LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY May 4  Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Scott Forkenbrock+  Fr. Remmes

TUESDAY May 5  Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Margaret Schroeder+  Fr. Remmes
Facebook  Al/Catherine Dentlinger+  Fr. Remmes
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY May 6  Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
L/D of the Leonard Pudenz Family  Fr. Remmes
Facebook  Germaine Schrad+  Fr. Friedrichsen
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.

THURSDAY May 7  Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter
L/D of Jake/Lauretta Scheidt Family  Fr. Remmes
Facebook  John G. Longnecker+  Fr. Friedrichsen
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.

FRIDAY May 8  Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
L/D of John/Frances Wuebker Fam.  Fr. Remmes
Facebook  For the Victims of the Coronavirus
Live-Stream 7:45 a.m.

SATURDAY May 9  Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Facebook  Louetta Langel+; Velma Hoffman+; Rosie Sturm+  Fr. Pick
Live-Stream 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY May 10  FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Facebook  William/Josephine Halbur+  Fr. Friedrichsen
Live-Stream 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of CTKCC
Clarence/Lillian Ludwig+  Fr. Pick

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION by APPOINTMENT ONLY

FROM THE PRIESTS:  We Frs. Tims would like to offer a quick reminder of the diocesan annual appeal, Together As One (TAO). We understand that this may be a particularly difficult financial time for many; we are all able to keep the success of this appeal in our prayers. This year’s appeal will be ending in mid-June. We are noting how each parish is doing toward their goal in this bulletin. As we mentioned last fall, this is part of how each parish “tithes” to the diocese. Our parishes need the services and programs of the diocesan offices: the ministry of our Bishop; tribunal services for marriage cases; programs for marriage preparation, catechesis, and youth retreats; office of education for our Catholic schools; guidance on liturgy and worship (has really been important in this time of pandemic); professional guidance on parish finances, employee benefits, etc., etc. So as we reflect on why we give, may we do so first and foremost because we are grateful to God. May we also be grateful for those services and programs provided by the faithful people in our diocesan offices. You can do this easily on the diocesan website, scdiocese.org, or by turning/mailing in an envelope with your offering for TAO. — Thank you for your prayerful support of your parish, our diocese, and the universal Church. Thank you for the ways you serve your parishes. And thank you for whatever financial support you provide—every person’s gifts of time, talent and treasure are important!
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (Resp. “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”); 1 Pt 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

As we have been doing throughout the nine days (a novena) leading up to this Good Shepherd Sunday, please continue to pray for vocations, that all people respond to God’s call. We have had this Prayer For Vocations up on our website and Facebook pages:

God our Father, we beg You for an increase in religious vocations.
Help our people offer their lives in service to You.
Let them hear Your Spirit’s invitation, and awaken in their hearts a desire to respond with courage, generosity, and joy.
Raise up from our families faithful leaders who will serve as deacons, priests, and consecrated religious, as we entrust to Your care all who seek to do Your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: Some of you may remember that during Holy Week I noted that at times the readings throw curve balls at us, because the readings presented teachings that might not have been exactly what we expected to hear (esp. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday). Well, “it’s like déjà vu all over again”, to quote Yogi Berra. We gather this weekend for “Good Shepherd Sunday”, and then we read/hear John 10:1-10 in which Jesus does NOT call himself the “Good Shepherd”! He will do that next year, in Liturgical Year B, when we read/hear John 10:11-16. So, this year, we celebrate “Good Sheep Gate” Sunday!

In the Gospel of John, Jesus “Amen, amen, I say to you…” (used 25 times) marks a transition to a comment on what just preceded. Today, Jesus is transitioning from and commenting on the man born blind (Jn 9), whom Jesus had healed and who had just been thrown out (9:34; of the synagogue?) by religious leaders. So Jesus is reminding them that they are not the gatekeeper—even Jesus doesn’t call himself the gatekeeper. Rather, he is the gate, that is “the way” (14:6) into the fold for the sheep. Only the shepherd is allowed entry to the sheepfold; it is only for the shepherd that the gatekeeper opens the gate. It is only the shepherd’s voice that the sheep will follow, for they know he protects them in the fold and leads them to verdant pastures. Without saying it, the gatekeeper must be the Father, with whom Jesus is one (10:30).

