

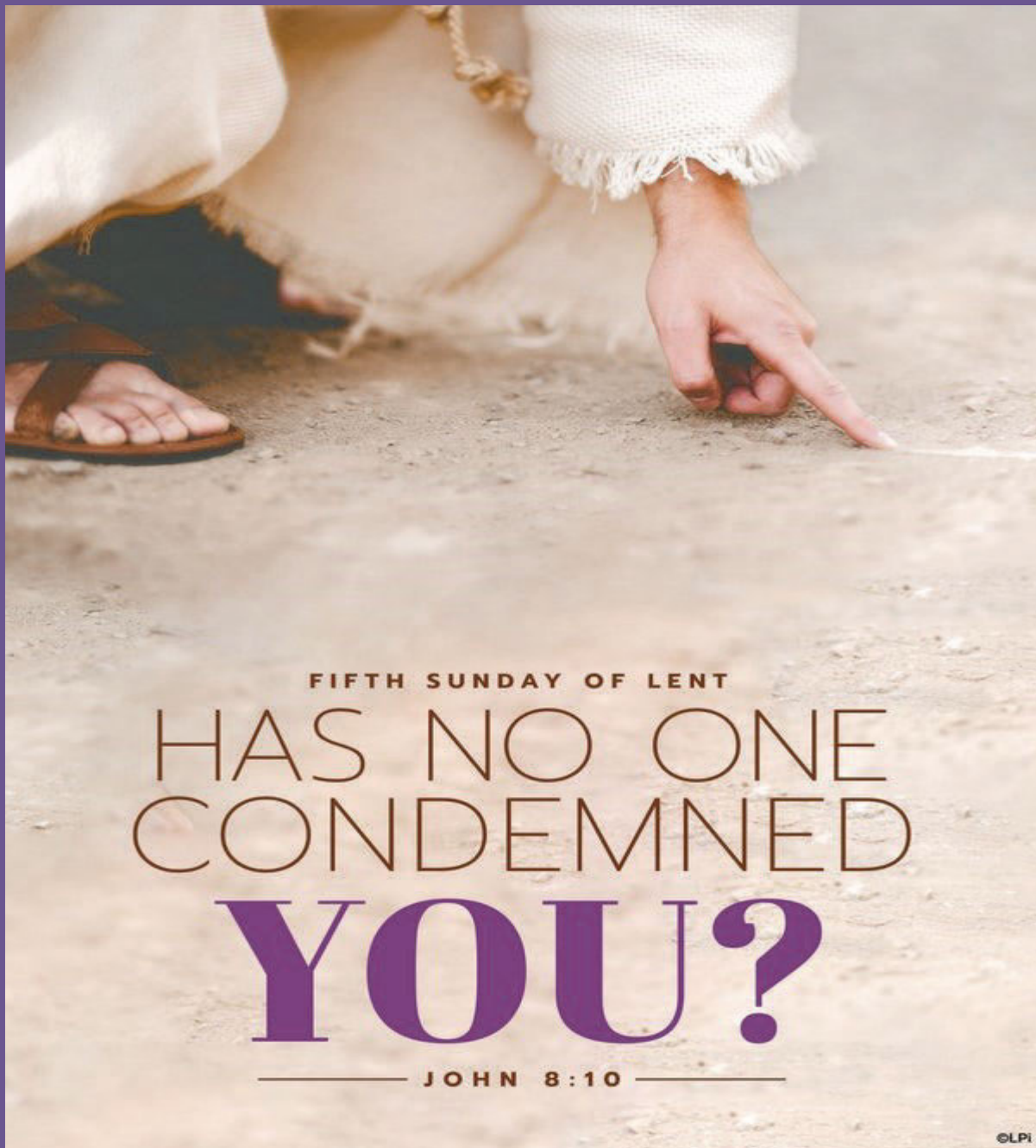
April 6, 2025 • *Fifth Sunday of Lent*



# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

## LITURGY GUIDE - April 6, 2025

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

**Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

**INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE INTROIT, SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

*Iudica me Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso eripe me: quia tu es Deus meus, et fortitudo mea. (Verse) Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.*

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. (Verse) Send forth your light and your truth; these have led me and brought me to your holy mountain and to your dwelling place.

