



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor
Deacon Bill Vrazel**

**Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday in
Easter



Madness is Mercy

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

Today's
 Mass
 Readings



Daily Mass
 Bible
 Readings

First Reading: Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)
Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
Second Reading: By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)
Gospel: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” (Jn 10:10)
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

Monday, April 27 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am - Parish Prayer Group - Chapel	- 5:00 - 6:00 pm—Reconciliation - Church - 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration until Benediction - Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel Church - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Father Mike’s Bible Study, <i>FOLLOW ME</i> , begins - Conference Center
Tuesday, April 28 —	- 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel	- 7:00 pm MASS - Chapel
Wednesday, April 29 —	- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men’s Group – Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS (with Moms) - Church - 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room	- 6:30 pm OCIA Class - Conference Center - 6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting - Conference Center
Thursday April 30 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel	- 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Father Mike’s Bible Study, <i>FOLLOW ME</i> , begins - Conference Center
Friday, May 1 —	- 8:30 am MASS (Children’s MASS during the school year) - Church - 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall	- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
Saturday, May 2 —	- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall - 5:00 pm VIGIL MASS (Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass) - Church	-





REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Corbin Altese, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Susan Arrington, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Kenneth Benitez, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr.

Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, Tyler Corban, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Linda Frost, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Gerry Gough, Marian Governor, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Leochner, Mary Schepens Levens, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Emily McGinnity, Laura Creel Meadows, Jack and Lorraine Miller, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Mattie Starita Pavolini, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruett Family, Lynn Rabalais, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Joe Shaw, Liz Shaw, Rachel Singleton, Fred Spence, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Billy Wood, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin

In Memoriam

Louise A. O'Brien

For additions and deletions ~ 228-452-4686.



April 20, 2026

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:

\$11,282

Building Fund: \$ 217

Youth: \$110

Masses: \$140

Cemetery: \$15

Pickle Jar: \$69

Poor Box & Local Charity:

\$188

Memorials: \$5

TOTAL: \$12,026

Additional

Follow Me Books: \$25

Youth Breakfast Tacos: \$642

Eggplant LaRosa: \$200

Vacation Bible School: \$80

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Payroll and Benefits: \$4,800

Building Insurance: \$1,800

Repairs/Maintenance: \$1,600

Other Overhead: \$2,300

Debt Service: \$1,000

Youth/Other Ministries: \$1,600

Tuition Assistance/School Support: \$3,000

Diocesan Support: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$17,600



O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.

Sun., April 26: For Our Seminarians

Mon., April 27: For Retired Priests, Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers, and Deacons

Tues., April 28: For Our Deceased Popes, Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin

Wed., April 29: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School

Thur., April 30: For Father Mike Austin

Fri., May 1: For Most Reverend Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III

Sat., May 2: Please Pray for an Increase in Vocations



May 2nd & May 3rd, 2026

5:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 5/2/26

LECTORS

Richard Allard

EEMs

Daren Freeman, Donald Frilot, and Ursula Frilot

ALTAR SERVERS

Solomon Molsbee

8:30 am - Sunday, 5/3/26

Austin Ladner

Mary Boudreaux, Tony Diaz Del Valle, Rodney Keel, Jack Miller, and Lorraine Miller

Hadleigh Boswell, Andrew Ladner, and Anna Ladner

11:00 am - Sunday 5/3/26

Meg Payment

Angele Boudreaux, Alan Dubuisson, Lena Farr, Stuart Farr, and Charles Lowe

Ashton Gamboa, Sophia McCartney, and Emily Payment

5:00 pm - Sunday, 5/3/26

Olivia Robin

Rusty Bohn, Michelle Hoskins, and Aimee Tramontana

Elleigh Burge, Archer Kraft and Cohen Kraft



MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS - 6:30pm-8:00pm - **FR. MIKE'S BIBLE STUDY, FOLLOW ME** - Conference Center

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30am - **JAVA AND JESUS** - Parish Hall

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30pm - **OCIA CLASSES** - Conference Center

THURSDAYS - **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** - 3pm - 3:45pm - Church

MONDAYS - **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** - 5:30pm - Chapel

Friday, May 1st - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - 3pm - Chapel

Sunday, May 24th - **Pentecost Breakfast** - after 8:30 am Mass - Conference Center

Monday, May 25th - **OFFICE CLOSED** in observation of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27th - **Healing Face of Jesus** - Healing Ministries service - 6:30 pm Mass - Church



Beginning in May, there will be **NO Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts or Altar Society Meetings.**

Both will resume in September!



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472 INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

Upcoming MAY Events:

- **KOC Monthly Meetings:** 5pm – 8pm – First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **May 5th, 2026**
- **KOC sponsored Blood Drive:** 9am – 2pm – Holy Family Conference Center – **May 9th, 2026**
- **KOC Monthly Corporate Communion:** Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month – **May 10th, 2026**
- **KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts:** Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass – Conference Center – **May 10th, 2026**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings:** 6:00 pm - Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **May 12th, 2026**
- **KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary:** After 8:30 am Mass - **May 31, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, April 25 2026	5:00 pm	Healing for Kathy Sharp
Sunday, April 26	8:30 am	† Mary Levens † Bobbie & Billie Molsbee Healing for Donna Schmidt Special Intentions for Anita Spaht
	11:00 am	† Keefe Hecker Healing for Eliza Burge Special Intentions for Roger Ladner
Monday, April 27	5:00 pm	
Monday, April 27	8:00 am	Special Intentions for Solomon Molsbee
Tuesday, April 28	7:00 pm	Healing for Jimmy Benigno, Sr.
Wednesday, April 29	8:00 am	Healing for Susan Arrington
Thursday, April 30 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Ned Boudreaux
Friday, May 1	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Antony Puthiyakunnel Special Intentions for Charlie Whaley Special Intentions for teachers of St. Vincent de Paul School

Please join us every **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month for the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

The next Chaplet is **Friday, May 1st 3:00 pm** at St. Paul's Chapel *For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



Please check the
Lost & Found Box
 in the Church
 Vestibule. ALL
 UNCLAIMED items will be
 donated to our Homeless
 Ministries the first of
 June. **THANKS!**



Rejoicing with you on your special day.

*Best Wishes and Congratulation to
 Holy Family's newest newlyweds,*

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Charles Schuff, Jr
 April 11, 2026



In observation
 of **Memorial
 Day** the Parish
 Office will be
**closed on
 Monday, May
 25th!**

*Together, may you
 continue to grow in your faith
 through Christ's power.
 Congratulations
 Stephen and Julia!*



**Upcoming 2026 Second &
 Special Collections**

- May 2-3: *St. Paul's Society*
- May 16 - 17: *Catholic Communications*
- June 20 - 21: *Special Father's Day for
 Diocesan Priest Supplemental*
- June 27 - 28: *Peter's Pence*
- August 1 - 2: *Extension Society*
- September 5 - 6: *Catholic University*
- September 12 - 13: *Center For
 International Seafarers and Truckers*



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2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL



Catholic Sharing Appeal Envelopes are in the Church Pews
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Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 John 3:18

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