It is all too easy to set ourselves up, not only as the gate, but even the gatekeeper. We can all too easily decide who are the ones we want in and the ones we don’t want in our “fold”. That is an especially dangerous ministerial hazard for those who are ordained, who are even called “pastor”, which comes from the Latin word for “shepherd”. But all of us, most especially priests and bishops—including the Holy Father himself—who are pastors, “shepherds”, need to hear our Lord Jesus: “Amen, amen, I say to you…”, remember you are always sheep, no matter what your role and ministry in the Church may be. “Amen, amen, I say to you…”, it is only through me, the Sheep Gate, that you will be provided with what you need for life both now and eternally. “Amen, amen, I say to you…”, keep this in your hearts, minds and actions this year, so that next year on this Sunday I can lead you more deeply into our relationship. For “Amen, amen, I say to you…”, that the shepherd whose voice you are to trust is mine, the Good Shepherd!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH. Please continue to use whatever method works best for you to support your parish.
* Sending in or dropping off your contributions is greatly appreciated!
* We have had a number of people fill out the paperwork for regular, automatic giving from their bank accounts. The CTKCC Automatic Withdrawal Request form is available on our website; click the title in the right hand column of the main page.
* Thanks to those who have used the “Online Offertory” that the diocese has generously set up (click the picture in the right column of our website). — As noted last week, we are looking into ways to make easy online giving available for when we come through this time of pandemic.

BEWARE: THE SCAMMERS ARE BACK! Once again both Fr. Richter and I (THE Fr. Tim) have been part of a texting scam asking parishioners for financial assistance (usually in the form of i Tune gift cards). We priests will never ask you for money for ourselves (or some sick friend, etc.) by texting you! Frankly, the only reason I would ever ask you for money would be to support your parish—oh, BTW, please do consider increasing your support of your parish! [See above ;)]

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS: The bulletin is accessible on our website: http://chri$tthekingcatholiccommunity.org home page under the Tab—BULLETIN. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Julie at stjohnarcadia@gmail.com. If you are homebound, contact the parish office in Breda or Arcadia and we can mail it to you.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA #6 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will not have a May monthly meeting.

Together As One

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BREDA ALL SCHOOL REUNION will be on Friday, July 3, 2020. Watch for contact from one of your class mates.
- 2–4:00 p.m. — Tours of St. Bernard School and memory rooms.
- 4–11:00 p.m. — Everyone is welcome at the Breda Memorial Park Shelter House.
- 5:30 p.m. — A meal will be available by reservation.
- Sunday, July 5: After the 10:00 Sunday Mass until 1:00 p.m., there will be tours, and coffee and rolls in St. Bernard School.

If you have school or church artifacts to donate or any news items (e.g., of the quilting ladies) please call Mary Kay at 712-673-4695 or 712-673-2847.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS for the family and friends of Helen Steele, Fr. Remmes’ sister. — Saints of God, come to her aid! Come to meet her, angels of the Lord! Receive her soul and present her to God most high!

THE MAY 14TH GUILD MEETING has been canceled. Please return your election ballots to Barb Vogl by that date.

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ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR

Holy Angels MWS

Stewardship for April 26
Adult $1,775.00; Youth $8.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $10.00

ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN

THERE ARE 100 metal folding chairs and 1 older Frigidaire Range available to Parishioners for a free will donation. Please contact Kimberly Whitaker at 712-830-6931 for info or to claim. These items are also posted on our Facebook page.

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Adult $1,555.00; Retired/Infirm Priests $50.00; Holy Land $20.00; Dividend Income $27.71

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-MOUNT CARMEL

WE ARE LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS requested by OLMC parishioners. Please mail in your intentions (PO Box 39, Breda, 51436) or drop them through mail slot at the Breda office. Friendly reminders: The standard offering for one Mass stipend is $10. Canon Law requires Mass Stipend accounts to be separate from other parish accounts, so please submit the stipend offering in cash or a separate check. Thank you!
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]/ RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children].

BAPTISM CLASS is being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.