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## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM  
5:15 PM (Spanish)

### Confessions:

Tues & Wed 4:45-5:10 PM  
Saturday 3:45-4:30 PM

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Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12  
Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us.

I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**From Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick:** In two weeks, many of our Pastorate children will receive their First Holy Communion. Their teachers and parents are busy preparing them very well for this day, and it promises to be a joyous day for many. This is a happy time of the year, when we can more confidently trust that winter is behind us and events like First Holy Communion, Mother's Day, graduations, and the end of the school year reassure us that we have a full Summer ahead of us. These traditional events mark rites of passage, as well as reaffirming our gratitude for the people in our lives that help us to enjoy the gifts of God.

We also celebrate a Tradition each time we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This though is a tradition with a capital "T". The three-legged stool of our Catholic faith is *Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterium*. Scripture as we know, is the inspired word of God that is the foundation for all we know and trust concerning knowledge of God, His interaction with us through time, and the works of Christ. Magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church as exercised through time, especially by Popes and Bishops. It is through the Magisterium that our theology developed, and the laws of the Church that organically grew through the witness of Scripture and our understanding of God through time.

Tradition is positioned as the second leg of the stool, and a reassurance that our faith, especially in Christ's true presence in the Eucharist and the structure of Holy Mass itself, can be traced back to the earliest days of the Church, as evidenced by this explanation by St. Justin Martyr around the year 140AD. From the time of the Apostles onward, the core of our faith has been constant, especially in the way we express these truths liturgically. This passage from his famous *Apologia* is very interesting, in that it precisely explains the very Mass we celebrate today:

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by St. Justin, martyr:

*"No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.*

*We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the*

*incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.*

*The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.*

*On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.*

*On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.*

*The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.*

*We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration."*

The beauty of Sacred Liturgy finds its origin in Christ Himself. As children of God, we seek to reflect this beauty in our souls and actions. By adhering as best we can to the timelessness of Christ Himself, we remember we are part of something that is eternal and true. This is why we approach Holy Mass with reverence and awe, part of the unbroken chain of believers who follow Him and trust in His abiding presence to the flock we call our Catholic Church.

**RE and Discipleship Programs:**

**Steubenville July 2024:** STM is looking to partner with surrounding parishes to take a bus of High School students to Steubenville Rochester. The dates are July 12-14. Contact [coordinator@stmbrookings](mailto:coordinator@stmbrookings) for more info.

**RE Closing Mass:** The school year is quickly coming to an end! We want to celebrate and give thanks to God for all of the wonderful gifts and blessings this year. Come and help us celebrate at the RE closing mass on May 1st at 5:30pm. Ice cream social to following.

**Lumen Christi:** Save the date! Lumen Christi is coming to STM July 21st-26th This summer formation program is great for our young people ages 1st-12th grade. More info will follow in the coming weeks. We are looking for families to host the Lumen Christi missionaries for that week. If you are interested please call the front office or email [discipleship@stmbrookings.org](mailto:discipleship@stmbrookings.org)

**1st Communion Mass:** The weekend of May 4th and 5th STM will be celebrating the reception of 1st Holy Communion for our 1st Communion class. Please keep them in your prayers as they spend the final weeks preparing for the sacrament.

**Food & Fellowship Meal - 5-6 PM**

April 24: Walking Tacos

All are welcome, free will donation.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St. Agnes #618 Scholarship:**

1-\$1000 scholarship for a graduating senior or incoming freshman at a university, college or vocational school.  
1-\$1000 scholarship for an upperclassman attending a university, college or vocational school.  
Applicants must have a parent or family member that is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings. Applications may be picked up at St. Thomas More Parish Office. **Due Date is April 26, 2024.** Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal and/or parish member are required. Transcripts of grades for upperclassmen must be furnished along with the application form.

**Men's Rosary:** Monday April 29th there is a rosary held in the chapel at 7:00pm praying for vocations and for the men in our parish. All men are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 21st**

Established in 1964, Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be World Day of Vocations, which is the day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that He send more workers into the vineyard of the Church. We are asked to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more men and women will generously say 'yes' to God's call in their lives, and parents will help to cultivate their vocations and support them.

We can pray for vocations today in four specific ways:

1. Pray for the priests that have ministered to us throughout our lives, both living and deceased.
2. Hold your parish priests in prayer.
3. Encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider service to God as a priest or religious.
4. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our Diocese to respond to God's call.

**St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking to hire a Principal, grades PK-5 for 2024/25 school year. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply. More information and a job description may be found on the parish website, as well as the diocesan Job Board, found at [www.sfcatholic.org](http://www.sfcatholic.org). Click on the header tab "employment opportunities".**

Don't forget to bring your **Hy-Vee grocery, gas and pharmacy receipts** to STM to help the school earn cash. Drop them in the donation container on the table under the bulletin board. Also detailed Aisles online printed receipts work to.

