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Father Stuart M. Smeltzer

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Office: 620 378 3658 **Rectory**: 620 687 0876 (cell)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm **Sunday Morning: 10:30 am**

Tuesday: 5:30 pm; **Thursday:** 8:00 am; **First Friday:** 8:00 am;
followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday—Friday:	9 am to Noon
Tuesdays	2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Parish Secretary: Deborah Jacobsen

Email: sacredheart.fkb@gmail.com

Pastor's Email: frsmeltzer@gmail.com

Website: sacredheartks.org

Bulletin Deadline: Thurs. at 10 am

April Collections:

$5,905.00

Prayer Requests: *Please Pray for:*

Kirby Lee	Finley Merrick	Sophia Gonzales
Mike Schneider	Lucinda Jewell	Harold Goodner
Kathy Goodner	John Eck	Jace Huser
David Knickerbocker	Brent Weatherby	Janet Bambick
Levi Kimbrel	Linda Schnieder	Betty Wambsganss
Sharon Weishaau	Ron Betzen	All Priests
Mark Greenlee	Dave Renner	Our Country

	04/11/2026	04/12/2026	04/18/2026	04/19/2026
Sacristan	Joyce Bracken	Judy Stockton	Joyce Bracken	Lenita Staton
Usher	Kathy Beal	JoAnn Jones	Richard Walker	Lenita Staton
Lector	Leanne Githens	Stephanie Huser	Meredith Odell	Joe Bambick
Offertory	Johnsons	McKenneys	Signers	McVeys
Servers		Kallen Evans Kinzley Evans		Vada Huser Elliot Huser

Thank You!

Thank you to the following volunteers that delivered meals on wheels this past week: **Ann Huser, Karen Rogers, Betty Wambsganss, David** and **Linda Casper, Annette Clark** and **Carl Edwards**.

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps /Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday: *Tax Day*

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter observances were made so very special by our Altar Society, our liturgical ministers, and our musicians. Easter Morning Mass was so very beautiful. Thank you to all our volunteers who give the gift of time to prepare and participate.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Intentions

Sat.	04/11	8:00 pm	+Marjorie Hobs
Sun.	04/12	8:30 am	People of the Parish (STI)
		10:30 am	+Lawrence Seiler
Tues.	04/14	5:30 pm	+Francis Seiwert
Wed.	04/15	5:30 pm	Joe Sanbothe (STI)
Thr.	04/16	8:00 am	+Catherine Seiwert
Fri.	04/17	8:00 am	Francie Currie (STI)

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat.	04/18	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	04/19	8:30 am	David Knickerbocker (STI)
		10:30 am	+Roger Wambsganss

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact parish office

Sacrament of Penance: 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish office or rectory

Matrimony: Contact parish office one year before wedding date.

Diocesan Bulletin Bits

Back to Basics

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

The earliest Christians described in today's first reading sound like the model of the stewardship way of life. "Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple and breaking bread in their homes." Everyday. Devoted. Together. They weren't Sunday Christians, they were "everyday" disciples. The early church was smaller and less structured than today's church. They were a community that communed in common! It sounds a lot like a religious community of sisters and brothers who had their struggles and disagreements. There is nothing new under the sun, but everything is made new under the Son!

Fortitude, *Explained!*

"When you go out to war against your enemies and you see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, you shall not be afraid of them," we read in Deuteronomy 20:1. "For the Lord, your God…will be with you."

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him; in that way, it is distinct from patience and perseverance. Christ shows perfect fortitude as he endures his Passion and death, of which he was indeed afraid; it is likewise shown by martyrs. But fortitude doesn't require a cinematic battle. Fortitude can be shown by someone who is afraid of losing his job or of being in bodily danger simply for adhering to the laws of God. What is important is that the courage shown is *in pursuit of the good*, not just bearing with an attack.

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Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.