MASSES FOR APRIL 20 - 26

Monday, 20	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26=27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, 21	8:30 am (SJ)	**Cathy Blankenship - Health & God's Blessings *(Sisters)*** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	**Eric & Callie Karschat *(Mark & Judy Bodnar)*** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, 23	8:30 am (SJ)	**Tony Foster *(Carol Rogers)*** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	**Todd Barnes *(Family)*** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, 25	5:00 pm (SF)	**Janet Clore *(Janice McClain)***
Sunday, 26	9:00 am (SJ)	**Jesse Fulton *(Family)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Marion Wilson *(Mary Ann Shuma & Family)*** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY:	**Ziarko Baptism - 11:00am (SF)**

As of 04/07/2026: Trinity West: **;** Trinity East; Weirton: ; Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.***

A Note from the Pastor

Easter Lillies: The live Easter Lillies have given us their best. We have removed them from the Easter decorations and placed them at the parking lot entrance at St. Francis and the back entrance of St. Joseph. You are more than welcome to take them and plant them in your flower gardens. What ever is left will simply be disposed of.

In Your Prayers: I ask that you pray for our two deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 2026. Our diocese is blessed as we anticipated the newly ordained priests to serve us, Deacon Peter Stetson and Deacon Ryan Budd.

Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign: I have received the first update on the 2026 Diocesan Campaign. My thanks to those who have already responded and I hope that other parishioners will respond as well. We have two major projects for our parishes and your generous contributions will help us complete theme. As of this week, St. Joseph Parish, whose goal is **$11,430.00** and we have received $13,830.00 with **31%** of the parishioners participating. St. Francis Parish goal is **$23,274.00** and $22,384.00 has been received thus far with **27%** of parishioners participating.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith".

~ St. Francis of Assisi

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,232.00; Loose: $80.00; Candles: $57.00; Holy Land: $5.00; Easter Sunday: $140.00; Building: $405.00 . St. Joseph: Adult: $985.00; Loose: $198.00; Candles: $20.00; Holy Land: $100.00; Easter Sunday: $120.00; Building: $315.00 . May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for April 12th****:* ***5:00pm****: 64;* ***9:00am:*** *87;* ***11:00am:*** *98.*

MASSES: For **Cecilia Horkulic** by Marlene Mehalko.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Rusty, Kitty, & Patty Roth, Ray & Nancy Ludewig** by Mark & Sally Ludewig.

On behalf of our parishioners, I would like to express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Bonnie Trudics**. May she know the joy of eternal life that was promised to us by Jesus, our Risen Savior.

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 25 and 26

Altar Servers:

5pm: Mike Henry & Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Luca Provenzano, Sylas Trimmer, Levi Trimmer

Lectors:

5pm: Zachariah Zdinak; **9am:** Steve Zdinak; **11am:** Judy Koehnlein

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth – a world broken by sin – our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father's will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord's presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him." We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments – particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father's mission to draw humanity back to himself.

WITNESS

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and "recounted what had taken place on the way." This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.