



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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*"The Earth and all that it
Holds, The world and all
creation are of God."
(Psalm 24)*

Every year, people around the world celebrate Earth Day to help protect our planet and learn more about the environment. Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22, no matter which day of the week it falls on. That's Wednesday, April 22, 2026, this year. It was first celebrated in the U.S. on April 22, 1970. The date was chosen by Senator Gaylord Nelson (*environmentalist, governor, and senator from Wisconsin*) because it was between spring break and final exams, making it easier for students to get involved. That first Earth Day inspired over 20 million people to take action. So, it's a great time for our schools, families, and communities to come together and do something good for the planet.

Earth Day's theme for this year is **"Planet vs. Plastics"** focusing on one of the most urgent environmental issues of our time: **plastic pollution**. We've heard, or read on the news, that it is clogging oceans, harming wildlife, filling landfills, and even appearing in our food, because it pollutes the ground in which we grow our fruits and vegetables. Animals and poultry eat the plants and grains, so plastic is found also in the meat we eat. Plastics have become a global crisis that demands bold action.

The goal of Earth Day 2026 is to:

- Reduce plastic production and consumption worldwide
- Raise awareness of plastic's health risks to humans and animals
- Support global efforts to ban single-use plastics
- Push for stronger policies and industry accountability

Why should Earth Day, care of our planet, concern us Catholics?

Because on May 24, 2015, Pope Francis presented to us an encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, on the care for our common home, which has been foundational for Catholics in relation to listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, highlighting that all of creation is interconnected, and emphasizing climate change and the acceleration and injustice of the ecological crisis and climate emergency.

You may ask, what is an encyclical?

An encyclical is a pastoral letter addressed by the pope to the whole Church, generally addressing matters of faith or morals, encouraging a particular commemoration or pious devotion, or dealing with matters of Church discipline which are to be universally observed.

Encyclicals help everyone better understand how to apply the teachings of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition – especially in light of a particular issue. They offer guiding principles for the faithful to reflect on. That doesn't mean that Catholics can ignore an encyclical if they reflect on it and don't like what it says. Papal encyclicals are to be taken very seriously and should challenge us all to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One of Pope Francis's main motivations for writing the encyclical is that he identifies himself deeply with the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, who is an inspiration for being, without a doubt, the most "ecological" figure in the Catholic Church.

Based on this ecological inspiration, the Pope has stated that "in this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." This dialogue is based primarily on listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor as our home "cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." The encyclical is addressed to every person who inhabits the planet, written as a citizen of our common home who has a moral responsibility to build a "new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet."

Earth Day 2026 is the perfect time for kids and families to take action and have fun while learning about the planet. Whether you're planting a tree or garden, picking up trash, working to reduce waste and save energy, teaching others about taking care of nature, protecting animals and their habitats, or just learning new Earth Day facts, you're helping make the world a better place. Our call as Dominican Sisters of Peace, expressed in our Chapter Commitments, is: "To treasure and reverence Earth by living the truth proclaimed by *Laudato Si'*:...acting...and advocating in solidarity with others in caring for the Earth."

*Resources: Laudato Si', encyclical letter – Pope Francis;
Earth Day 2026 online.*

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Sr. Rebecca Otter





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 2 – HOLY THURSDAY

5:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Larned)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Belpre)

Following the 5:30 PM Mass, The Blessed Sacrament is carried through the Church to the Holy Rosary Chapel in the Parish Center. After a period of adoration in silence, the Holy Thursday liturgy is concluded. Following is the scheduled time and groups for adoration. All others are invited to come pray during any of these times.

6:30 – 7:00 PM – Pastoral Council / Finance Commission

7:00 – 7:30 PM – Liturgy Commission / Vocations Committee

7:30 – 8:00 PM – Altar Society / Heart to Heart Ministry

8:00 – 8:30 PM – Youth Group / PSR

8:30 – 9:00 PM – OCIA / Stewardship Council

9:00 – 9:30 PM – Endowment Board / Adult Religious Formation

9:30 – 10:00 PM – Knights of Columbus

APRIL 3 – GOOD FRIDAY

2:30 PM – Stations – 3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy (Belpre)

4:30 PM – Stations – 5:00 PM Solemn Liturgy (Spanish @ Belpre)

6:00 PM – Stations - 6:30 PM Solemn Liturgy (Larned)

APRIL 4 – HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Easter Vigil and Mass (Spanish @ Belpre)

8:30 PM Easter Vigil and Mass (Larned)

APRIL 5 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM Easter Mass (Belpre)

10:30 AM Easter Mass (Larned)

1:30 PM Easter Mass (Spanish @ Belpre)

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- April 1 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- April 1 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- April 6 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- April 7 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- April 7 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- April 8 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- April 8 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- April 9 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- April 9 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- April 10 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- April 13 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- April 14 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 to 11:30 AM
- April 14 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- April 15 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- April 15 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- April 15 ~ Endowment Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
- April 19 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- April 19 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- April 20 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- April 20 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- April 21 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- April 21 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- April 22 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- April 22 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- April 27 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- April 28 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- April 29 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- April 29 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM



GAME MORNING

Tuesday, April 14th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Sacred Heart Parish Education Center

