

## This Week's Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41	Ps 23: 1-6	1Peter 2:20b-25	John 10:1-10
Week 4 Mon Acts 11:1-18	Ps 42:2-3,43:3-4		John 10:11-18
Week 4 Tues Acts 11:19-26	Ps 87:1b-7		John 10:22-30
Week 4 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a	Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8		John 12:44-50
Week 4 Thurs Acts 13:13-25	Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27		John 13:16-20
Week 4 Fri Acts 13:26-33	Ps 2:6-11ab		John 14:1-6
Week 4 Sat Acts 13:44-52	Ps 98:1-4		John 14:7-14

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7	PS 33:1-2,4-5,18-19	1Peter 2:4-9	John 14:1-12
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### Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions: April 2026 For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, April 26th All Religious Sisters and consecrated Virgins from our Diocese, Monday, April 27th All deceased priests and deacons, Tuesday, April 28th, All young men and women discerning religious life, Wednesday, April 29th, Young men discerning the priesthood, Thursday, April 30th , Pope Leo XIV, Friday, May 1st Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Saturday, May 2nd, Bishope Emeritus Michael Hoepfner, Sunday, May 3rd Bishop Emeritus Victor Balke**

### DID YOU KNOW? WHY THERE MUST BE AT LEAST TWO CANDLES AT MASS 🕯️🕯️

Most Catholics see candles at Mass and think:

"They're just decoration." Or: "They make the altar look beautiful."

But in the Church, nothing at the altar is decoration. Candles are not there for mood.

They are there for meaning. The Church Requires Candles

According to the Church's liturgical law, at least two candles must be present at every Mass. Not one. Not zero. At least two. Why? **†** Because the Mass is a Sacred Act, Not a Speech. In ancient times, candles were used for light. But the Church kept them even after electric light existed. Why? Because candles proclaim something: "This place is holy. This action is divine." Whenever sacrifice is offered to God in Scripture, light is present.

**†** Two Candles: A Silent Witness In biblical tradition, two witnesses are required to establish truth. Scripture says: "A matter is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses." At Mass, the candles stand as silent witnesses to what is happening on the altar: the sacrifice of Christ the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The altar is never left without witness.

**†** Light Before the Presence of God Candles burn: as a sign of Christ, the Light of the world as a symbol of prayer rising to heaven as an image of self-giving, the candle destroys itself to give light. This is exactly what happens at Mass: Christ gives Himself completely.

**†** Why Not Just One Candle? One candle can suggest: private prayer, personal devotion.

But the Mass is never private. Two candles say: "This is the public worship of the Church." It is Christ acting through His Body, the Church. **†** More Candles, Greater Solemnity On solemn feasts, you will see: four candles, six candles, sometimes seven (when a bishop celebrates) This is not excess. It is the Church saying: "Today, we celebrate with greater joy and honor." But never fewer than two. **†** The Message is Clear. The altar is not a stage. The priest is not performing. The Mass is not ordinary. Two candles quietly declare: "He is here. Heaven is open. Pay attention." **†** So Next Time You See the Candles... Don't ignore them. They are preaching without words. They are worshipping without sound. They are reminding you: Christ is present. Christ is offered. Christ is our light.

God bless you 🙏

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

# ASSUMPTION

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April 26th, 2026

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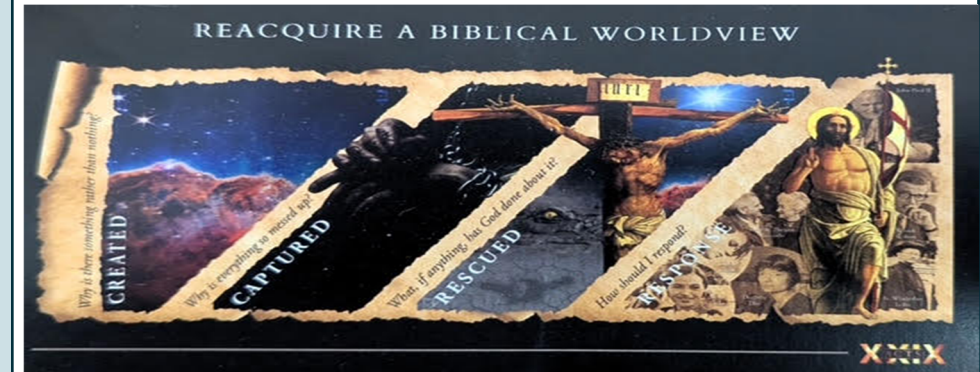
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From the Desk of Fr Hamness



Mark your calendars for October 10th because the Diocese of Crookston is hosting Rescue Live by internationally known evangelist Fr. John Riccardo and his team from ACTS 29 ministries.

Fr. Riccardo will share the Rescue Project, which proclaims the gospel in a compelling and attractive way, and Bishop Cozzens will lead us in prayer and adoration during the day.

