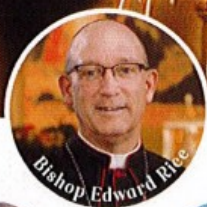




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Liturgical Roles

4th Sunday of Easter April 25-26, 2026

Saturday, April 25, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Audrey & Nellie Langston
Lector: Dennis Horrell
Extraordinary Min: *Richard Eeftink
Ushers: Alfred & Larry VanGennip
Offertory: Family of Leon & Connie DeBrock
Sacristan: Gina Bueter
Rosary: Mark Kiefer

PROM MASS

Saturday, April 25, 6 PM (SJ)

Servers: TBD
Lector: *Junior Student*
Extraordinary Min.: * Jennifer Rosanna, Stacy Halter, Aimee Hampton
Choir Min.: Pam Wesbecher
Ushers: *Junior Students*
Offertory: *Junior Students*
Sacristan: Lori Graham
Rosary: volunteer

PCCW MASS

Sunday, April 26, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Finn Beussink, Jacob Beussink
Lector: Janice Wesbecher
Extraordinary Min.: *Mary Adams, Patty Bohnsack, Chelsey Van de Ven
Choir Min.: Darlene Stoverink
Ushers: Roy Vandeven, Roger Thiele
Offertory: PCCW – Annette Wiseman, Marcia Upchurch
Sacristan: Cindy (L) Jansen
Rosary: PCCW – Geri Geringer

Sunday, April 26, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Olive & Violet Deck, Valerie Michaelree
Lector: Lauryn Shrum
Extraordinary Min.: *Joann James, Danny James, Cindy (A) Jansen
Choir Min.: Addison Engelen
Ushers: Chuck Forrester, AJ Eftink
Offertory: Rod & Sandy Davis
Sacristan: Polly Mungle, Cassie Engelen
Rosary: Peggy Nenninger

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for April 26: Kristi Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, April 20

7:20 AM - Rosary & Prayer Service (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, April 21

7:20 AM - Rosary & Prayer Service (SJ)

Wednesday, April 22, Administrative Professionals' Day

7:20 AM - Rosary & Prayer Service (SJ)
3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

Thursday, April 23

7:20 AM - Rosary & Prayer Service (SJ)

Friday, April 24

7:20 AM - Rosary & Prayer Service (SJ)

Saturday, April 25, Feast of St. Mark, evangelist

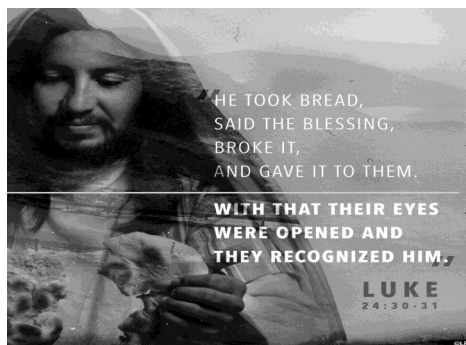
6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (church basement)
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Leon & Connie DeBrock † (SA)
6:00 PM PROM MASS - John Lovell † (SJ)

Sunday, April 26, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Tony Beussink † (SJ)
10:00 AM YOUTH MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)
Last day for weekend PSR Classes and Children's Liturgy for school year

Please Note that from April 13 to May 13 there will be no weekday Masses or Confessions while Fr. Vincent is gone.

There will be a Rosary and Prayer Service every weekday during this time at 7:20 AM at St. Johns



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tennessee Jacob Collins and Gwendolyn Nicole Mergel, grandchildren of Anthony & Janet Jansen, on their recent Baptisms.

May their lives be filled with love, happiness, and God's blessings.

St. Anthony Gifts

Adults	4/12/26
Loose	\$310.00
Home Mission	\$152.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
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St. John Gifts

Adults	4/12/26
Loose	\$2845.00
Online	\$616.00
Holy Land	\$668.00
Rice Bowl	\$65.00
Candles	\$40.43
	\$180.50

Online giving is now available.
<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

St. Anthony Annual Spring Dinner

Sunday, May 3, 2026
11 AM - 1:30 PM
Parish Hall in Glennon

Adults \$15
Children 6-12 \$8
5 & Under Free
Carry-Outs \$15

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

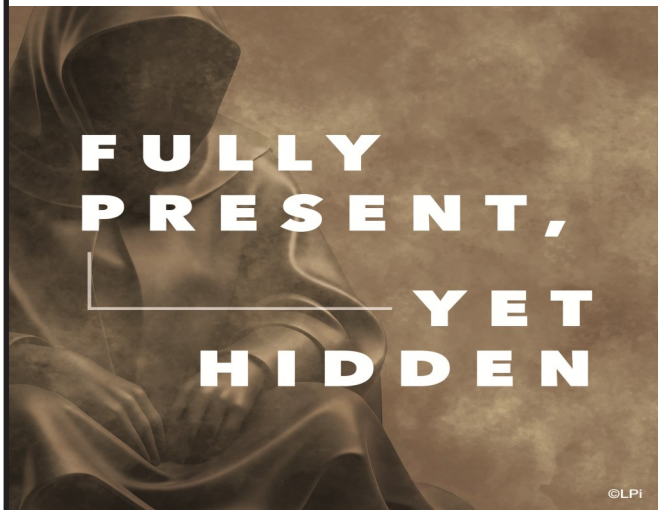
When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Adult Education Notes

Emmaus is a small village 7 miles west of Jerusalem. It sits on a high hill overlooking a great deal of the countryside. You can see Jerusalem from there and its history is long and deep. It was here David regained the Ark of the Covenant back from the Philistines in a hard fought battle. Down the valley to the south is where Samson pulled the temple pillars in on himself at his end of life.