APRIL PSR SCHEDULE

- April 1 – Regular Classes
- April 3 – No CGS Session
- April 8 – Regular Classes
- April 10 – CGS Session, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- April 15 – Regular Classes
- April 17 – CGS Session, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- April 22 – Regular Classes
- April 29 – Regular Classes /
First Communion Retreat / First Reconciliation



Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday – April 5th
11:30 AM

We invite toddlers – 3rd graders to bring your Easter baskets and enjoy collecting your goodies! Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3273



“LUNCH WITH FRIENDS”

Tuesday, April 21st at 12:00 noon
Menu: Chef's Salad Bar / Desserts

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by April 17th

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Charlie Befort | (17) Duskin Bowman |
| (02) Sue Haymaker | Lynn Hanson |
| Larry Trujillo | Tate Weiser |
| (03) Lisa Schartz | (18) Kim Ramirez |
| (04) Janice Heit | (19) Vicki Gillett |
| (05) Susan Perez | Barbara Penka |
| (07) Shane Eck | Ed Ummel |
| (08) Cathy DeMond | (21) James Burdett |
| (09) Sharon McGinness | (22) Jimmy Gardner |
| Pete Schartz | Maria Martinez |
| Amy Simmons | (23) Kimi Bowman |
| (10) Michelle Kely | Mike Martel |
| Maurice Schaller | Marilyn McClendon |
| (11) Mia Munden | Rob Munden |
| Eli Ramsey | Levi Sanders |
| Tisha Skelton | Kree Smith |
| (12) Nataly Rodriguez | (24) Bert Schartz |
| (13) Jayden Ramirez | (26) Kevin Davis |
| (14) Emma McNett | Reed McNett |
| Jenny Rector | Shane Sundahl |
| (15) Amanda Clark | Dale Unruh |
| Cory Johnson | (28) Laurie Josefiak |
| Emmalyn Ramirez | (30) Amanda Johnson |
| (16) Denis Gilcris | Jeanne McDonald |
| Robert Keller | |
| Raymond Perez | |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- (02) Jason and LeAnne Hammeke
 (06) Robert and Libby Keller
 (12) Okey and Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
 (16) Todd & Tami Keenan
 (19) Pete and Lisa Schartz
 (20) Duskin and Lacy Bowman
 (22) Stephen and Janice Heit
 Maurice and Rita Schaller
 (25) Ben and Jenny Ramsey
 (30) Brooks and Meghann Hanson



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Bennett Hayes, the son of
 Kelbey & Drew Smith on March 1, 2026



DIED IN CHRIST

Gabriel "Gabe" Mull ~ March 12, 2026

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons
 Richard Wolf
 Rita O'Gwin
 Bert Schartz
 Darlene Befort
 Brenda Martin
 Michele Collins
 Stan Durler
 Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord
 Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
 Pam Theis
 Darlene Orth



Tammy Orth
 Karla Graham
 Leon Sanders
 Ryan Shelton
 Clayton Kely
 Sue Haymaker
 Trenton Welsch
 Kevin Simmons
 Bud Johnson
 Lee Durler
 Denis Gilcris

All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military, our homebound parishioners
 and those in care homes.

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	FEBRUARY	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	14,951.00	142,854.82
Special Donations		7,505.00
Endowment		28,632.76
Interest	12.16	111.10
Farm		12,153.29
PSR		19,872.00
Fundraisers	322.57	998.57
Miscellaneous	<u>1,943.24</u>	<u>12,214.96</u>
TOTAL	\$17,228.97	\$224,342.50
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	3,135.89	16,305.94
Salaries	15,194.99	114,974.72
Insurance	3,939.00	21,568.00
Utilities	2,836.93	23,340.71
Maintenance	958.85	12,741.24
Improvement		
Office	5,750.23	16,202.11
PSR	246.45	17,440.74
Farm		961.89
Miscellaneous	<u>1,218.15</u>	<u>10,498.13</u>
TOTAL	\$33,280.49	\$234,033.48
YTD:		(\$9,690.98)

Sacred Heart Altar Society Garage Sale

Friday, June 5th
 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 6th
 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sacred Heart Parish Center
 Start cleaning out your attics, basements, closets
 and garages for items to donate



UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST!

The Vocation Ministry invites you
 to the annual "Uplift Your Priest"
 Campaign celebrated in April.

Please take a moment to pray for Fr. Patrick and show your
 support by filling out a spiritual bouquet card found in the
 Church vestibule. You may leave it in the basket in the
 vestibule or drop it off at the parish office.

April 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Vigil @ 8:30 PM

Lector – Volunteers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Volunteers Needed (major) / (minor)

Servers – Volunteers Needed

Ushers – Volunteers Needed

Gifts – Volunteers Needed

Musicians – Combined Music

Sacristan – Volunteer Needed

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – John & Jacque Wasinger

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

Lector – Ray Colglazier

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Camille Steffen

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / John Wasinger

Gifts – Dennis & Joan Wilson

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

April 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major) / Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Tony Lemuz / Daniel Kelty

Gifts – Matt Fitzsimmons Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Berny Unruh

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Wade Jacobs / Waco Jacobs / Camille Bowman

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – David & Kathy Hammeke

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Jason Hammeke Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Clayton Kelty (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Zoe & Zane Fitzsimmons / Paizlynn Denning

Ushers – Craig Schartz / Clayton Kelty

Gifts – Tony & Linda Lemuz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

**Sign-up sheets are in the Church vestibule
for the Easter Triduum Ministries**