

# *Ste. Anne Parish*

*Mackinac Island, MI*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026*



## **Saint Anne Prayer**

Good Saint Anne, obtain for me an increase of faith in the great mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Help me to see in this great Sacrament Christ our High Priest, making real for me the saving grace of His death on the cross; feeding my soul with His Flesh and Blood so that I may live in Him and He in me; producing the unity of the people of God and gathering His Church together. By your powerful intercession with God, help me to center my life around the altar that I may inherit the promise of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has life everlasting." Amen.

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## **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

## **Daily Mass**

11:00a.m. Tuesday – Friday

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**10:30am**      **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**+ Brandon Klein**  
By: Jerry & Theresa Fedewa

**10:30am**      **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**+ Pat McCourt**  
By: Jamie Bynoe

**5:30 pm**      **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**+ Terry Lawless**  
By: Jerry & Theresa Fedewa

**10:30am**      **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**+ Victor Callewaert**  
By: Liz Boyd

**5:30 pm**      **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Deceased Members of the**  
**Clarence E. Metivier Family**  
By: Jenelle Hopkins

**10:30am**      **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**+ Mark Chambers**  
By: Jamie Bynoe

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**Communion**

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Receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is a sacred moment for those who share the fullness of our Catholic faith. We kindly ask those who are not fully practicing Catholics to join us in prayer from their seats during Communion.

*We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us. If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call or stop in the parish office to register.*



***PRAYERS FOR THE SICK***

**...Please keep the following people in your prayers...**

**JESUS, YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT OF HEALING LOVE. WHILE ON EARTH YOU HEALED THE SICK WHO CAME FOR HELP. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HEAL THE SICK TODAY. PLEASE HEAL ALL THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY:**

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The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A, Good Shepherd Sunday, invite us to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock. This image shows Jesus' deep love and care for each of us. We are reminded to trust in His guidance and protection.

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is powerful and comforting. He knows each one of us by name and loves us deeply. He calls us to follow Him and promises to lead us to eternal life.

In John 10:1-10, Jesus talks about being the Good Shepherd who enters by the gate. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. This shows the close relationship Jesus wants with each of us, guiding us through life's challenges.

As we reflect on this image, we can ask ourselves if we are listening to Jesus' voice in our daily lives. Are we following His teachings and trusting in His care? The Good Shepherd invites us to a relationship of love, trust, and obedience.

### Protection and Perseverance

The Good Shepherd offers protection from those who would lead us astray. He guides us to the gates of heaven, but we must hear His voice and follow. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what He asks.

Peter calls for repentance and baptism in Acts 2:14A, 36-41. He tells the people to turn away from their sins and follow Jesus. This turning away from sin and toward Jesus is essential for our spiritual journey.

In following Jesus, we may face suffering and difficulties. 1 Peter 2:20b-25 reminds us to follow Christ's example of patient suffering. Through our struggles, we can find strength in knowing Jesus walks with us, offering His guidance and protection.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to hear Your voice and follow You. Guide us through our struggles and protect us from harm. May we always trust in Your love and care. Amen.

*Excerpt from young-catholics.com*

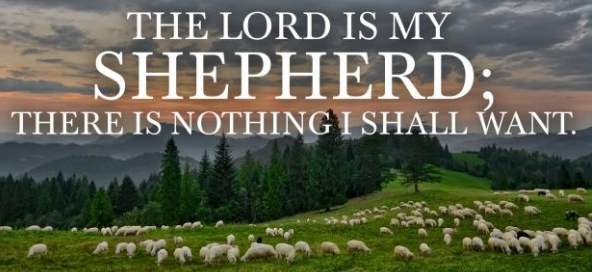


St. Anne's Church has a long and rich history that began over 350 years ago. The Jesuits established their mission in 1670, beginning the presence of the Christian faith on the Island. The birch bark chapel was first located on Mackinac Island, then moved to St. Ignace, on the north shore of the straits, then Mackinaw City, on the south shore of the straits, and finally back to the Island, across the ice, in 1779.

Our written records date back to April 1695 and since that time our parish has seen the area occupied by the French, twice by the British and twice by the Americans. The parish has witnessed the rise and fall of the fur trade, the military garrison and the fishing industry.

We welcome residents, seasonal employees and all visitors to Mackinac Island. By worshipping in our parish, you join a Roman Catholic tradition dating back 2,000 years and a 350-year-old faithful Island community. By joining us, you are no longer a stranger here.

*St. Anne's Gift Shop and Museum will be open starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We may have a soft opening Sundays after Mass prior to this date.*



**Mass Attendance**  
Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>– 10:30 AM: 42

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Acts 2:14A, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25;  
John 10:1-10

Located on page 146 in the Word of the Lord Book



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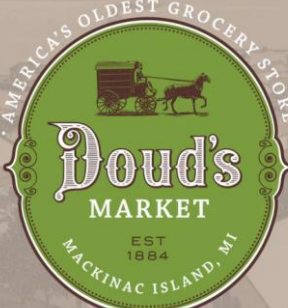
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