

APRIL 26, 2026

Saint Joseph Catholic Parish & School

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Welcome

SAINT JOSEPH
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

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Mass Times:

Daily Mass: 7:00am
and 12:10pm

Weekend Mass:
Sat. 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday 7:30, 9:30,
11:30am & 5:00pm

Confession:

Mon-Fri 7:30 &
11:00am
Saturday 8:30am

Adoration:

Thur 1:00pm-7:00pm



• 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**THAT THEY MIGHT
HAVE LIFE.**

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This weekend!

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CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. After much prayer, reflection, and consultation with the Diocese, I write to share some important news with you. After many years of priestly ministry and service, I will be retiring from my role as pastor of this parish, effective July 1, 2026.

Serving as your pastor has been one of the great blessings of my life. I am deeply grateful for the faith, trust, and love you have shared with me over the years. Together we have celebrated joyous milestones, walked through moments of uncertainty during COVID, and grown as a community rooted in Christ. I thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to this parish. Though retirement marks a new chapter for me, I will always carry this parish and its people in my heart.

In addition to my retirement, I would also like to share that our Parochial Vicar, Father Raj, will be moving on to a new assignment. Father Raj has been appointed to serve at St. Joseph Parish in Akron, Colorado, beginning July 1, 2026 (Father Raj's Birthday!). We are grateful for his dedication to this Parish and to Holy Family Parish- his zeal will bring smiles where the Lord leads him. We trust that he will be a great blessing to his new parish community.

Transitions can be bittersweet, but they are also opportunities to place our trust more deeply in God's guidance. I invite you to join me in praying for Father Raj as he begins this next chapter, and for our parish as it prepares to welcome Father Brian Larkin in the months ahead.

We will have a farewell send-off for both me and Father Raj in the month of June, more details to come. Please attend this event so that we might have a chance to say farewell to you all.

Thank you again for the privilege of walking this journey of faith with you. May the Lord continue to bless this parish abundantly, now and always.

With gratitude and prayers,

Father Simon Kalonga
Pastor

PARISH

Women's Group *Meet the Deacons' Wives*



Tomorrow! Monday, April 27
6:30pm - Meredith Hall
light supper & refreshments



ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Everything we have is a gift from God — and love calls us to share those gifts. Your generosity is a grateful response to the Lord's blessings, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Join the mission by giving today at archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.

GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER

We invite you to remember the mothers in your life—both living and deceased—through our Mother's Day Novena of Prayer. Cards and novena envelopes are available at the church doors and in the Parish Office.

- For living mothers, please take a card, write her name, and give the card to her as a sign of love and prayer.
- For mothers who have passed away, envelopes are available so they may be remembered in a special way.



Please return the completed novena envelope in the collection. All names received will be included in our Mother's Day Novena of prayers.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hiring!

JOB POSTINGS:

Big things are happening at the Church!

Time for a clean up!

We're kicking off an exciting restoration project —cleaning, repairing, and renewing the Church's masonry to preserve its beauty for years to come.

This work will take approximately 12-14 weeks, and we can't wait to see the progress!





Zupa Vitinska

A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS



At a priest's ordination, the bishop anoints his hands with sacred chrism and wipes them with a cloth that in older rites was called a *maniturgium*. Following an ancient and beautiful tradition, a priest may give this fragrant, oil-soaked cloth to his mother after his first Mass. She carefully preserves the cloth, then at her burial, her hands are tied together as in prayer by the *maniturgium* as a sign that she has offered her son to God and the Church.

AN INDISPENSABLE VOCATION WHY WE NEED BROTHERS



Dominican Friars of St. Joseph

With today's shortage of priests, one might assume that any man entering a religious community would naturally go on to be ordained. Historically, however, this has never been the case. Religious life—marked by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—has always been recognized as a vocation in its own right, distinct from Holy Orders.

Religious brothers play a unique and essential role in the Church. Free from the demands of sacramental ministry, they are often able to devote themselves fully to works requiring long-term presence and deep personal engagement. For example, the Brotherhood of Hope, a community of all brothers, focuses on campus ministry in secular universities.

In contemplative communities such as the Cistercians, monk-brothers live in seclusion and austerity, centered on prayer and labor. Through this hidden fidelity, they bear powerful witness that God alone deserves our complete devotion because, in the end, our common vocation is union with Him in heaven.

Religious brotherhood is a vocation that deserves renewed attention by the faithful and serious consideration from young men discerning God's call.



