

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

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Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	11:15 am	Easter Weekday (Priest Spring Assembly)	Diocesan Seminarians
Wednesday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Peg Theis
Thursday	8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Mary Smith
Friday	10:00 am	Funeral Mass	Rita Harper
Saturday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Sunday	9:00 am	Third Sunday of Easter	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2026

Greeters: Youth Group

Lectors: Youth Group

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

E.M.C.'s: Lynn Buehne, Diane Lix, Regina Lix

Cantor: Allen Morton

Gifts: Youth Group

Servers: Maggie Cornitius, Jonathan Lemus, Emery Rumbaugh

Rosary: Robert Askew

Giving Report: 4-5-26

Envelopes: \$2,590.00

Loose: \$753.00

Electronic: \$1,447.84

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,248.69

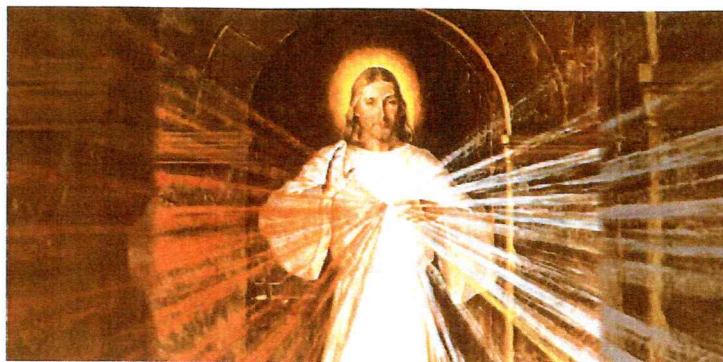


Congratulations to those who will make their First Holy Communion Today:

Adalynn Helfirch, Tenley Breault, Yarityz Torres, Laura Sanko and Garrett Stephenson.

Knights of Columbus meeting is Monday evening at 7:45.

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary at 3 pm Today, at St Andrew Church. Pamphlets on Divine Mercy are available in the back of the church.



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 School of Religion, (PSR) is this week. Altar Society provides 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

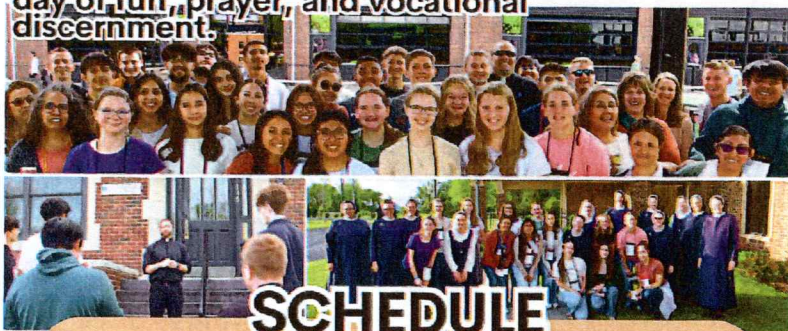
Vocation Rendezvous (seminary and convent visits):

On April 23rd, high school boys and girls (9th-12th grade) are invited to come eat and play pickleball, pray together at a Wichita parish, then boys will visit the seminary house of formation in Wichita while girls go to Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary convent in Colwich. The day will start at 11:30 am at the Sandbox in Goddard and conclude at 7 pm. Sign up via the QR code or by emailing Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org or Gentry Heimerman at gheimerman@dcdiocese.org.

VOCATIONS RENDEZVOUS



Inviting students and chaperones from around the diocese to meet in Wichita for a day of fun, prayer, and vocational discernment.



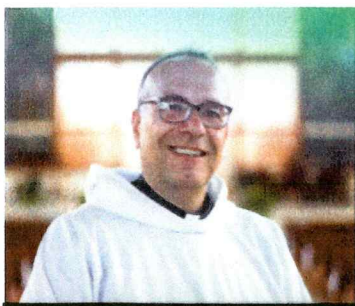
SCHEDULE

APRIL 23

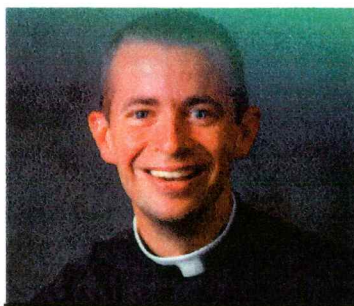
- 11:30AM Arrive at Sandbox (in Goddard) by 11:30 for a free lunch and pickleball/volleyball
- 2PM Tour St. Mark the Evangelist parish and pray together as a group
- 4PM Boys tour St. Joseph seminary
Girls tour Immaculate Heart of Mary convent
- 7 PM Depart for home



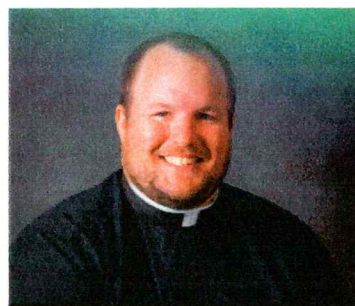
**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +
Generous in Service + Formed by the Word**



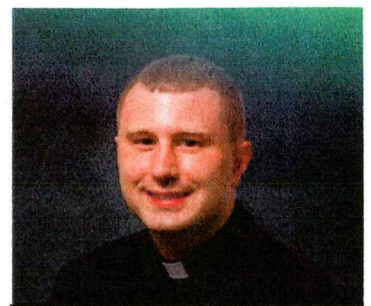
Fr. Jim Sichko



Fr. Wesley Shawe



Fr. Jacob Schneider



Fr. John Stang

Stewardship Conference 2026



Emma Webs



Gentry Heimerman



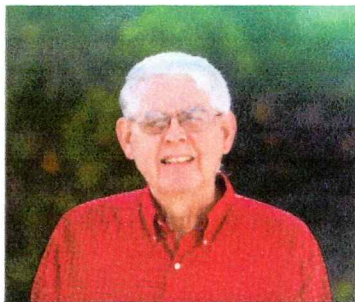
Diana Ramirez



Eric Haselhorst



Sabrina Valensuela



Tim Wenzl

Sign up at :
dcdiocese.org/stewardship

Lunch Provided

Sessions in English

Keynote: Evangelism at your Kitchen Table ~ Fr. Jim Sichko

- Stewardship Renewal: A New Direction, A Deeper Commitment ~ Eric Haselhorst
- Listen, Teach, Send Forth: A Renewed Vision for Youth Ministry ~ Emma Webs
- Celebrating Our Journey: 25 Years of the Cathedral & 75 Years of the Diocese ~ Tim Wenzl & Gentry Heimerman
- Mind, Heart, and Spirit: A Catholic Vision for Mental Health ~ Diana Ramirez

Talleres en español

Evangelizar Cuando Ellos (¡y tú también!) Menos lo Esperan ~ Fr. Wesley Shawe

- Renovación del Compartir: Una Nueva Dirección, Un Compromiso Más Profundo ~ Fr. Jacob Schneider
- Mente, Corazón y Espíritu: Una Visión Católica de la Salud Mental ~ Diana Ramirez
- Opciones de Alivio Migratorio y camino a la Ciudadanía ~ Sabrina Valenzuela
- Consultas Gratuitas de Inmigración

Durante la conferencia de este año, el equipo legal de inmigración de Caridades Católicas del Suroeste de Kansas ofrecerá consultas gratuitas de 15 minutos en salas privadas. Si tiene preguntas sobre su situación migratoria, le invitamos a participar. Las consultas serán atendidas por Representantes Acreditados por el Departamento de Justicia.

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

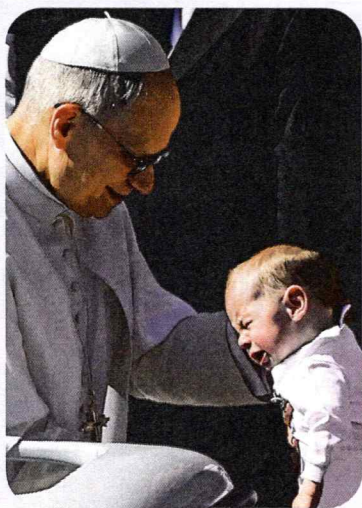
It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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