

St. John the Baptist Parish & St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		April 19, 2026	Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday	April 18	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde +Regina Koch by Dean & Loretta Koch
Sunday	April 19	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton All Parishioners
		10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde Larry & Linda Nobert by Robbie & Linette Robben
Tuesday	April 21	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde +JoAnne Balthazor by Larry & Sandra Chaput
Wednesday	April 22	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde +Paul Leo Essner by Jerry & Laura Lee Stenberg
Thursday	April 23	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton +Irene & Leonard Leiszler by John & Barb Leiszler
Friday	April 24	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde +Ina Garrison by Irene Trembley
Saturday	April 25	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde +Nathan & Anna Deaver by Mary Ruth & Don Girard
Sunday	April 26	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton +Trace Allan by Kristin & Ryan Oestreich
		10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde All Parishioners

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
April 19	Jerry Long	Travis Wurtz Family	Annika Werneke	Kristin Oestreich	S. Beverly Carlin Linda Kantack Susan Bechard	Charly Steinbrock Jeralee Casey	Matt Schwab Family	Matt Schwab Travis Wurtz	Nicolette Taddiken Lindsey Leiszler
April 26	Stephen Kieffer	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Diane Steinbrock	Jim Leiszler	Susan Bechard Deanne Jackson April Fahey	Brad Schwab Nellie Fahey	First Communicants	Stan Marshall Dennis Alexander	Barb Lange Kalli Deaver

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
April 18	Karen Leiszler	Scott & Dawn Seifert	Remy Girard	Steve Rogers	Maryclara Joyce Bernard Debes	Cohen Girard Cooper Girard	David Girard Family	
April 19	Choir	Rusty & Becky Sikes	Jody Sipe	Jackie Koch	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Luke Nobert Zach Bulleigh	Douglas Koch family	Derek & Dana Sandmann
April 25	Stephanie Girard	Terry & Brenda Koch	Scott Seifert	Karen Leiszler	Steve Rogers S. Bev Carlin	Ryan Leclair Cohen Girard	Travis Leclair Family	
April 26	Choir	Jeff & Lori Bulleigh	Beth Bergstrom	Jeff Koch	Jody Sipe Gary Sipe	Luke Nobert Zach Bulleigh	Lucas Bulleigh family	Kenton & Linda Brown

Finance totals: St. John April 12 - Plate: \$289.00, Envelopes: \$2,005.00

St. Mary April 5 - Plate: \$624.00, Envelopes: \$2,275.00; April 12 - Plate: \$315.00, Envelopes: \$810.00

Homebound Ministry: S. Bev Carlin

Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, April 21 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, April 22 at 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Outreach Ministers for April: Circle Two- Nicole Drake, Loretta Koch & Pat Pearson

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. John- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

St. Mary -7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

Pastor Notes

Dialogue to Conclude Confession: Below is the proper conclusion to Confession. I know we all may have learned something unique, but this is from the official Rite of Penance. It's on the quarter-page sheet that I have in the confessional for your convenience.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Penitent: For his mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

St. Mary's First Holy Communion: Please pray for our 3 St. Mary's 2nd graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion next Sunday, April 26th, Evyn Fahey, Ada Goeckel, and Jovi Taddiken. Prayer cards are available in the back of St. Mary's.

St. John & St. Mary Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting: On Wednesday, April 29th at 7 pm at St. John's, we will have a meeting with students and (at least one) parents regarding Confirmation in 2027. This will be for current 6th-9th graders of St. John's and current 4th-9th graders of St. Mary's. We will be confirming larger than normal groups of students over the next 2 years as part of the diocesan switch to the restored order of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Parish News

Message from Sister Bev:

My friends, God gifts us in many ways, and for the past few years, God has gifted me with the blessing of being on mission with you in your communities of Clyde and Clifton. Each Mass, we are dismissed and sent forth to proclaim the love & mysteries of Christ to the world. I am being called to proclaim the Gospel beyond the parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Mary the Assumption. My official last day will be April 30th and yet we will see each other in the neighborhood and always be on mission of Christ together.

My heart is filled with gratitude for my time with each of you and the privilege of sharing life in Christ with you. In May, I will be making my annual retreat, taking care of various tasks at the Motherhouse, spending time with my family and of course packing for the next step of the journey! Thank you for all your care, gifts and support of me! Let us continue to pray for one another as we go forth to serve ...always loving God and the dear neighbor without distinction!

- Peace of Christ, Sister Bev

St. Mary's Help Needed: We are getting ready for First Communion and would appreciate help moving the 8ft tables. Please come downstairs to help after Mass this Sunday the 19th.

Diocesan News

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to participate. You can return your pledge card by mailing it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402 or give online at: appeal.givecfds.org.

Emmaus and Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-28

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14-20).

In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.