Diocese of Savannah

Vocation Summer Camps

Vocations-themed summer camps—often run by priests and seminarians—are a staple in dioceses across the country. They offer a mix of prayer, friendship, and fun... and, occasionally, a lifelong calling. When telling their vocation stories, quite a few priests will tell you: *it all started at camp!*

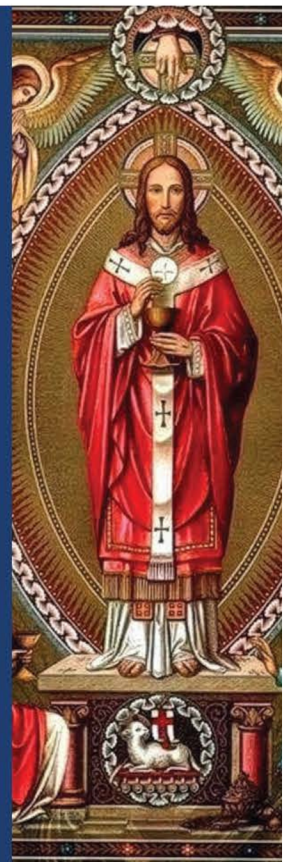
PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. *Amen*



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY REPORT

AS OF MARCH 31, 2026	MONTH OF MARCH	YTD JULY-MARCH
PARISHSOFT GIVING	\$ 48,682	\$ 455,402
COLLECTION & MAIL	\$ 76,341	\$ 676,353
MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 3,264	\$ 26,994
CURRENT YEAR TOTAL	\$ 128,287	\$ 1,158,749
CURRENT BUDGET	\$ 127,500	\$ 1,147,500
BUDGET VARIANCE +/-	\$ 787	\$ 11,249

Thank You for Your Financial Sacrifice!

As we celebrate the Easter Season—a time of resurrection, new life, and renewed hope—we are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish family. Your gifts make it possible for our parish to continue Christ's mission, support our ministries, and share the joy of the Gospel throughout our community. If you are discerning an Easter commitment of giving, whether beginning or continuing your support, please know that every contribution, no matter the amount, truly makes a difference. Signing up is simple and secure at bit.ly/giveSTJ. Thank you for sharing your blessings so generously during this joyful and hope-filled season.

PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH & SCHOOL

Planned Giving offers a meaningful way to carry your faith and values into the future of our parish & school. Your gift helps ensure our mission continues for generations to come. To learn more about including our parish & school in your will, contact our partners at The Catholic Foundation. Deacon Steve Stemper | 303-468-9885 | www.thecatholicfoundation.com

ADORATION INTENTION

ADORATION THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Today we pray for all workers. Lord of the Harvest, through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, remind us of the dignity of work, especially work that is done for the benefit of others.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

- Anne Lucke
- Adriana Alvarez
- Jimmie Smith
- Bob Greenwood
- Sarah Tishibola

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

- Cora Mae Reynolds
- Dennis Doherty
- Cora Frank
- Carol Dillon
- James Wise

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, ST. MARK (F)

8:00PM ~ Kevin & Celia Doherty

4:00PM ~ † Jim Fischer

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM ~ Parishioners of Saint Joseph

9:30AM ~ † Henry Sheopner

11:30AM ~ † Virginia Aguirre

5:00PM ~ † Abram B. Stratton

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00AM ~ † Carlos Pires

12:10PM ~ † Beatrice Hoernicke

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, STS. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, GIANNA MOLA, PETER (OM)

7:00AM ~ † Mike Martinez

12:10PM ~ Anne Dutton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA (M)

7:00AM ~ CELEBRANT'S INTENTIONS

12:10PM ~ CELEBRANT'S INTENTIONS



THURSDAY, APRIL 30, ST. PIUS V (OM)

7:00AM ~ † Adaikaladoss Kanakarayar

12:10PM ~ Members & Friends Abraham Family

FRIDAY, MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH WORKER (OM)

7:00AM ~ John and Theresa Stevi

12:10PM ~ † Hernando & † Flor López



SATURDAY, MAY 2, ST. ATHANASIUS (M)

8:00PM ~ † Daniel O'Brien

4:00PM ~ Maddy Selken

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM ~ † E.C. Quintana

9:30AM ~ Parishioners of Saint Joseph

11:30AM ~ † Esther Padilla

5:00PM ~ † Paul Tallman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5/ Ps 67:2-8/Jn 12:44-50

