

ST AGNES PARISH

April 25, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Liturgical Notes

The collection basket is brought forward but no longer left by the altar. It is brought into the sacristy.

During the Confiteor (I confess) the words "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault", everyone beats their breast three times. It is a very ancient sign of sorrow.

During the Nicene Creed, all bow at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."
We always bow at the mention of the Incarnation.

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St. Agnes Stewardship 4/18

Adult \$435.00

Plate \$35.00

Total \$470.00

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

Wed, Apr 28th is the 19th Anniversary of the dedication of the new church, OUR LADY OF PEACE

Our seminarian and parishioner **Joseph Littlefield** has been approved for the sacrament of Holy Orders. He will be ordained a transitional deacon on June 4, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fargo. Congratulations to Joseph, his parents Michael & Peggy, and to his family, and to our parish family.

What happened to **Easter bonnets**? Some of our ladies were commending the gals that wore a hat for Easter. "How about we choose a weekend Mass and all the ladies and girls wear a hat?" Someone commented. Soooo.. this Mother's Day, May 8 & 9th weekend, the sixth Sunday of Easter, is the time to wear your favorite hat!

Pentecost Sunday, May 22 & 23. The vesture for that weekend is red, signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is invited to wear something **RED** at Mass on that weekend.

Saturday, May 1st Confirmation/First Communion 5:00pm Mass Our Lady of Peace

Peter Bussian, Ambrose Carlson, Ryley Caron, Aurura Koster, Holly Palmer

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon	4/26	OLP	NO Mass
Tue	4/27	OLP	9:00am +Paul Moen
Wed.	4/28	OLP	9:00am OLP Parishioners
Thur	4/29	OLP	9:00am Samantha Ronning
Fri	4/30	OLP	9:00am Kevin Ronning
1st Sat Mass	5/1	9:00am	Halvard Ronning
Sat	5/1	OLP	5:00pm For the People
Sun	5/2	OLP	10:30am +Msgr Wm Dubois
		St. Agnes	8:30am for the People

Holy Hour Sunday's 3:00-4:00pm

OLP STEWARDSHIP 4/18

Adult	\$2180.00
Plate	\$73.43
Votive	\$27.00
St. Anne's	\$20.00
Total	\$2300.43

Mary candle- special intention

If anyone has something to share that should be included in the bulletin, please contact Lois, 874-2144, 701-238-4380, lois_ewertz@hotmail.com

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*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead...
 and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

JOHN 10:16

The Good Shepherd

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*
- ★ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*

Dear Padre,

Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.



Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

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Calendar

Monday
 APRIL 26
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1-18
 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday
 APRIL 27
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:19-26
 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
 APRIL 28
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 12:24-13:5a
 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday
 APRIL 29
 St. Catherine of Siena,
 Virgin and Doctor
 of the Church
 Acts 13:13-25
 Jn 13:16-20

Friday
 APRIL 30
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:26-33
 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
 MAY 1
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:44-52
 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday
 MAY 2
 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31
 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Jn 15:1-8