**OPENING HYMN (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)  
621**

**SOUTHWELL  
Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **(striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;** Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD,  
who opens a way in the sea  
and a path in the mighty waters,  
who leads out chariots and horsemen,  
a powerful army,  
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,  
snuffed out and quenched like a wick.  
Remember not the events of the past,  
the things of long ago consider not;  
see, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
In the desert I make a way,  
in the wasteland, rivers.  
Wild beasts honor me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
for I put water in the desert  
and rivers in the wasteland

for my chosen people to drink,  
the people whom I formed for myself,  
that they might announce my praise.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**



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When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming. Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**

Then the nations themselves said, "What great deeds the Lord worked for them!" What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad. **R**

Bring back our exiles, O Lord, as streams in the south.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. **R**

#### Second Reading

**Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Please Stand**

**(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**



Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful. **R**

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.  
But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them.  
Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.  
They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.  
Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”  
They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.  
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.  
But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them,  
“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”  
Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.  
And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders.  
So he was left alone with the woman before him.  
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,  
“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”  
She replied, “No one, sir.”  
Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.  
Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please Stand

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(bow here) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (4 PM & 7:30 AM)

ST. FLAVIAN

625

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

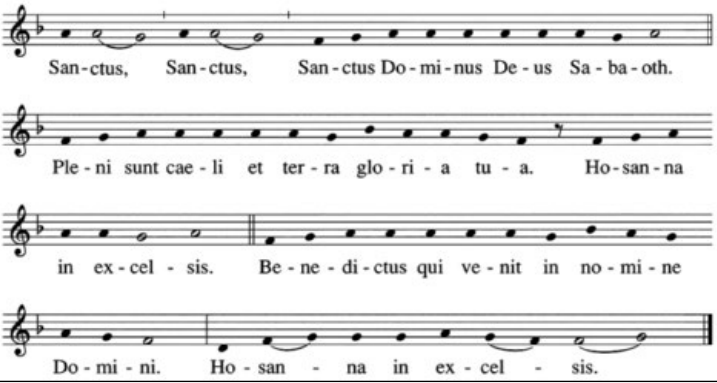
At 11:00 am - Setting by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

<i>Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: retribue servo tuo: vivam, et custodiam sermons tuos: vivifica me secundum verbum tuum, Domine.</i>	I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and observe your word; revive me according to your word, O Lord.
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**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

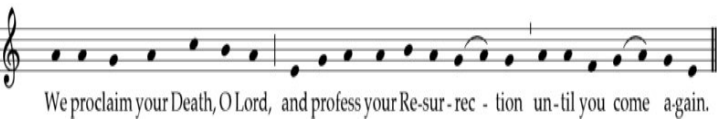
**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.  
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na  
in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne  
Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.



## AGNUS DEI



## ECCE AGNUS DEI

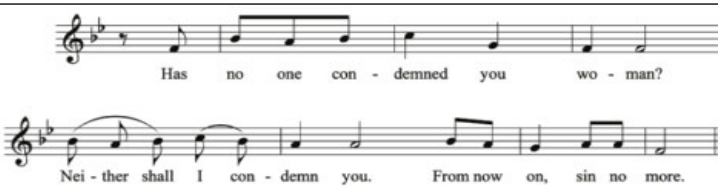
**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4:00PM)



## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM)

*Nemo te condemnavit,* "Has no one condemned  
*mulier? Nemo, Domine.* you, woman?"  
*Nec ego condemnabo:* – "No one, Lord." – "Neither  
*iam amplius noli peccare.* shall I condemn you.  
From now on, sin no more."

## COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM)

God so Loved the World

John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.  
That those who believe in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

759

ANIMA CHRISTI  
Soul of My Savior

## CLOSING HYMN

526

HEINLEIN  
Forty Days and Forty Nights

## CLOSING HYMN (9:15 AM)

443

Ave Regina Caelorum

## RECESSIONAL (11:00 AM) Create in Me a Clean Heart

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant a right spirit within me.

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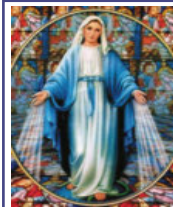
## LENTEN MEAL & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A simple **Soup Supper** will be offered every Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall from 5:30-6:45 pm. Enjoy a meal & fellowship. Free will offering.

