Jerome & Doris Redeker
John & Laura Redeker
Louise Redeker
William & Josephine Redeker
Paul & Helen Richard
Howard Rowe
Willis & Marie Russell
Lawrence & Betty and Glen Scheve
Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt
Duane Schmidt
Ray & Norma Schreiner
Joyce Stallbaumer
Deceased Members of the John Trear Family
Wendling & Blaufuss Families
Fred & Helen Windle



SPRING PICNIC

Sunday, April 26th
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at the Parish Life Center



Come to the Feast

APRIL
FRIDAY **10** AT 5:30 PM
PARISH HALL

Feast For Our Future

Your ticket includes dinner catered by Smokin O's and time to break bread with fellow parishioners. We will celebrate Catholic education and have an opportunity to support Sacred Heart School through our Feed the Need Campaign and live, silent, and dessert auctions.

Ticket Prices:
\$50 per person or
Reserve a table of 8 for \$300.

To Purchase Tickets:
Scan the QR Code or go to
<https://TheFeast26.givesmart.com>

For more information, call the school at 620-343-7394



Please join us!

Listening with the Heart

Synodal Listening Sessions

The Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is discerning what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be. We will pray, listen to one another, and hear from **Archbishop Shawn McKnight**.

All are welcome

To learn more and find the nearest Listening with the Heart session, visit archkck.org/renewal-heartland.

April 16th @ 6 pm -
Emporia State
University, Memorial
Union, Room 202A -
Webb Hall #1 (2nd floor)

Join Us!



More details coming next week



Pro Life Event

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Emporia there will be a Pro Life Display - check out the aftermathks.com website for more information.

Happy Easter



THANK YOU to all who have contributed to making the Triduum and Easter so beautiful, including those who cleaned the church, decorated the church, donated towards flowers, and participated in the liturgies in any way! We are very blessed!

Congratulations

to those joining the Church this Easter

through Baptism

Everly Marie Dreier
Parker Reese Haney
Charlotte Grace Haney

through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist

Samantha Kay Barnhart
Brandon Vincent Haney
Morgan Casey Haney
Oliver Bennett Haney
Elizabeth Kay Hoelting



Father's Corner



From an Easter homily by Melito of Sardis, bishop

The Easter praise of Christ

We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in the sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in his burial in the earth, immortal in his resurrection from the dead.

The Law indeed is old, but the Word is new. The type is transitory, but grace is eternal. The lamb was corruptible, but the Lord is incorruptible. He was slain as a lamb; he rose again as God. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, yet he was not a sheep. He was silent as a lamb, yet he was not a lamb. The type has passed away; the reality has come. The lamb gives place to God, the sheep gives place to a man, and the man is Christ, who fills the whole of creation. The sacrifice of the lamb, the celebration of the Passover, and the prescriptions of the Law have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Under the old Law, and still more under the new dispensation, everything pointed toward him.

Both the Law and the Word came forth from Zion and Jerusalem, but now the Law has given place to the Word, the old to the new. The commandment has become grace, the type a reality. The lamb has become a Son, the sheep a man, and man, God.

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: Who will contend with me? Let him confront me. I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.



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The Resurrection

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