

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MAY 11, 2025 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REFLECTIONS

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me"** (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul. Fr. John Muir



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday	St. Anthony's—Lakin
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	HPRV
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
Wednesday	St. Raphael-Syracuse
8:00 am (MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
Thursday	St. Anthony's –Lakin
11:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday

7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	Lakin
3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confession

St. Anthony's

Sunday Lakin & Syracuse

6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)
8:00 –8:50 am	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)
10:30 am	Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 5-4-2025

Envelopes:	\$1000.00
Loose:	\$513.36
Online Giving:	\$1176.02
Total:	\$2,689.38
Average Weekly Expense:	1,761.17
Income over/under:	928.21



OFFICE HOUR

T-F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death? When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed. It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

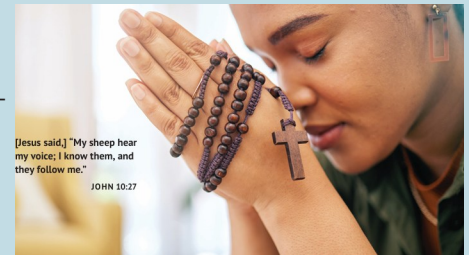


TO BE OR NOT TO BE ... SPIRITUAL

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word. There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives.

One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy. Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus.



[Jesus said,] "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."
JOHN 10:27

4th Sunday of Easter / May 11, 2025

First Reading: The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

Psalms: We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

Second Reading: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

Gospel: Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima

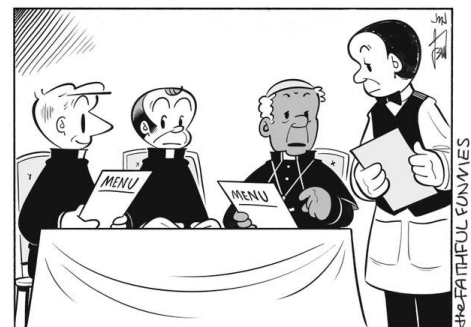
Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Thursday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

"What do you call a priest, a deacon, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?"



"Holy Orders."



Holy Orders refers to the sacrament in which a man is ordained a priest. When a man shares in the priesthood of Christ, he is then able to dispense the sacraments and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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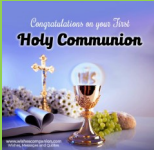
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We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Lennyx & Ledger, childred of Makennah & Wade Shannon. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Lennyx & Ledger.



WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE JORDIS & KERSEY QUINTANA WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND.

We are grateful to their parents, our DRE Lisa Gannett, Catechist-Emma Xiong



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARISH HALL

10:00 AM | SUNDAY | MAY 11

START YOUR SUNDAY OFF RIGHT!



BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, May 25, and Tuesday, June 3. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.

11 de mayo de 2025- IV Domingo de Pascua

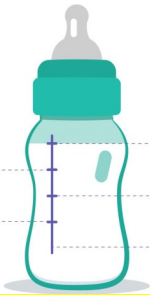
Hoy Jesús nos revela que formamos parte de su rebaño. Son muchas ovejas, pero el Pastor trata con especial cariño a cada una de ellas, las conoce, cuida y protege del enemigo. Nunca olvida a ninguna de ellas, las ama y trasmite su amor. *"Nuestra vida está totalmente segura en las manos de Jesús y del Padre, que son una sola cosa: un único amor, una única misericordia, reveladas de una vez y para siempre en el sacrificio de la cruz. Él es nuestro guía, nuestro maestro, nuestro amigo, nuestro modelo, pero sobre todo nuestro salvador. A veces Jesús nos llama, nos invita a seguirle, pero tal vez sucede que no nos damos cuenta de que es Él"* (Papa Francisco).

¿Te das cuenta de cuándo Jesús te ha llamado? ¿Escuchas su voz o te haces el sordo? En la sociedad actual, vale la pena reflexionar sobre lo siguiente: ¿Qué voces nos dan confianza? ¿Cuáles nos hacen sentir seguros? Sobre todo, los niños y los jóvenes están muchas veces tan confundidos al escuchar voces que los llaman solo para perderlos, atacándolos con falsas promesas. Sin embargo, hay voces buenas que llaman a la unidad y a la paz, como el Papa Francisco, además de muchos padres y madres de familia, profesores y amigos buenos, que guían e instruyen para crecer en el bien y andar por el buen camino. Es un reto muy grande, pero no imposible de llevar a cabo. Dios te ama. ¡Grábatelo en el corazón!



How YOUR gift changes lives:

- \$100** Provides one life-saving ultrasound and medical assessment.
- \$25** Provides a supply of brochures to give to abortion-vulnerable women to let them know of our services.



- \$200** Provides counseling sessions for 2 different families (pregnant teen mother or father and their family).
- \$50** Provides one life-affirming professional counseling session.
- \$10** Provides a pregnancy test and verification for a woman in need.

KANSANS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our parish will have empty baby bottles in the vestibule on Mother's Day and collect them again on Father's Day. We ask that you use them to collect your change or any other monetary donation that you would like to make to our Pro Life Causes.

St. Anthony Church— 600 Soderberg Street

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
Rel.Edu. Committee: Karen Burden,	355-6388
DRE: Lisa Gannett	272-6866
Parish C. Chair: Gwen Waechter	272-1030
Finance C. Chair: Tressa Powers	355-6206
Altar S. President: Nanette Rice	355-7676
Grand Knight: Tom Bachman	640-8259
Prayer Line Starters: Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676
Vocation Team: Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection. The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus. ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, May 12	5:30 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, May 13	9:30 am	+ Helen Rice
Wed, May 14	9:00 am	St. Raphael’s
Thurs, May 15	12:15 pm	Sp. Int. Burden Family
Fri, May 16	8: 00 am	+ Bill Rice
Sat, May 17	4:00 pm	For Rain
Sun, May 18	9:00 am	+ Pastor’s Intention

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/10/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

Extra Ordinary of HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

5/11/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Julie Kaps

Extra Ordinary of HC: Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/17/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer

Reader: Karen Burden

Extra Ordinary of HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

5/18/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace Berning, Haley Berning

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Del & Julia Kaps

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00. Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism:

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime