

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH • NEW TAITON
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**Week of
April 25, 2021**

Today is the
Fourth Sunday
of Easter.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for this Week:

Monday, 04/26	No Mass	
Tuesday, 04/27	7:00 a.m.	Edwin Zapalac †
Wednesday, 04/28	7:00 a.m.	Emil Bilek †
Thursday, 04/29	7:00 a.m.	Betty Jo Livanec †
Friday, 04/30	7:00 a.m.	Edwin, Donald & Phillip Fiala †
Saturday, 05/01	4:00 p.m.	Parish Family Jerry & Ann Bilicek †
Sunday, 05/02	7:00 a.m.	Michael Krpec †
	8:30 a.m.	George Zernicek †

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Jackson Merck, Simone Riha
Lector: Cassie Clark
Ushers: Donald Buzek, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Leroy Kaspar, Karen Kaspar
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew Kresta, Lauren Kresta, Emily Kresta
Lector: Keith Kresta
Ushers: Ronnie Gold, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Becky Dluhos, Volunteer
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Offertory Collection

Loose: \$391.00
Envelopes: \$1708.00
\$2099.00

BULLETIN SPONSOR this week Karen Zapalac.

SANCTUARY LIGHT this week is in memory of Edwin Zapalac.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of Robert & Connie Hlavaty for the months of March & April.

CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be in the home of Leroy & Karen Kaspar for the months of March & April. Please pray for vocations.

PRAYER THIS WEEK: Heavenly Father, if it is your divine will, inspire many of our youth to say "Yes" to your special calling to be priests, sisters and brothers. Amen. Serra International

APRIL ALTAR DECORATORS: Karen Kaspar, Georgia Dorotik, Lenice Kaspar, Regina Kaspar, Donna Kaspar, Jean Merck, Wanda Dorotik, Jeanine Stehling, Amanda Dorotik, Vanessa Rod, Cheryl Roach, Becky Hardin, Tiffany Alley and Ashley Koudela. Your offering is due.

A SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LIVING AND DECEASED MOTHERS will be held on Sunday, May 9th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There are special envelopes at each entrance. A Spiritual Bouquet envelope to be returned to the Church and A Mother's Day Blessing card and envelope that can be given to your Mother to let her know she is being remembered in this special Mass. Spiritual Bouquet envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office by May 7th.

GRADUATION MASS FOR OUR 2021 SENIORS will be held Sunday, May 16th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The graduates, their parents, siblings, grandparents and the Choir are invited to a breakfast hosted by the Altar Society immediately following Mass at the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to enjoy food and fellowship in celebrating our Seniors.

TEEN ACTS RETREAT: Attention all teens that just finished Freshman year to graduating Seniors, who would like a Spirit filled weekend and would like to make new friends. "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." Psalm 92:2. We would like to invite you to join us for an extraordinary weekend on the next Teen ACTS retreat June 10-13, 2021. Cost for the retreat is \$200. A \$50 deposit with registration and the balance is due at the Thursday check-in day of the retreat. Please note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Forms are in back of church. If you need further information please contact: Annie Gold #979-541-9818, Lori Tupa #979-541-9853, or Michelle Korenek #979-541-3228.

SPECIAL ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS will be taken up (Today) Sunday at all Masses.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING on Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY: Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Hostyn Mayfest.

Meditation for the Week

"We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do. We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation." (Pastoral Patterns)

Acts 4:8-12 There is no salvation through anyone else.

Psalm 118 "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

1 John 3:1-2 We are God's children now.

John 10:11-18 The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

"Two metaphors in today's readings describe Jesus. Peter, drawing upon the words of the psalmist, calls Jesus the cornerstone. He is the foundation of our Christian faith, the one who conquered death and brought salvation to the world. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. He leads and cares for his sheep, even sheep outside the fold, eventually laying down his life for them, for us. Let us reflect on how Jesus is our cornerstone and our shepherd." (Pastoral Patterns)