Our parish is playing a very small part in sponsoring this important project, and I have been given 10 complimentary tickets to this event. Normally, the entrance fee is \$50, so the first 10 people that ask me and are willing to attend will receive a code for a free ticket.

This event is taking place at the Alerus Center Ballroom in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and I am told that registration will be held for people from the Diocese of Crookston until mid-May, but after that it will be opened up for the general public. Considering Fr. Riccardo's popularity and the reach of his ministry, all available tickets are expected to be gone in a flash, so please make plans and act now!

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEKDAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFESSIONS
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	April 26th	10:30 am	Mass:+Mark Stalberger	10:10am
Easter Weekday	Tuesday	April 28th	5:00pm	Adoration & Benediction	
Easter Weekday	Tuesday	April 28th	7:00pm	Mass:+Michael John Steffl	6:30pm
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	May 3rd	10:30 am	Mass: Pro Poulo	10:10am

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // [chulst@crookston.org](mailto:chulst@crookston.org)

**April 16th 4th Sunday of Easter**

*“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” Acts 2:38*

The word “repent” means to turn from sin—to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent come from within— a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is to recognize that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news—we are not alone on our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

**Prayers of the Faithful April 26th As we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.**

**Question of the week**

*How can I live my life more abundantly? What specific things can I do this week to increase the love and mercy in my life?*

*Liturgy of the Hours: Week IV of the Psalter*

**Reflection of the Gospel**

*An important aspect of the image of Jesus as the sheepgate is that the gate opens both in and out. Jesus’ followers come into the sheepfold through him, but they are also led out by him. All who are led in find a place of refreshment and rest, a space where wounds can be healed and all can be nourished. But whoever enters is also led out to find pasture, the verdant space of mission. Jesus is the gate that opens in and out.*

*-Living Liturgy™, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 2026*

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**Prayer Requests:**

**The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:**

**Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.**

Carol Bertram Aarness, Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Arlene Buitendyk, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottemesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, LeAnn Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Jeanine Kivi, Jamie Langevin, Delores Manning, Betty, Kate Matter, **Margaret McDougall**, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Earl Paulson, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Bev Snyder, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke

**Bold are new this week, or need extra prayers!**

**Please Pray for our Students as they enter the final month of school, with final exams and the anticipation of the summer!**

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon

**Birthdays on file this Week**

**Sunday, April 26th Sharon Winter**



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,355.00

Loose Plate \$ 537.00

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday May 3, 2026**

Altar Server: Freddie Steffl

Lector: Karen Klarer

Presentation of Gifts: Wally & Lina Loreth

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Schmit & Mary Ann

Jorgenson

Ushers: Richard McDougall & Bob Schmit

Music: Sarah Helm

**Catholic Home Mission**

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**All are invited**  
 Divine Renovation and Bishop Andrew Cozzens  
 at St. Philip's, Bemidji  
**Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00 - 8:15 P.M.**  
 Three Keys of Missionary Conversion and Pastoral Planning  
 Speakers: Matt Regitz & Fr. Nick Desimone

**DIVINE RENOVATION** **New Life** **Diocese of CROOKSTON**

No RSVP necessary!

- Tuesday, April 28th St Rachel’s Circle Meeting 3:30 pm St Joseph Hall
- Sunday, May 3rd, KC Tootie Roll Sunday
- Thursday, May 7th National Day of Prayer Noon, True Life Assembly of God, Detroit Lakes
- Wednesday, May 13th 5:30 pm Callaway Daze Meeting St Joseph Fellowship Hall
- Saturday May 16th, Spring time at the Lakes Luncheon St Mary of the Lakes 10:30-1pm
- Sunday, May 17th Christian Mothers Meeting after Mass
- Tuesday, May 19 KC meeting in Detroit Lakes at 7pm Election of Officers
- Wednesday, May 20th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch
- Monday, May 25th Ogema VFW at St. Mary's Cemetery



**Upcoming Fellowship**

April 26th St Therea’s Circle Bake Sale

- May 3rd Damian & Carol Fellowship
- May 10th NO Fellowship Mothers Day
- May 17th Ken Pearson
- May 24th No Fellowship Memorial Weekend

**Dates to Remember**

**April 5 to 12, 2026**  
**The Octave of Easter**  
 The Octave of Easter is an eight-day period starting on Easter Sunday and ending the following Sunday, where each day is celebrated as if it were Easter itself, highlighting the joy of Jesus Christ’s resurrection.

**April 5 to May 24, 2026**  
**The Easter Season**  
 The Easter Season is the 50-day period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and culminating in the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**May 17, 2026**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
 In the Philippines, Ascension Sunday is usually celebrated on the Sunday following the traditional Thursday observance, marking Jesus Christ’s ascension into heaven and the end of his earthly appearances.

**May 24, 2026**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
 Pentecost Sunday marks the Holy Spirit’s coming and the start of the Church’s mission.