

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday
TLM — Third Sunday after Easter

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates Christ the Good Shepherd. We continue to rejoice because He is the one that leads us through the difficult paths of life.

In the first reading, Peter, the head of the Apostles, played his pastoral role very well. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he spoke on behalf of the rest. Of course, his speech was a great success. This is because it led to the most significant conversion of souls ever recorded in the history of humankind in a single. That is, three thousand converts!

The lesson here is quite simple. A shepherd who prepares himself and works with the Holy Spirit will become a powerful instrument of conversion in God's hands. God knew that Peter was prepared and capable, so he gave him a great harvest of souls.

Also, in his pastoral letter from our second reading today, Peter further reminds us that to be a good shepherd, one must endure ordeals as Christ did for the sake of his flock. He was not selfish or neglected his duty. Instead, he persisted and gave everything for the good of his flock: "Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross."

These are the qualities of a good shepherd. The good shepherd offers everything for the sake of his flock. He does not believe in half measures. For him, it is "*Aut optimiim, aut nihil*" (it is either all or nothing). We must imitate Christ, the good shepherd, who dared the devil to save us. We must say like Christ, "I will." Lord, let me take care of the sick, the orphans, the weak, the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. Lord, let me fight for their course. Let me be their light, hope, pride, and shepherd.


As good shepherds, each one of us has a responsibility towards someone. We must not abandon this responsibility to the detriment of our flock. Today's celebration reminds us that we ought to be contrasted to "mundane shepherds" of our time who exploit their flock.

In the gospel, Jesus points out more qualities of the good shepherd: "The one who enters through the gate is the good shepherd of the flock. His sheep hear his voice. He calls his sheep and leads them. The sheep follow because they know his voice." Jesus teaches us that we must build a good relationship with our flock based on love, trust, and mutual respect.

We also must make Christ the shepherd of our souls. This means listening to his voice through the scriptures, the teachings of the Church's Magisterium, and the church's traditions. We must listen to him to be truly the sheep of the Lord's flock. He never fails. He knows the path we walk every day. He knows when to place us on his shoulders, to take us by the hand like his little children.

We shall hear and recognize his voice when we come closer to him. Whereas moving away from him endangers our life. He beckons us: "Come unto me all you (my sheep) who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". So, let us make the risen Christ our shepherd because, if we do: "there is nothing we shall want, and indeed, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life. Alleluia, alleluia!"

—Reflection by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka at <https://frcanicenjoku.com/>



Family Catechesis Classes
will now be on the 4th Sunday
of the month beginning today!
after both the 8:30 a.m. &
11 a.m. Masses.
 (and on the Fourth Sunday of each month during the school year)

Family Catechesis is designed to engage families in faith formation, providing resources and support for parents to educate their children in the Catholic faith.



All Welcome To Breakfast
in honor of the Women of Holy Cross
Next Sunday, May 3,
after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Breakfast Hosted by the Men of Holy Cross

Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting
Mon., May 4th, at 6:00 p.m.

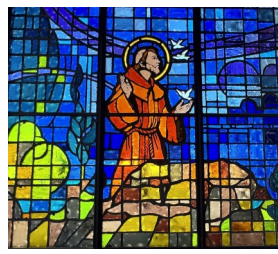
M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.

All Women of the Parish Welcome!
 (Hostesses: Judy and Bille)

All women are invited to join
The Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Holy Cross Chapter!

The first official meeting & induction ceremony will be **Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, following daily Mass (5:30-6:00 p.m.) and Benediction/Exposition with Adoration & Confessions (6-7 p.m.). Please bring an appetizer to share, and (if you like) beverage of choice.

Meetings will be monthly, on the first Wed. of each month (except no meeting in June, Oct, or Dec.). There is no membership fee —but you are asked to purchase a manual & pin/medal. For more info. and/or an enrollment form, please contact Jessica Impson @ 612-448-4253.



A **Special Jubilee Year** has been proclaimed this year by Pope Leo in celebration and recognition of **St. Francis of Assisi**. The year is to encourage every faithful Christian to follow the example of St. Francis' model of holiness of life and constant witness of peace.

St. Anne Church, Broken Arrow, has been designated as the official pilgrimage site for the Tulsa & Eastern OK Diocese due to its strong historical connections to the Franciscan Order.

For the St. Francis of Assisi Jubilee, St. Anne will have a **First Saturday Mass at 8 a.m.** followed by The Prayer of St. Francis in front of their beautiful stained-glass window of St. Francis. Confessions will also be available.

Catholicism 101
 Come learn more about the Catholic faith!
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. (after 5:30 Mass)
Join Us and Bring a Friend!

