

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, during his earthly ministry, knew very well how to speak to the people about his person and his mission, using simple and direct words. The images or examples Jesus used in his teachings were taken from the daily lives of the people whom he addressed. Even so, the people did not always immediately understand the meaning of these images or examples. Jesus took pains to explain more clearly how the people should apply his teachings to their lives.

In the Gospel text of this Sunday, for instance, the image Jesus uses for himself is that of a good shepherd who lovingly tends his flock. Jesus contrasts himself as the good shepherd with the thieves who deceive and do not lead the sheep along good paths. Jesus says clearly that what he comes to bring is life, and life to the full. Jesus speaks of himself as the leader of God's flock, the Good Shepherd, walking in front of the sheep, as the way, the truth and the life for all those who are truly seeking to be in God's sheepfold.

Today, perhaps more than ever, in the face of so much loss of morality and direction in life, where apathy and mistrust abound in the social, political and even religious realms, we need to hear again the strong message of Jesus.

The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that be the case, then truly we shall not want for anything!

The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, the rich and the poor, the well and the infirm, the young and the old, leaders and followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus' sheepfold and all are lovingly invited to it.

The shepherd knows his sheep, Jesus says, and he knows each of us. Nothing is hidden from God's sight, so we can never pretend to be other than what we are: a flock that has been loved into being. As individuals, endowed with free will, we are capable of straying from the fold and seeking our own will rather than God's. However, the good shepherd never leaves the flock untended, and is always seeking the return of the stray, finding the lost and the discouraged among the sheep.

God continually gives grace so that we, the sheep of his flock, may truly adhere to the one thing necessary, namely, participation in God's life, which Jesus came to give us to the full by dying a bitter death yet rising from the dead. "By his wounds you were healed," says Saint Peter in the second reading. Could there be a richer consolation for our weary hearts?

Saint Peter proclaimed this message as well on Pentecost and won many adherents to Christ, recounted in the lesson of the Acts of the Apostles assigned to this Sunday. He says, "Let the whole house of Israel know beyond any doubt that God has made both Lord and Messiah this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:14).

Our Good Shepherd knows our needs, shares our experiences, and is in communion with his flock. Because of this, we have confidence that we are never left without the help of a loving and saving God.

As a flock gathers around its shepherd, we are called to assemble in worship with our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who feeds us with the finest wheat, and pours himself out for us.

At the Eucharist we truly "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" as we partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion. Jesus assures us, "Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).

—Reflection excerpt by Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB
at <https://christdesert.org/>

Happy Mothers' Day!
To our heavenly Mother and
our earthly Mothers



May is devoted to Mary, Queen of Heaven, providing an opportunity to focus on our relationship with the Holy Mother of Christ. As our mother, Mary has much to teach us and endless love to give. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.

M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.

Dinner will be served at the meeting.

Hostesses: Sherry R. & Kathy G.

Breakfast in May will be provided by the Men's Club to celebrate our parish Mothers next Sunday.

Sunday, May 18th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Visitors Welcome!

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities
Mobile Food Pantry



Thursday, May 22nd,

10 a.m. — Noon

Food Boxes Available & Distributed while supplies last using a drive-through format.

Contact Earlyne, if you can volunteer to help.

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

Parishioners should contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

Parish Council Elections

will be held over two weekends—this weekend and next (May 10/11 and May 17/18) to give every adult parishioner the opportunity to vote and elect two new representatives to the council.

All adult parishioners are encouraged to vote once, selecting a representative for each open position

Place completed ballot in the ballot box located in the back of the church through May 18. Each elected representative serves a 3-year term.

Ascension of the Lord, Thurs., May 29, 6 p.m.

Confirmations of Holy Cross Youth and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Konderla



Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 5/10—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle Kay Rodriguez	Carolyn Greer Kay Rodriguez	Dorene McMahan	Larry Chekofsky
Sun 5/11—8:30 am Mothers' Day	Mike Hickman Mike Cucchiara	Chris Holland Rosemary Kotas	Candace Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth, & Amelia
Sat 5/17—5 pm	Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Judy Helms Richard Helms	Karol Watson	
Sun 5/18—8:30 am	Heather Jordan Eric Jordan	Rosemary Brauner Mike Hickman	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Aceah, & Makenna



Diocese of Tulsa
and Eastern Oklahoma

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



Next Jubilee Pilgrimage is the
National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

This final cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage will be traveling through Eastern Oklahoma on May 30-31. Named the St. Katharine Drexel Route, it begins in Indianapolis, coming through Oklahoma, on its way to Los Angeles.

Local events include:
Friday, May 30

11:30-12:30 pm—Opening Mass at Sacred Heart in Miami

4:00-8:00 pm—Eucharistic Procession thru Midtown & Downtown Tulsa

8:00-10:00 pm—Eucharistic Festival at Holy Family Cathedral

May 30—May 31

8:00 pm-9:00 am—All-night Adoration at Holy Family Cathedral

Saturday, May 31

10:00-11:00 am—Closing Mass at Holy Family Cathedral

2:00-3:00 pm—Handoff of the Eucharist at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee

All events are free and open to the public, but organizers ask that participants register in advance so they can plan accordingly for the expected number of people.

Register at www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org. To learn about volunteer opportunities or for more info., text or call 918-697-9763.

Unable to Attend Weekend Mass?

Don't miss out on receiving the bulletin! The weekly bulletin is always available each week on the Holy Cross website; also, if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin via a Flocknote email each week, please sign up in the foyer or notify Kay or Karol.



Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

May

Altar Linens

Carolyn Greer

Offerings from May 3-4

General Weekend Collections	\$2,652.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$605.00
Building Projects Fund	120.00
TOTAL	\$3,377.00
Rice Bowl	\$34.10

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!

Happy Birthday!

Greg Troxel 5/6	Amelia Wright 5/17
Maria Elena Herl 5/7	Candace Stuart 5/23
Henry Leonard 5/12	Robert Bond 5/24
Issac Ervin 5/14	Mark Jameson 5/25
Blake Jameson 5/14	Elijah McCaw 5/28



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Contact Karol Watson @ 918-640-5819 or karol_watson@yahoo.com for advertising opportunities and/or to place information in the bulletin or on the church website.

Also, **Sign Up** in the foyer to receive a copy of the bulletin each weekend in your email!

This Week's Daily Readings—May 11-17

Sunday	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Higginbottom Kendall Woodard
Craig Dorsey Anthony Guariglia

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker
Marie Herndon, parishioner
Geraldine Wallace
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner

WE PRAY TO THE LORD



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.
First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass
1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before weekend Masses
Or by appointment/request

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings — 9:15 a.m.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 158-160

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 489-490



WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!