Inside the small Church in the chapel to the left is a small bronze statue of the Ark of the Covenant to commemorate David's victory, with the Blessed Mother above it in her pregnant state. The true Ark.

At the base of the steeple, outside, way high above this hill overlooking Israel is a huge statue of the Blessed Mother holding out her Son Jesus to the world and in His hands is a host, His Body offered to the world.

After Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave His Body to the Emmaus disciples He vanished before them. Why? Why did he not stay with them? Because now they know what they had to know. He explained the Scriptures to them and showed Himself in the breaking of the bread. Then too, why these unknown disciples? One even unnamed. They are us. They are those who have or had faith but were leaving Jerusalem behind and all that Jesus had taught and had done and shown them was now as a memory. His death was as nothing at all now. He was dead and gone. Jesus had to revive that fire and burning love once more to help them to keep believing as He does with us at every Mass.

In Mass, we hear the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments—beginning with Moses and the Prophets—to the Paschal Mystery of Easter. They are explained to us through the homily like Jesus did on the road to Emmaus. The priest takes the bread, blesses, breaks, and gives it to us. Jesus is there in the bread. He is still with us. He did stay. He has never left us. He has opened our eyes as at Emmaus and we see Him with a new heart and new eyes.

He vanished at Emmaus and those disciples then did what we are called to do at the end of every Mass. Go out into the world and tell others what you have seen and know, that He is alive and living in His glory in the Eucharist. He stays with us when we receive Him and He stays with us in the Tabernacle. There is no doubt or sadness and with faith and belief, and trust and love He has given us the grace we need and the way to live in this world until He calls us home to His Kingdom and His open arms.

When or how do you "recognize" Jesus throughout your day? How many "God moments" do you miss because of distractions, daily business, or just not attuned to holy nudges or inklings? Jesus is in everyone, everything, every moment of every minute and it doesn't take much to see Him if you truly look for Him. Be more aware of these moments and opportunities to allow Jesus to move you and grace you with blessings you might be missing. He sees you—DO YOU SEE HIM?

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Recognized as new Honorary Members of the Council at the Knight of Year Dinner - Lloyd Broshuis, Bob Clubb, Brian Jackson, Rick Jansen, Don Nenninger, Steve Seiler and Michael Trankle. New Honorary Life Members are Joe Bohnsack, John Broshuis, Kenny Horrell, Lindy Jansen, Fr. Vincent Joseph, Gerard Macke, Francis Nenninger, Tom Schreckenber, Steve Stoverink, Dewayne Stroder, Wayne Thiele, Leo VanderMierden and Ronnie Wesbecher.

Youth baseball, softball and tee ball most evenings at the council field with great concessions available. Also, several high school baseball games remaining this spring.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." (Luke 24:31) Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy. **Vocation Crucifix for April: Denny & Pam Horrell** *For those preparing for marriage, that Christ's presence on their journey may lead them to embrace His plan of love, especially through the vocation of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Only 2 weeks before the Rummage Sale. Thanks to all who are getting items together. Bring to KC Hall, Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th until noon.

Marian Conference is May 15-17. If questions, contact Cindy Jansen, Adult Education Coordinator. A great experience with wonderful speakers and a very spiritual weekend.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Directories for parish members, who were not photographed, are available at the church office or you can contact Sarah Deck at 573-979-1748.

In Gratitude:

We are forever grateful for all the prayers and generosity shown us from Helen's St. John parish family in our time of loss. Thank you to Fr. Vincent for the parish prayers and funeral mass. We appreciate the KCs saying the rosary and allowing us to use the hall. Thank you to Danny and the choir for the beautiful music. We are grateful to the PCCW for all the food and serving the bereavement meal. We thank Mark and Hannah with Ford & Liley Funeral Home for their compassion shown to us. Thank you to all who gave flowers, sent cards, offered masses, and donated to St. Jude Hospital in memory of Mom. We have been truly blessed by you. May God bless you all that helped or gave in any way.

The Helen Vandeven Family



TOTUS TUUS 2026

The morning/grade-school program is designed for children entering 1st through 6th grades in the upcoming school year. The children will meet Monday, July 20th, through Friday, July 24th, from 9am to 2:30pm each day at Leopold School. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The evening program for junior and senior high school youth who will be entering the 7th through 12th grades in the upcoming school year. These grade levels meet each night Sunday, July 19th, through Thursday, July 23rd, from 7:00-9:15pm at Leopold School. Snacks will be provided.

Scan the QR Code to register your child for Totus Tuus. The same link will be available on the St. John's Parish Leopold, MO group on Facebook. The cost is \$15 per youth or \$45 per family. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact Stacy Halter at halterfamilyofsix@gmail.com or (573) 238-6240 with any questions.



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