

Mass Intention
24 April - 2 May 2021

- 24 April 2021 - Saturday - Easter Weekday
4.30 pm: +Jean Burns Kane
- 25 April 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER (World day of Prayer for Vocations)
8.30 am: +Mark E Decker Sr. by *Franck & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: Healing of Tim Stein by *Bob & Rose white*
- 26 April 2021 - Monday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am:
- 27 April 2021 - Tuesday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am:
- 28 April 2021 - Wednesday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am: No Mass
- 29 April 2021 - Thursday - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
8.30 am: +Sorhaindo Peter by *Lydia Stewart*
- 30 April 2021 - Friday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am:
- 1 May 2021 - First Saturday - Easter Weekday (30 days Rosary Novena to Blessed Mother Mary)
8.30 pm:
4.30 pm: +Art Crowley by *Miky & Mary Primo*
- 2 May 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER
8.30 am: +William & Aline Francis by *Franck & Kathleen Geosits*
11.00 am: +Bruce Reihmann by *Mary Schumacher*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk, Vincent McCarthy, Billy Smith and all sick and needy.
To submit a name please call the Rectory



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**I
Am
the
Good
Shepherd**



**I Know
my
sheep,
and
Mine
know
ME**

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

Vocations aren't the result of planning. But an encounter with God that changes your life. -Pope Francis.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 25, 2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

The message of Pope Francis for the world day of Vocation is that "the Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, **it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking.** He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."



Marian Devotion



The Month of May is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Our Blessed Mother Mary. It is also the month in which from His throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy.

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

Timing of Praying Rosary (1 May to 31 May)

Weekdays: 8 am - Holy Cross Church

Sunday: 8 am - St. Patrick's Church

Sunday: 10.30 am - Holy Cross Church

AVE MARIA!

LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12,

Second Reading: 1John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. It is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday



we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest, "pastor," means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock. In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ the Good Shepherd whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified, and in whose name the apostles preach and heal.

In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care. The Pharisees didn't get the message – but, thanks to the grace God gives us and the Holy Spirit' indwelling guidance and protection in the Church, we do.

"The place that God Calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet."

Stewardship April 18, 2021

Sunday Collection \$	1633.15
Poor Box \$	21.10
Candles \$	30.25

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI

Dn. John Lyttle

25 April 2021