Welcome to St. Mary Church

April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 12, 2026

General Collection:	$7027.00
Building Fund:	$175.00
Education Fund:	$75.00
Holy Land Collection:	$105.00
Flower Fund (Sweet Treats)	$92.00

CSMA: Our goal for this year's campaign is $9726.00. We have reached 47% of our goal.

MASS READINGS

Week of April 19

Sunday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30; John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31:3-4,6-8,17,21; John 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-7; John 6:35-40.
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20; John 6:44-51.
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1-2; John 6:52-59.
Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17; Mark 16:15-20

ST. MARY
BELIEVERS AND ACHIEVERS

At this Sunday's Mass, these three individuals will be receiving their First Holy Communion:

Carson Dallas
Juliet Godinez
Kaden Lincoln

In addition, Kaden will be welcomed into full communion with the Church in the Rite of Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead each of them into a deeper union with Jesus through their participation in the Sacraments as they continue their faith journey. Thanks to all who helped in their formation and preparation for this step. Reception in the Hall after Mass.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

This month's Ladies' dinner will be at **5:30 PM Thursday April 23** at the Blue Fish in Dongola. All are welcome for an evening of fellowship.

MOTHERS' DAY GIFTS WITH MEANING
HOLYLANDS ARTS

At both of our Masses the weekend of May 2-3, Ward Qumsieh of Holylands Arts will once again make beautiful hand carved items made by Christian artists in the Holy Land available for purchase.

Ongoing conflict has deeply affected the tourism industry in the Holy Land, and the families who rely on their art to survive are struggling. Your purchases will help these families. The beautiful olive wood carvings would make good Mothers' Day gifts. Mr. Qumsieh presents these items with the blessing and encouragement of our Diocese.

VOCATION CORNER

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons.

During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions."

Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF APRIL 19.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WILL NOT MEET SUNDAY APRIL 19.
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK !

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 18:	Susan Sheffer
Sunday April 19:	Ryan Haire
April 25 & 26:	For an increase in vocations

WORD OF LIFE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday April 18:
Lector: JoElla Basler
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Amy Ulrich
Sunday April 19:
Lector: Karl Sweitzer
Servers: Kendall Sweitzer, Logan & Flynt Brumleve
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hoehner, Jordan Jansen, Joe Wendling
Saturday April 25:
Lector: Jackie Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Amy Ulrich
Sunday April 26:
Lector: Jim Poletti
Servers: Dallases
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hoehner, Jordan Jansen, Ellen Quertermous

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you have a heart for social justice, and would like to learn more about Catholic social teaching, the Diocese is offering a paid internship opportunity that might interest you.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty.

The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. Fluency in Spanish is an asset. The internship is for an average of 14 hours a week for 23 weeks during the 2026-2027 school year. The internship time period could be adjusted to mostly in the summer of 2026 if needed. The intern will be required to attend a virtual orientation from May 27-29.

Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a desire to grow in an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Please send your resume by April 30 to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Coordinator at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or contact 618-624-2838 with any questions.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

It is vital we recognize how the Emmaus event mirrors the way in which Jesus reveals Himself to us in the Holy Mass. Just as Jesus explicated His presence in the Scriptures to the disciples, so do we encounter Him when the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass. And just as Jesus made Himself known in the breaking of the bread when He sat at the table, so too is the Risen Jesus found in the Most Holy Eucharist, as His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are fully present under the appearances of bread and wine.

The challenges of daily life may drain our energy to the point that we find ourselves growing weary from the strain. Yet the Risen Jesus comes to us in the Most Holy Eucharist and He energizes and renews us so that we can take up our cross daily and follow Him.

At Holy Mass we come together as a community to pray for others and ourselves, to encounter the Lord in the Scriptures, and to receive Him in Holy Communion. The Mass is truly glorious and it for this reason that St. John Vianney explained that going to “Mass is the greatest action we can do. All the good works taken together do not equal the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of man and the Holy Mass is the work of God.”

Turning to the words of Pope Benedict XVI, the now deceased pontiff wrote that “[t]hrough the intercession of [the Blessed Virgin] Mary, let us pray that every Christian, in reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus, especially at Sunday Mass, may rediscover the grace of the transforming encounter with …the Risen Lord, who is with us always. There is always…[the] Word of God that gives us guidance after we slip; and through our weariness and disappointments there is always…[the] Bread that is broken [the Holy Eucharist] that keeps us going on the journey.”

~ Fr. Robert Weaver catholicinsight.com