**Stations of the Cross** begin at 7:00PM in the main Cathedral.



**Knights of Columbus Youth Camp** - A faith-filled camp for young men between the ages of 13-19 (fathers are also welcome). **Blessed Michael McGivney Youth Camp** focuses on faith, fun and fraternity and is based on the Knights of Columbus principles of (patriotism, charity, unity, fraternity). The camp is held at BroomTree Retreat Center in Irene, **Friday, June 20 - Sunday, June 22**. You'll enjoy games, activities, swimming, canoeing and guest speakers. There is **no cost** for this camp (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus). To register visit: <https://shortur.at/dZZSVZ>.



Moms and expectant Moms are invited to our next **"Under Mary's Mantle"** meeting of the series on topics of mothering during the early years on Tuesday, **April 15**, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. The next meeting topic is **"Breastfeeding and Catholic Motherhood."**

If you were unable to attend the first meeting, you may join any of the remaining ones in the series. Young children are welcome! For more information or to inquire please contact Sandy at **605-421-1104**.

## 2025 Bishop's Fishing Tournaments

Registration is now open for the 30th Annual Bishop's Fishing Tournament!

**Learn more and register at**

**[ccfesd.org/bishops-fishing-tournaments](https://ccfesd.org/bishops-fishing-tournaments).**



BISHOP  
O'GORMAN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

6 Elementaries,  
O'Gorman Junior High,  
O'Gorman High School

**Summer Care open to parish families!** Did you know that you can sign up for our summer care program? Our summer care is open May 19th - July 25th, 2025.

**<https://www.ogknights.org/parents/summer-care>**

**Scholarships Deadline is April 1st!** To view a complete list of available scholarships for O'Gorman visit **<https://bit.ly/BishopOGScholarships>**

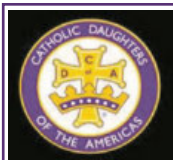
## COMMUNITY NEWS

**CDA Annual Scholarship** - Court Mother Teresa #2510 of the Catholic Daughters awards a \$300 scholarship annually to a Catholic Student attending a post-secondary school in the Fall of 2025. The deadline for submission is **May 1, 2025**. Application forms for the scholarship are available through the area churches and O'Gorman High School.

St. Joseph Academy is a hybrid, Catholic, classical school for preK Montessori to 8th grade students. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now being accepted.



To learn more and apply, visit us online at [stjosephclassicalacademy.org](http://stjosephclassicalacademy.org). Become a part of our growing and vibrant community!



### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Patricia #271**

will hold their monthly meeting at Holy Spirit Church lower level on Tuesday, **April 15th** at **6:30pm**. The Rosary will begin at 6:15 pm.

Our speaker will be Anna Trosper, Director of Development for the LifeScape Foundation of Sioux Falls.

**All Catholic Women are invited to attend!**

**Save the date ~ St. Lambert's Sister Camp** - will be earlier than usual this year, **June 2-6**. This year's theme is the Sacraments. More information and registration this Spring.

### **Diocesan Vocation Camps:**

**Saint Maria Goretti Camp** - June 4-6, 2025 at Abbey of the Hills, Marvin, SD. This camp is for young women ages 12-16, led by religious sisters. Please contact Fr. Michael Kapperman: [frmichaelskapperman@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frmichaelskapperman@sfcatholic.org) Emma: **605-988-3772**.

**JPH Vocations Camp** - July 29-August 1, 2025 at Abbey of the Hills, Marvin, SD. For young men ages 12-16, led by Priests and seminarians of the diocese. Please contact Fr. Tony Klein: [frtonyklein@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frtonyklein@sfcatholic.org) or Emma: **605-988-3772**.

## Fiat Dinner

**Who:** All Young Women Seeking God's Call

**What:** Mass, Dinner and Talks with Bishop DeGroot and religious communities

**When:** Sunday, April 27th, 4-8 pm

**Where:** Mater Ecclesiae Monastery  
506 N Summit Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

**RSVP:** [sfwomensdiscernment.org](http://sfwomensdiscernment.org)



5th SUNDAY OF LENT



## Liturgical Roles

**Daily Mass** - Ministers as Scheduled



**April 12/13**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

4:00 pm Nancy Ann Kadinger, Jon Schmidt  
7:30 am Gerald Frisbie, Carl Eisenberg  
9:15 am Susan Sommervold, Craig Meyer,  
Ruth Bordewyk  
11:00 am Bob Lux Matthew & Mary Enderson  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### **Lectors**

