



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



## Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

### Reflect

**Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?**

# St. Andrew Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Anselm	Joan Mages
Wednesday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Rawlin Smith
Thursday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Glen & Terri Muehlhausen
Friday	9:00 am	Easter Weekday (at Fort Dodge)	Knights of Columbus
Saturday	8:00 am	St. Mark	Linda Durland
Sunday	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Saint Andrew Parishioners

**Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time**

### Ministers for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 26, 2026

**Greeters:** Kirsten Theis & Robert Durler

**Collection:** Nick King & Matt Durler

**Cantor:** Choir

**Servers:** Mati Durler, Amina Khan, Navi Kahn

**Lectors:** Marilyn Burke & Matt Durler

**E.M.C.'s:** Ruth Morton, Sara Smith, Maurice Bleumer

**Gifts:** Steve Lutz

**Rosary:** Maurice Bleumer

### Giving Report: 4-12-26

Envelopes: \$3,851.00

Loose: \$338.75

Electronic: \$1,238.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,248.69



Currently the church organ is not being used for our Masses. If anyone is interested in the church organ, please notify Ruth Morton. Thank You.

Parish Meetings are on Tuesday, April 21. Finance Council at 6:00 pm and Pastoral Council at 7:00 pm

Parish School of Religion, (PSR) is this week. Knights of Columbus provide the meal.

St. John the Baptist Parish in Spearville is hosting Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter for a one-night parish mission on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm. This event will be held in our Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

All are invited to the Priesthood Ordination Mass!

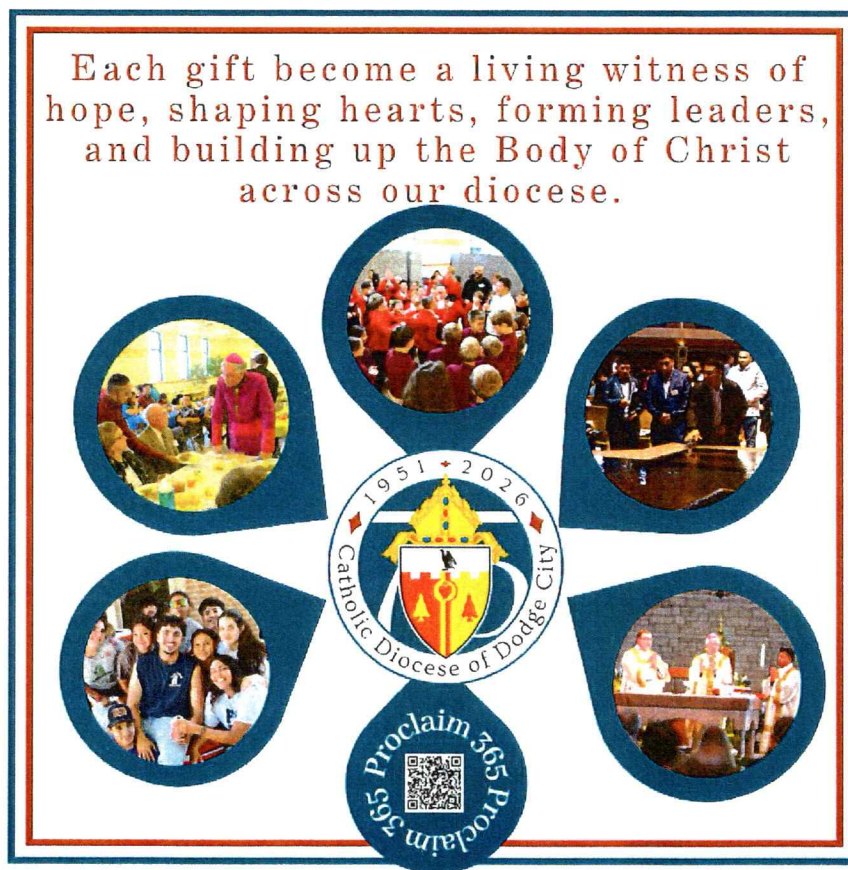
Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Deacon Carson Haupt, Deacon Eric Frieb, and Deacon Esteban Hernández-Mejía to the Order of Presbyter.

**10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026**

**Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City**

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

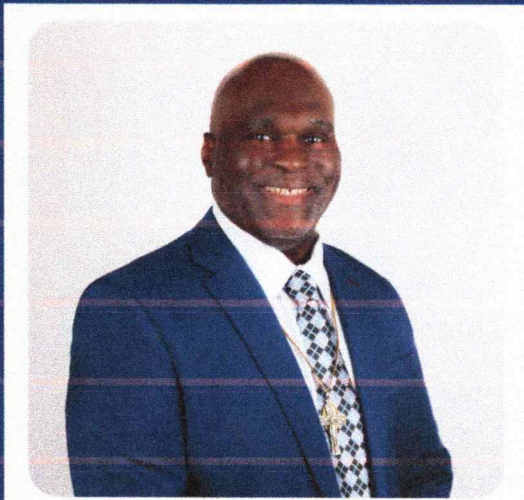
Covered dish supper & quarterly meeting Thursday, April 23 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.



**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +  
Generous in Service + Formed by the Word**

# This is the Hour

*Living the Catholic Faith with Courage,  
Clarity & Conviction*



Deacon Harold  
Burke-Sivers  
*Go & Make Disciples: The  
Call to Evangelization*



Dr. Marcus  
Peter  
*This is the Hour: The  
Urgency of the Gospel*

## St. John the Baptist Parish Center

204 N. Main Street - Spearville, KS

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:30 - 8:30 PM

A powerful one-night parish mission to awaken hearts,  
renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel  
boldly in today's world.



# Dear Padre,

## Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”*

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