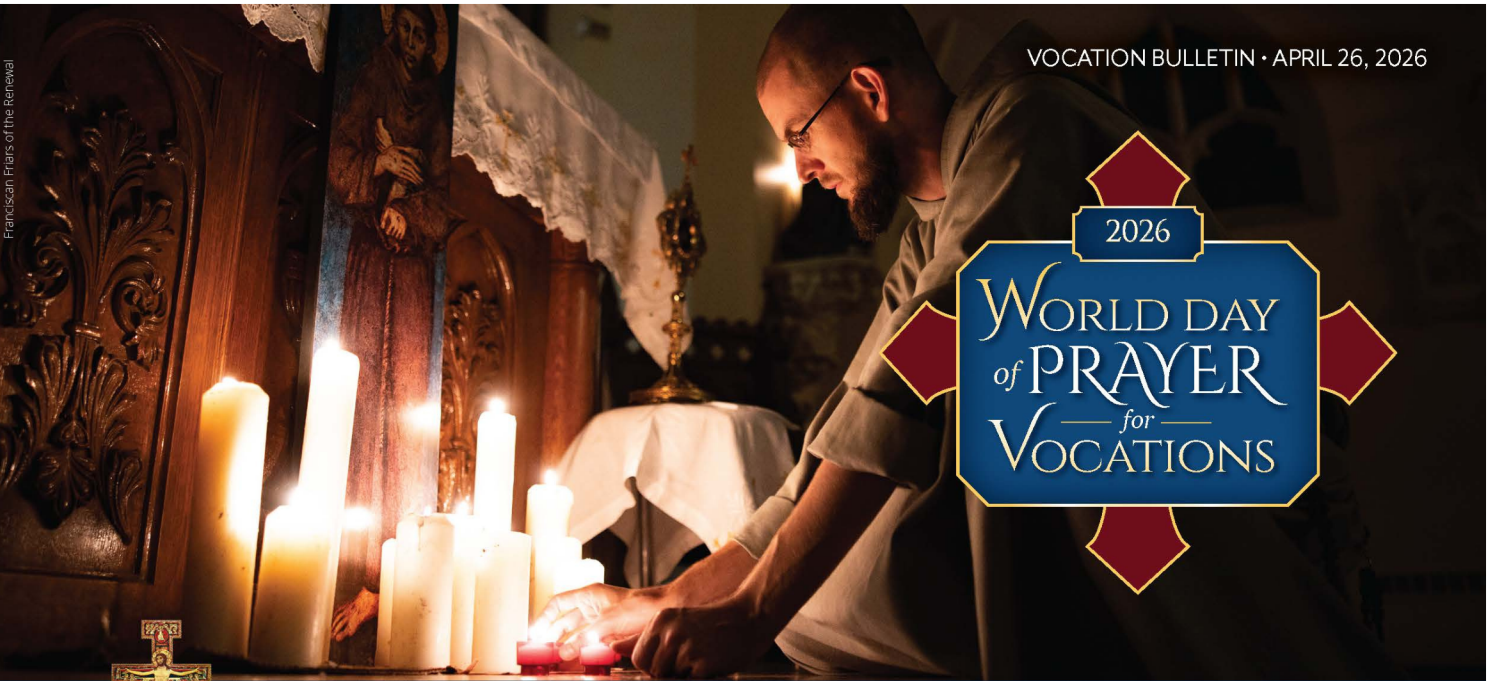
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



2026
**WORLD DAY
 of PRAYER
 — for —
 VOCATIONS**



JUBILEE YEAR • 800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS • 1226-2026

Masthead photo: A young friar prepares for *transitus*, the Franciscan tradition of celebrating the entrance of their patron saint into heaven. In 2026, the feast will take on special significance, as Pope Leo has declared a special jubilee year recognizing eight centuries of Francis of Assisi's profound influence on the Church.

CALLED BY NAME

'THEY SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE IN MYSELF'

“When I first became Vocation Director, I discovered something remarkable,” said Fr. Jordan Dosch, a priest of the Diocese of Bismarck. “I was looking through our archives and discovered an old ‘Called by Name’ list from about fifteen years earlier.” The list was from a campaign during which the bishop asked people to suggest young men who might make good priests. “As I looked at this long list of hundreds of young men, I saw my own name.”

“What’s amazing to me is that when my name was submitted, I was in junior high, and wasn’t even thinking about the priesthood—I barely even understood what it was. But someone saw something in me that I couldn’t yet see in myself.”

As Fr. Dosch examined the list, he saw more names he recognized. “I checked closely, and almost all of our young priests were on that list,” he said. “And some names were on the list ten times, which is a pretty good clue!”

Fr. Dosch says lay people have an important role to play in calling forth priestly vocations. “Every young Catholic guy has to struggle at some point with whether God may be calling him,” he said. “So when you see a devout young man and ask, ‘Have you ever considered the priesthood?’ it might confirm something that is already stirring in his heart.”



Daughters of Mary of Nazareth

The Romance of Religious Life

Many women say, “I could never be a nun. I want a guy to sweep me off my feet. I want walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and warm embraces.” And yet there are thousands of religious sisters who are head-over-heels in love with Jesus Christ, who relish being His bride, who will do anything to please Him, and who are too romantic to choose any other kind of life!



Fr. Jordan Dosch is currently studying canon law in Rome. He is pictured here with two deacons at their ordination in St. Peter's Basilica.