

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

From Jubilation to Desolation

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The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

Reflect

How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Glen & Terri Muehlhausen
Wednesday	8:00 am	Wednesday of Holy Week	Knights of Columbus
Thursday	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Sam Mages
Friday	7:00 pm	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	
Saturday	9:00 pm	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	Esther Cox
Sunday	9:00 am	Easter Sunday of the resurrection	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Greeters: William & Mary Beth Helfrich

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Makiah Kliesen, Hayden Sanko, Claire Chilton

Lectors: Logan Lix & Alan Vogel

E.M.C.'s: Regina Lix, Diane Lix, Ray theis

Ministers for Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Lectors: Jean Downey & Robert Askew

Cantor: Choir

E.M.C.: Maurice Bleumer

Ministers for Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Greeters: Debert & Barbara Downey

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Braxton Bertz, Levi Stephenson, Joe Durler

Lectors: John Askew, Rochele Weil, Jonathan Lemus

E.M.C.'s: Sara Smith, Ruth Morton, Greg Lix

Gifts: NEOPHYTES

Ministers for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Greeters: Samantha & Tanner Rumbaugh

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Myles King, Aspen Downey, Sadie Davis

Lectors: Briana Stephenson & Becca Durler

E.M.C.'s: Mary Beth Helfrich, Jim Burke, Sheila McCarty

Gifts: Randy Lix

Rosary: Greg Lix

Giving Report: 3-22-26

Envelopes: \$2,850.00

Loose: \$298.00

Electronic: \$1,354.31

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,248.69



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY – Thank you to everyone who signed up for a photo session. If you did not have a photo session but are using an old photo or submitting one of your own, it costs the parish \$20.00 per photo. You are encouraged to pay this amount to the parish to defray the cost.

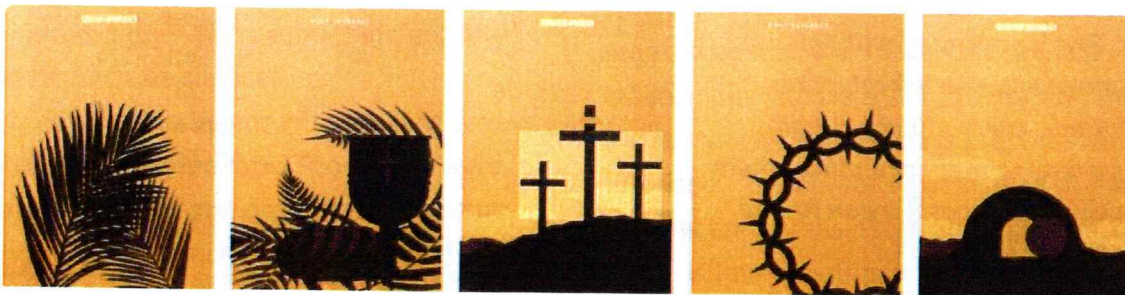
Currently the church organ is not being used for our Masses. If anyone is interested in the church organ, please notify Ruth Morton. Thank You.

Seminarian John Szot's birthday is April 10th. If you would like to send him a card, his mailing address is: St. Joseph House of Formation, 145 S. Milwood Ave., Wichita, KS 67213

Parish School of Religion, (PSR) is this week – Property Commission provides the meal

Hail Mary for Vocations: Please remember to offer a Hail Mary before meal blessing prayers for vocations to the Diocese of Dodge City.

Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 pm, our Field Agent, Jose Arias, will offer a free presentation showing opportunities on how the Knights of Columbus can help prepare and set goals for retirement opportunities, align your finances with our faith and protecting your family's future. He will answer any questions you might have with no obligation to purchase any products. This event will be in the parish center and light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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

Saint Andrew Parish Calendar for April

- 1 6:30 pm PSR – (Adults set up for Holy Thursday) – Property Commission provides the meal
- 2 7:00 pm Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 3 7:00 pm Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion
- 4 10:00 am Preparation of the Church
- 4 9:00 pm Easter Vigil with reception following
- 5 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
- 6 7:00 pm Altar Society
- 7 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Benefits Seminar
- 8 6:30 pm PSR – Finance Council provides the meal
- 9-11 Fr. Ted gone for a class reunion
- 12 9:00 am Mass – First Communion
- 13 7:45 pm Knights of Columbus
- 15 6:30 pm PSR – Altar Society provides the meal
- 14 Spring Assembly in Wright, Kansas U.S.A. (All Priests)
- 17-19 Fr. Ted gone for Engaged Encounter
- 22 6:30 pm PSR – Knights of Columbus provide the meal
- 21 6:00 pm Finance Council
- 21 7:00 pm Pastoral Council
- 18 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle
- 29 Boggs' Birthday (6 Years Old)
- 29 6:30 pm PSR – Vocations Commission provides the meal

Pastoral Council Minutes

March. 17, 2026

1. Father opened the meeting with the Litany for the Diocese Prayer.
2. Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written.
3. There was a thank you note from Meadowlark House for the donation.
4. Calendar events were reviewed and updated.
5. Commission Reports:
 - Liturgy (Sherry): Easter decorations are planned.
 - Religious Formation/DRE (Regina): Everything is going well.
 - Property: (Tanner): Weber will service the AC, still working on the east light, need some marking to not park in the east end of the parking lot so an ambulance has access.
 - Finance (John): The financial report was reviewed with the group.
 - Altar Society: No church cleaning this Spring.
 - K of C (John): The fish fry had the largest turn out yet; Gun raffle is April 18.
6. Old Business: Church Renovation Project is still working on solid plans and getting everything lined out before getting final bids.
7. New Business: Parish Center Possibilities: Need more room for storage/large classes: some options are-shipping container, Sturdy Built Shed, adding on to the building.
 - Ordination Practice Dinner and Vigil: May 29 for Deacon Esteban Hernandez, Deacon Carson Haupt, and Deacon Eric Frieb

Next Meeting April 21, 2026

Dear Padre,

How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.



A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10
A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV						
<i>Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?</i>						

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

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