4:00 pm Kate Piercemogen, Jessie Schmidt  
7:30 am Barbara Lockwood  
9:15 am Emily Young, John Moneke  
11:00 am Tess Simon, Andrew Welbig  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### **Altar Servers**

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am Thomas Mogle  
9:15 am Leo Rutten, Henry Lanners,  
Finnegan McManus  
11:00 am Nicholas & Andrew Simon, Joseph Tran  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### **Mini-Bus Driver**

4:00 pm Mitch Brandner

**Dow Rummel** Tonia & Ryan Groeneweg

**Good Sam** Kathy Ellenbecker

### **Readings for the week of April 6, 2025**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/

Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/

Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/

Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
19-20, 23-24 /Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Annie Wingen** is Cathedral 500 Club's first winner for April 2025. She has received a check for **\$89** and a check for **\$387.50** was given to the Church. In the last 25 years we have given the Church over **\$101,800**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **April 28** to be in the **May 2025** drawings. Call the Parish Office at **605-336-7390** for details.

## Mass Intentions:

- Mon. Apr. 07•** *St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*  
12:00 pm ☩ John & Connie Kolb
- Tue. Apr. 08•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm Liz & Cody Taggart
- Wed. Apr. 09•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm Tyler Ratzlaff
- Thu. Apr. 10•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 am ☩ John Sweere
- Fri. Apr. 11•** *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*  
12:00 pm ☩ Dolores Marie Kinyon
- Sat. Apr. 12•** *Lenten Weekday*  
4:00 pm ☩ John Richard Haro
- Sun. Apr. 13•** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
7:30 am ☩ Mary Langner  
9:15 am ☩ Virginia Entringer  
11:00 am Roger Theobald  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candles

The Five Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions.

- 1.) Post & Allen Family
- 2.) ☩ Denise Roschen
- 3.) ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 4.) For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
- 5.) Intentions for the Diocesan Priests and Deacons

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Monday, April 7-**

**6:30 pm** - Young Adults Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8-**

**9:00 am** - Quilter's Group, School

**10:00 am** - Women's Group/Bible Study, School (200)

**Wednesday, April 9 -**

**6:45 pm** - OCIA, Parish Hall

**Thursday, April 10 -**

**7:00 pm** - Adoration & Confessions, SH Chapel

**Friday, April 11 -**

**5:30 - 6:45 pm** - Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Hall

**7:00 pm** - Stations of the Cross, Cathedral Nave

**Saturday, April 12 -**

**9:00 am** - Pontifical Server Training

**12:00 & 3:00 pm** - Confessions in the Cathedral Nave

**7:30 pm** - Sacred Arts Concert - Augustana Choir

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cathedral Rectory Open Houses** - Come to one of the Rectory Open Houses on **April 5/6** after any of the weekend Masses.

**Two Cathedral Sacred Arts Series Concerts - Saturday, April 12 - 7:30 pm**, Augustana Choir and Brass Choir with Conductor, Russell Svenningsen will present a diverse selection of music by composers Purcell, Berger, Gibbs and Kesselman and more.

**Tuesday, April 15 - 7:30 pm**, Augustana Bach Collegium an elite choral-instrumental ensemble with Conductor, Davin Chin will perform Bach's St. John Passion. This performance takes place during Holy Week, connecting scripture and music. Visit [stjosephcathedral.net/sacred-arts-series](http://stjosephcathedral.net/sacred-arts-series) or [sacredarts@sfcatholic.org](mailto:sacredarts@sfcatholic.org) for tickets.

**Join the Sacred Arts Volunteer Team!** The Cathedral Sacred Arts Series is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to support our concerts. Roles include greeters, scanning tickets and assisting with post-concert clean-up. Training is provided - no prior experience needed! If you're interested in being part of this meaningful ministry, please reach out to Reid Hunhoff at [reid.marie04@gmail.com](mailto:reid.marie04@gmail.com).

## Welcome New Members!

*Thank you for choosing Cathedral of St. Joseph  
for your Faith Family*

**Peter & Jennifer Castelli and  
Mary, Katherine, Elizabeth & John**

*If you are interested in becoming a Cathedral Parishioner  
please, contact the Parish Office at 605-336-7390.*



Thank you for your very generous response to the **Catholic Family Sharing Appeal!** Your continued gifts will support many ministries throughout our Diocese such as: grief support, counseling, Bishop's Bulletin, TV Mass, weekly radio programs, podcasts and newsletters, School of Missionary Discipleship, support for Newman centers on college campuses, technology support for parishes, and training for our seminarians and permanent Deacons. To date we have received **48%** of our CFSA goal. If you have not responded yet please return your pledge card and your prayerful or financial gift. Our goal is 100% participation from everyone in our parish. Thank you!