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**Women's Rosary Group:** Next Rosary is Monday May 6th held in the chapel at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

21	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Ann
23	Tues	7am-2:20pm	Bloodmobile- Parking Lot
23	Tues	9-11AM	Mom's Group- Couch Room
23	Tues	4PM	Study Group- Room C
23	Tues	6:15PM	Adult RE (RCIA)- Social Hall
23	Tues	7PM	Rosary Makers- Room C
24	Wed	All Evening	RE Classes
24	Wed	2:30PM	Youth Choir- Sanctuary
24	Wed	5-6PM	Food and Fellowship- Social Hall
24	Wed	6:00PM	Adult Choir- Sanctuary
25	Thurs	10:30AM	Study Group- Office Conf. Room
25	Thurs	6:30PM	Chris Schmidt's Bible Study-Couch Rm
25/26	Thurs/Fri	7:30-7:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration-Sign up for an hour at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/STMAdoration">tinyurl.com/STMAdoration</a>
27	Sat	9:00AM	Fr. Rod's Bible Study- Room C
28	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Lucy

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

20	Sat	5:00PM	Sylvester & Virginia Billet †
21	Sun	8:30AM	Joyce Brodersen †
21	Sun	10:30AM	Francis Kritzberger †
21	Sun	5:15PM	For the people (Spanish)
22	Mon	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
23	Tues	5:15PM	Calvin Gramm †
24	Wed	12:10PM	Corine Thomas †
24	Wed	5:15PM	John Burke †
25	Thurs	7:00AM	Loraine Larsen †
26	Fri	7:00AM	Barbara Stevens †
27	Sat	5:00PM	Mary Donohue †
28	Sun	8:30AM	Leon Cantin †
28	Sun	10:30AM	Tom Klosterman †
28	Sun	5:15 PM	For the people (Spanish)

	Memorial, Feast, or Solemnity	Readings
Mon.	Easter Weekday	Act 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tues.	Easter Weekday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wed.	Easter Weekday	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thur.	Saint Mark, Evangelist	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Fri.	Easter Weekday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Sat.	Easter Weekday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**STM CHOIRS**

**All are welcome!** Contact Sara Olson, our music liturgist, at [sara@stmbrookings.org](mailto:sara@stmbrookings.org) or 692-4361.

**STM Choir**-High School & Adults. The choir sings Sundays and is directed by Dr. Laura Diddle-Hildebrandt. New voices are always welcome! Rehearsals are Wed at 6:00PM. The Choir will sing at 8:30am mass.

**Youth Choir** - Grades 2-8. YC meets on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:45PM. We start with snacks at 2:30 in the Social Hall. YC sings at one Sunday morning Mass a month and is directed by Sara Olson. Contact [sara@stmbrookings.org](mailto:sara@stmbrookings.org) to register.

**Pastorate Service opportunity.** STM Knights of Columbus in partnership with Catholic Daughters and Sleep In Heavenly Peace are going to build beds on Saturday May 18, 2024 in the STM Parking lot with a goal of 100! Morning shift 9-12 am, Afternoon shift 1-4pm. There will be brats and hotdogs for lunch by Knights of Columbus and potluck by Pastorate. In June, these beds along with mattresses, bedtime story books and stuffed animals will be delivered to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in partnership with Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters from Rapid City. **Sign ups for potluck, work shifts and donations will be available the weekend of April 20-21.** Please contact Philip Carlson 605-692-4361 if you have questions about the build, delivery or the culmination of Pilgrimage at Black Elk Peak 29 June 2024.

**Last Week's Donations**  
From April 11-17, 2024


Weekly Budget	\$ 14,942.31	Year to Date	\$ 627,577.02
Weekly Giving	\$ 20,150.59	Year to Date	\$ 719,666.78
Last Year's Giving July-April			\$ 714,666.57

CFSA: Goal: \$ 162,200      Amount Pledged: \$ 126,547

**Counter Schedule April 28**

Al & Joan Baker and Mike Sprenger and Carol Birgen

**Through the Sacrament of Baptism We Welcome: Gianna Peace Hilbert,** Daughter of Jordan & Jenna Hilbert. May Gianna grow with us in the love of God.



**News from Across the Pastorate:**

Elkton is celebrating the titular feast of our town and parish. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

On Friday, April 26, 2024, Elkton Feast of Mary, Our Lady of Good Council

5:30 PM: Outdoor Procession (if good weather) or Prayer in the Church to pray for farmers and the coming planting season. Traditionally, April 25, the Feast of St. Mark, was known as an ember day to ask God's blessings.

6 PM: Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel

7 PM: Community meal (all are welcome)

**The Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Thomas More on Tuesday, April 23, from 7:00am to 2:20pm in STM parking lot.** The sign-up for the blood drive will be available in the Gathering space. You may call the parish office if you have any questions or to sign up at 692-4361

**KC'S Scriptural Rosary Group:** Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to pray this rosary with the knights which includes beautiful scripture telling the story within each mystery. Next Rosary will be Tuesday, May 13th.

Weekend of April 27th & April 28th				
	Lector	Server	EM	U/G
5:00 PM	Dee Johnson (1) Peggy Settle-Kenefick (2)	Nolan Brink Braden Higgins Birklee Kruse	Leanne Banken Rita Harming Sean Higgins Margie Streier	Kevin Banken Craig Johnson Jan Struck Wally Struck
8:30 AM	Gary Duffy (1) Judy Duffy (2)	Will Gent Charley Heller <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Reece Kurtenbach Kami Kurtenbach Mary Schulte Joe Schulte	Dan Gee Rae Jean Gee Steve Kirkey Bill Zink
10:30 AM	Joe Schefers (1) Katie Schefers (2)	Clare Overby Julia Schefers Caroline Schefers	Melissa Kurtenbach Angela Pillatzki Shelly Wiemann Brad Wiemann	Matt Caron Tom Davis Jack Longar Dave Schneider

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- your parish, type in our zip
- code 57006, and click on
- our parish's name when it
- appears. Click "next" and
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