Save the Date!!
Sunday, June 14th
Holy Cross Flag Field Day
Games & Picnic After 11 am Mass



Fun for the Entire Family


Our young adults and teens are planning this fun afternoon of games and friendly competition for the entire family on the church property!
Bring a picnic lunch for your family and lawn chairs.

Sign up in the foyer if you like to participate in the games or can help plan the event.

Special Diocesan 2nd Collection on This Sunday,
 April 26th
For National Missions (Black & Indian, and Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic Univ. of America, Retirement Fund for Religious)

Mass Ministers			
	Ushers	Reader	Servers
4/26	Grant Edwards Gary Edwards	Paul Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Makenna
5/3	Mike Hickman Mike Cucchiara	David Grace	Liam, Aceah, Makenna

"The Words—and Silence-of the Blessed Virgin Mary"
Weekend Retreat
 @ St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee




Presented by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB

May 1st-3rd (begins Friday evening and concludes after Mass on Sunday)
 Cost is \$150/pp—includes meals, accommodations at Abbot Mark Braun Retreat House, and the retreat.

Register at www.monksok.org or call 405-878-5656 or email retreats@monksok.org

Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord!

Come and Have a Cup of Coffee & Enjoy Fellowship
Each Sunday after both the 8:30 & 11 am Masses
All Welcome!




Don't Miss Out on Parish Information!
The weekly bulletin is available each week in the foyer and on the Holy Cross website; but also, you can receive the weekly bulletin via your email! To receive each weekend, sign up in Flocknotes or notify Kay or Karol.

Experience the Peace of Christ as "One Nation, Under God."

To live "under God" is to live in his truth, to recognize that the dignity of every human life comes from Him, to live our call to true human fraternity, and to remember that unity begins in humility and service of neighbor.

As our nation approaches its 250th Anniversary, we bring our hearts and minds "under God" so that we can be witnesses to Christ's love—praying for the peace of Christ to descend upon our country and our world.



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Offerings from April 19, 2026

General Sunday Collections \$3,351.25
Capital Improvement Fund 150.00
TOTAL \$3,501.25

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!



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This Week's Readings—April 26-May 2

Sunday	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10</i>
Monday	<i>Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18</i>
Tuesday	<i>Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30</i>
Wednesday	<i>Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50</i>
Thursday	<i>Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6</i>
Saturday	<i>Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14</i>

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:
www.holycross-wagoner.org

May M&M Volunteers

<i>Altar Linens</i>	Sherry Ruyle
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	Dorene McMahan
<i>Sunday Hostess</i>	4/26-Karol Watson 5/3-Men's Group

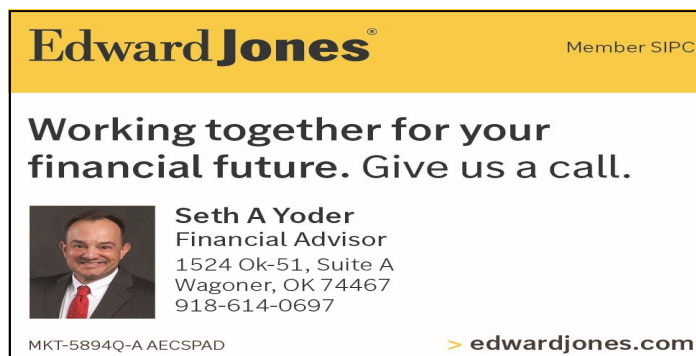
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. -Romans 12:12



Share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Use this QR code to request prayer using the Flocknote Prayer Request page.

Have wings to soar aloft to God in holy prayer and feet to walk among men in a holy and lovable way of life.

—St. Francis de Sales



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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 Flocknotes to receive a copy of the bulletin each weekend in your email!



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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. (English)
11:00 a.m. (Latin)


Weekdays
Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday — 8:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays from 6:00—7:00 p.m.
(following 5:30 p.m. Mass)

CONFESSIONS
30 minutes before Masses, and during Wednesday Adoration 6—7 p.m.

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Holy Cross Faith Formation Classes

High School Bible Study & Youth Group—Each Sunday at 5 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation—Third Sunday of each month after both 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses.

Family Catechesis Classes—Fourth Sunday of each month after both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.

Bible Study—Friday mornings at 9 a.m.

Catholicism 101—Each Tuesday after 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

ENGLISH
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Breaking Bread Book—Pages 145-147

TLM
Epistle: 1 Pt 2:11-19 Gospel: Jn 16:16-22

Pray the Rosary with us!

Rosary on Sundays 20-30 min. before both Masses (8:10 am & 10:30 am)

To volunteer to lead the rosary, contact Dcn. Steve Creed for 8:10 am & Bob Healey at bhealey@prodigy.net or 918-269-3786 for 10:30 am