## WEEKLY OFFERING MARCH 29/30



Envelopes	\$	12,714.00
Online/EFT	\$	1,718.00
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	3,392.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,824.31</b>

*Scan QR code to be directed to our Giving Page  
Thank you for your Support and Prayers!*



## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

**Parish Office Email:** [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Fri.  
**Closed** - Saturday and Sunday

### **Cathedral Church Hours:**

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-4:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am-Noon & 3:30pm-5:00pm

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** 4:00pm (First Sat. of the month a Mass at 9am)

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

### **Weekday Masses**

**Cathedral** - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

**Monastery** - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

### **Confessions**

**Thursday** 7:00pm (w/Adoration) in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**Saturday** 12:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral Nave  
(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

### **Adoration**

**Sacred Heart Chapel** - Thurs. 7:00-8:00pm (w/confessions)

**Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

**Monastery** - Mon-Sat 7:45am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6pm

### **Tours**

**Self-guided** - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

### **Parish Staff**

**Rector**, Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar**, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

**Weekend Sacramental Assistance**, Rev. Anthony Klein

**Deacon**, William Radio

**Deacon**, Jonathan Eckrich

**Director-Operations & Finance**, Heidi Solem

**Administrative Assistant**, Mary Anne Lux

**Music Director**, Dr. Jared Ostermann

**Assistant Music Director**, Nicole Gerdes

**Tour Docent/Guide**, Susan Albers

**Wedding Coordinator**, Mary Enderson

**Counseling Services**, The Lourdes Center - [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775)

### **Sacramental Preparation:**

**Baptism** - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting.

To schedule a meeting for Baptism preparation contact the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Matrimony** - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net) under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in the case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery** - St. Michael's Cemetery [605-338-3376](tel:605-338-3376)

## CLERGY REFLECTION

Last weekend, we had our first public tour of the newly restored Cathedral rectory, and we are hosting a second open house this weekend. If you haven't already seen it, I invite you to do a "walk-through" to see the results of your investment. Volunteers are stationed throughout the rectory to help guide you. Bob Binstock our "de facto" Project Manager will be available to answer any questions. My only request to parents with children, is to please be cognizant of their little hands and their little feet. The rectory is now furnished and we want to keep things as clean and pristine as possible (wink).

As I said last Sunday, the intent from the beginning was to restore the rectory to its classical-historical style. The contractors and subcontractors went out of their way to ensure that the project was done according to that vision and intent. With the exception of the chapel and the garage, the original floor plan is intact. You will notice that most of the wood floors are original. The fireplace in the dining room (which now works) is original. We were able to use surplus marble left from the Cathedral restoration for the chapel. We are still putting some finishing touches in different areas. You may notice some anomalies. They are there to remind us that the building is 100 years old, and to give the building some "character."

People asked "why so many bedrooms?" Remember, the idea from the outset was to provide a place of hospitality for visiting priests – from within and outside the Diocese. Their fee for an overnight is to pray for the parishioners and benefactors who made the restoration possible. Please note as you tour, the Cathedral Quilters designed custom quilts for each of the beds in the bedrooms. As it says on the corner of the quilts, they "prayerfully quilted each one by hand." A big thank you to them. To our parishioners and other benefactors outside the parish who supported and helped with the project in so many different ways – I thank you from the depths of my heart, the depths of my being. I cannot even find the words to express my gratitude.

With the rectory restoration completed, we have kept the legacy of the Cathedral's beauty and history intact. Future priests of the Cathedral will benefit from our generosity and foresight for years to come. One last thought: Today, Elizabeth Strutz, our parishioner, will be touring the rectory with her son, Matt. Matt, a Cathedral product, was the superintendent from Fiegen Construction who oversaw the restoration project. Like Bob, he practically slept here for two years. Thank you Matt. And thank you Elizabeth, for bringing Matt into the world. Little did he know that God would use him to oversee our project.

**Thank you St. Joseph and thank you  
Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague for taking care of us.**

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