



## The Already and the Not Yet

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

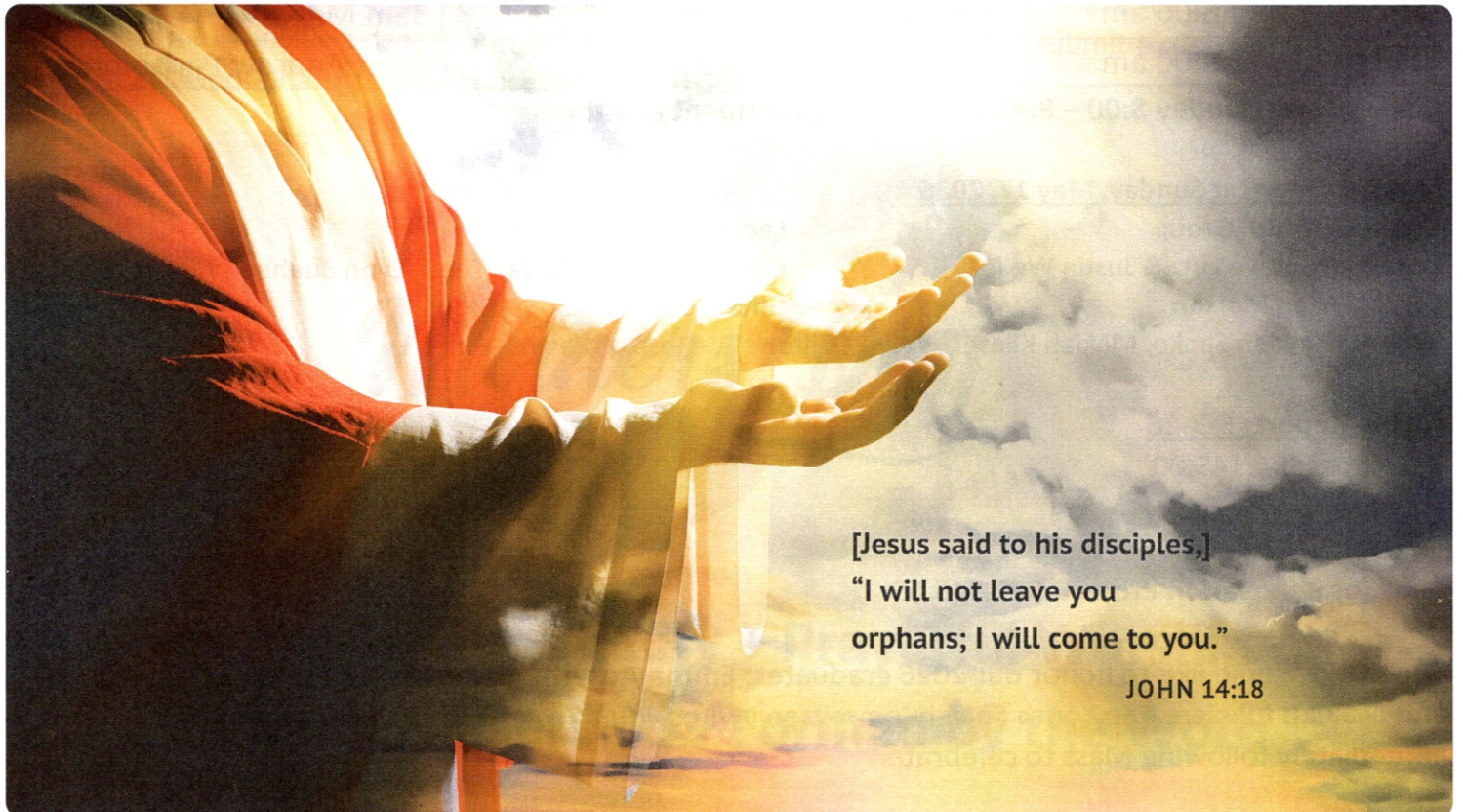
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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### Reflect

*Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?*



[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
“I will not leave you  
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Glen & Terri Muehlhausen
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Confirmation	Diocesan Seminarians
Thursday	8:00 am	Saint Matthias	Knights of Columbus
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Sam Mages
Sunday	9:00 am	Ascension of the Lord	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

### Ministers for next Sunday, May 17, 2026

**Greeters:** Youth Group

**Collection:** Steve Lutz & Justin Weil

**Cantor:** Allen Morton

**Servers:** Hayden Sanko, Makiah Kliesen, Claire Chilton

**Lectors:** Youth Group

**E.M.C.'s:** Ray Theis, Jay Theis, Lynn Buehne

**Gifts:** Youth Group

**Rosary:** Kevin Hecht

### Giving Report: 5-3-26

Envelopes: \$4,145.00

Loose: \$287.76

Electronic: \$1,520.40

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,345.69



Today, we would like to honor our 2026 graduates: **Emma Ackerman, Becca Durler, Karlee Evans, and Makiah Kliesen.** The Youth Social Committee invites you to a cake reception at the Parish Center immediately following Mass to celebrate.

