

Schedule of Masses

Saturday, April 25 <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	NO MASS Ann Makosky Req. by Steve & Pat Penrod
Sunday, April 26 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	For the People Larry & Andrew Wolfe † Req. by Judy Wolfe
Tuesday, April 28 <i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;</i> <i>St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest</i>	12:00 (N) (SA)	Audra Bender Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
Wednesday, April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena,</i> <i>Virgin and Dr. of the Church</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Kathy Brockett † Req. by People of the Parish
Thursday, April 30 <i>St. Pius V, Pope</i>	6:30 PM (SA)	Sr. Caroline Benlen † Req. by People of the Parish
Friday, May 1 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Tom Hotchkiss † Req. by Dave & Debbie Abe
	10:30 AM (CCDV)	Residents & Homebound
Saturday, May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop</i> <i>and Dr. of the Church</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	Edward R. Taylor † Req. by Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization For the People
Sunday, May 3 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	In honor of Kathy Brockett † Req. by Michael & Donna Shay Edward E. Roberts † Req. by Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization

Weekly Readings:

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18 **Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -13:5a / Jn 12:44-50 **Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6 / Mt 13:54-58 **Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1—12

Weekly Collections - April 18 & 19, 2026

Attendance AOOL: 40 / 89 **Weekly: \$ 2,549.00** **Debt Red.: \$ 150.00**
Poor Box: \$ 167.75 **Candles: \$ 60.00**
Attendance SA: 41 **Weekly: \$ 632.00** **Poor Box: \$ 20.00**



Ministry Schedule

Annunciation:

Sat., May 2nd, 4:30 PM

Lector: Michele Martz

E.M.: Volunteer,

Jane Adams,

Pat Penrod

Ushers: Mark Clayton,

Steve Penrod

Server: Chuck Ebeling

Cantor: Daryl Wolfe

Sun., May 3rd, 9:00 AM

Lector: Mary Jane Bright

E.M.: Sue Long,

Sue Pyles,

Harolyn Sherman

Ushers: Joe Dodrill,

Bob Grabenstein

Server: Volunteer

Cantor: Daryl Wolfe

Counters: Tony Liller &

Chris Liller

St. Anthony's:

Sun., May 3rd, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Jim Howard

Lector: Jean Dorsey

E.M.: Peggy Brakeall,

Dianna Howard,

Wayne Houdersheldt

Ushers: Fred Wolfe,

Amber Houdersheldt

Servers: Volunteer

Cantor: Patty Maiers

I would like to express a very special thanks to Cece Bogard, Debbie Boone, Trish Jones, and Gladys Houdersheldt, who worked tirelessly to help make Easter Eggs this Lent. We made 1,624 Eggs!!!! Sorry if I missed anyone!
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We continue to pray for those listed on our prayer list.

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Greetings everyone. I hope you've had a great week. I want to first welcome aboard Patrick George as the new organist at Annunciation. He has played at Annunciation in the past, but now he will be our regular organist. We are very grateful that he is on board with us. When you see him, welcome him to Annunciation. We appreciate that Mark Seward will continue to play the guitar one weekend a month as he offers this to the Lord.

The Catholic author, Matthew Kelly (I'm sure some of us are familiar with him), has a book titled "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy: The Simple Art of Taking Back Your Life". In the introduction, he lays out the premise that we, as humans, have forgotten our finitude, which is the state of having limits, boundaries, or some kind of end. We try to fill up each day with an endless list of things that "have" to get done, which, in turn, we forget to enjoy life. By trying to get things done, sometimes we put ourselves in fast mode, and as he says, "speed kills enjoyment" (ix). It's like the old saying, "to stop and smell the roses." If we are racing from one task to another, we don't take the time to smell the roses, and life is meant to be enjoyed, right? I know that things have to get done; work has to be accomplished. As the author, Kelly is posing this: why does it seem like we have to fill each waking moment with stuff to do and do it as fast as possible, so we can go onto the next thing or project? By doing this, we lose a sense of joy in life, and we can also lose ourselves. At some point, do we become a robot or an automaton, doing an assigned task? By saying "speed kills enjoyment", he means we are losing the meaning of the experience, and we can't enjoy or experience the fulfillment of the activity.

Kelly tells us that, "Joy erupts within us when we allow an experience to touch the very depths of our souls. That cannot be rushed" (ix). Some of us have heard of this phenomenon called Speed Dating. It's where there's a room full of people interested in "dating", but it's timed. Two people sit and chat for a specific amount of time, then a bell or buzzer rings, and each person goes on to another person to "date" or try to make a connection. At least that's my basic understanding of it. It's a very 21st-century thing to do, isn't it? And it goes in line with what Kelly is talking about. Where's the joy in this speed dating? How do you make a connection when you're jumping from person to person every few minutes? There's no real connection being made; no real experience is made either. Is there any real intention in making a connection with someone on a deeper level that would make a relationship work?

Now this is not to say that we have to stop doing things and just sit around the house or drink our favorite beverage on the front porch or the veranda. But I guess the question for us is, why do we have to do so many things? Why do our days have to be filled to the brim with activity? Where's the enjoyment in it for us? And what's wrong with slowing down and taking a moment to enjoy life itself, to enjoy each other's company, to spend real quality time with our kids, grandkids? And maybe a question we can also ask ourselves is, are we then also teaching our children to do the same thing? Is the amount of activity a result of avoiding something in our lives, or maybe it's how we are "trained" to live by the society around us. I thought technology was supposed to help us take back some of our lives, but it has, in turn, made things worse.

By rushing from one task to another, have we not lost the enjoyment of life and the connections to one another? Do families sit down and eat dinner together anymore, or are we rushing off to the next thing, as we grab something on the go, or we scarf down a quick bite standing over the kitchen sink? I guess another question would be, how do we enjoy life and still get things done that we need to do? That's a tough one, for sure. Are there any answers for us on how to do both without compromising either one? I guess we'll have to stay tuned for more Matthew Kelly. For the moment, it gives us something to think and pray about. And maybe we can ponder... how does this affect my walk with the Lord?

Now onto what you really want:

Did you know that Peruvian owls hunt in pairs? It's because they're Inca hoots.

It took 13 years to finish building Big Ben. It would have taken longer, but they were working around the clock.

What kind of car would Jesus drive? How about a Christler.

Did you hear the police arrested the devil? Yea, they got him on possession.

Okay, that's enough for this week. Oh, by the way: "Slow down, you move too fast; you got to make the morning last. Just kicking down the cobblestones, looking for fun and feelin' groovy. Ba da da da da da, feelin' groovy."