

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

APRIL 12, 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 4/12/26	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am Easter breakfast after Mass
Mon. 4/13/26	
Tues. 4/14/26	
Wed. 4/15/26	Daily Mass: 11am Ask a Priest night: 6pm
Thurs. 4/16/26	
Fri. 4/17/26	
Sat. 4/18/26	
Sun. 4/19/26	3rd Sunday of Easter The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Easter pancake breakfast after Mass this Sunday (April 12th)! See flyer below.
- The final Ask a Priest night is on Wednesday, **April 15th** at **6 pm**. The topic is "Is the Eucharist really the flesh and blood of Jesus?" A special dinner that night of Carne Asada tacos and chocolate cake.
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- The last Chosen Movie night is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6th** at **6pm** at Stageline Theater. All are welcome to join!

Easter Pancake Breakfast



Celebrate Easter with a **pancake breakfast!**
Full parish potluck
Bring your favorite dish

After Mass on
Sun. April 12th.
All are welcome

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Cody Williams

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Reading 1: Acts 2:42-47

Resp. Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

2/1/26—\$910.00

2/8/26—\$1802.00

2/15/26—\$450.00

2/22/26—445.00

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!

Basics of Catholicism Part 130—Common Criticisms and Critiques of the Annulment Process

It takes too long.

The annulment process can be a lengthy process. The Church's goal in maintaining the annulment process is to not cause massive hardship on the people, kind of like a punishment, but to bring healing. Healing can be a lengthy process. In the case of an annulment, the person may need to relive painful memories, spend time reflecting on their marriage, and find the challenges that the couple faced. This time of reflection can lead to conclusions about their thoughts and challenges of marriage leading to a change in mind or to change the way they may approach their next marriage. The number one reason why most annulments take a long time to process is due to either the witnesses or the couple taking a long time to finish their paperwork. Right now, most annulment cases, once all the proper paperwork is filed, can be completed within 3 months. For cases of Lack of Form, within 4 weeks. The annulment process is a lengthy process simply so we can do proper justice to the marriage, adjudicate well the situations of the marriage, and to bring healing and finality to the couple.

It feels legalistic and formulaic.

I hear this complaint a lot. The annulment process feels like a legal process involving paperwork and due process and less like a process to bring healing. I generally would agree. Most people experience the annulment process more from the paperwork end and less on the reflective end. The goal of the paperwork is not to create red tape and challenges but to reflect on the marriage and address the concerns well. We also don't want a process that is entirely up to the priest or the sentiments of those involved. Otherwise, why have a process? Why bother with annulments and we could become like the Protestants who end a marriage at the pastor's discretion? A legalistic format allows for justice, allows for truth, and allows to a finality to the process. We are no longer at the whim of an individual but seek laws and guidance in understanding marriages and the challenges of marriages. We have a system that upholds the truth about marriage.

It is not Christian because it does not show mercy.

I ask you an important question, which is more merciful to allow the marriage to end because we want it to end or to have process that gives assurance about the validity of the marriage and truths about its challenges? Our goal is to show mercy and to allow someone to be in a good and fruitful marriage. It would not be healthy or merciful to force people to stay with the first person they married who are in rough marriages just because Jesus forbade divorce. Neither is it just to treat marriage with such flippancy that we can divorce and remarry at will. The tension between these two extremes of marriage leads to the annulment process.

Fr. Cody