The Knights will lead the Rosary before daily Masses during May beginning at 7:35. Please join us honoring our Mother Mary.

The Knights of Columbus meet Monday evening at 7:45.

There will be a Fraternal Benefit Event Tuesday evening at 6:00. It's titled "How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family". This link will allow you to sign up for it.

["https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6058620685561821529"](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6058620685561821529) When registering, please list 1862 as the council #. There is no cost or obligation for this event.

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 Thursday, May 14 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.

#### **Totus Tuus**

Summer 2026 Parish Totus Tuus schedule can be found at <https://www.dcdioocese.org/summer-missions-youth/totus-tuus>

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is accepting resumes for a part-time Database Assistant position. To request a full position description, ask questions about the position, or submit a resume, please email or call Georgina - gpaz@dcdioocese.org, 620-227-1531.



**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +  
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Peace Faithfulness Modesty Self-Control Chastity Gifts of the

Fruits of the Spirit: Love Joy Patience Kindness Goodness Generosity Gentleness

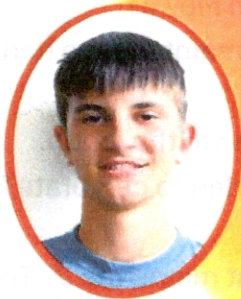
Spirit: Wisdom Understanding Counsel Fortitude Knowledge Piety Fear of the Lord

# You are invited

to join our Candidates & their families  
as these young people of St. Andrew parish  
receive the sacrament of

# Confirmation

Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
6:30 p.m. Mass  
with Fr. Ted Stoecklein and Bishop John Brungardt



**IKE BREUER**  
*St. Michael*



**MATI DURLER**  
*St. Blaise*



**JADEN GROSS**  
*St. David*



**JAMES HAMILTON**  
*St. Sebastian*



**MYLES KING**  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

~~ Reception will follow in the Parish Center. All are welcome. ~~

# Meeting Minutes

St. Andrews's Parish Council

## Meeting Information

<b>Date</b>	4/21/2026
<b>Time</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	St. Andrews Parish Center

## Discussions

1. Father opened the meeting with Prayer. (Litany for the Diocese)
2. The Minutes from the March Meeting were approved as written.
3. Correspondence: There were no correspondences reported.
4. Calendar events were reviewed and updated.
5. Commission Reports:
  - Vocations (Karen): They are planning the next PSR meal.
  - Liturgy (Sherry): Thanks to all who helped decorate for Easter.
  - Religious Formation (Amber): An end of year meeting and teacher appreciation meal is the planning stage.
  - Youth / Social (Brandi): Easter egg hunt was successful. They will honor 3 graduates in May. There will be a fun day for the youth May 31.
  - Property: (Tanner) There are a few minor repairs and maintenance items this month.
  - Finance (John A.): The financial report was reviewed with the group.
  - Altar Society (Ruth M.): Cake and punch will be provided to celebrate First Holy Communion. The Spring Social is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Knights of Columbus (John) There is a COR group that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for Men. The Gun Raffle, potential summer picnic, and Oktoberfest are all in the planning stages.
6. Old Business:
  - Church renovation project continues to slowly progress.
  - Parish Center Possibilities: There is a need for more rooms for PSR therefore looking into getting a storage shed to be placed in the northwest parking area to allow the current storage area to be classroom space.
7. Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026, Time: 7 pm, Location: St. Andrew's Parish Center

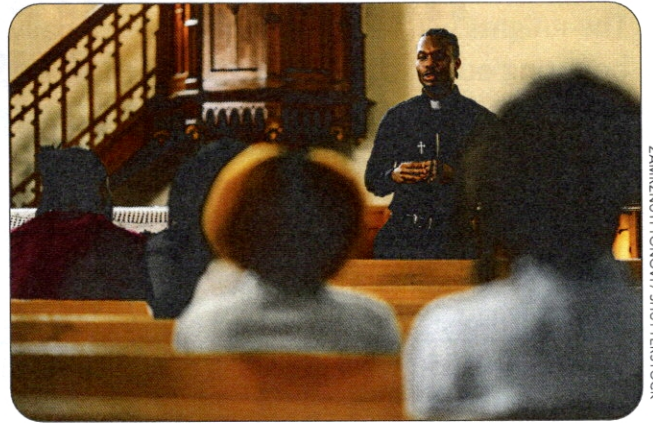
# Dear Padre,

## What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.*

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,  
JUNE 12, 2025

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

#### Monday

May 11  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26–16:4a

#### Tuesday

May 12  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

#### Wednesday

May 13  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

#### Thursday

May 14  
*St. Matthias, Apostle*  
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26  
Jn 15:9–17

#### Friday

May 15  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

#### Saturday

May 16  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

#### Sunday

May 17  
*The Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Mt 28:16–20

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