

May 7, 2017

### Fourth Sunday of Easter



**“ I Am The Good Shepherd ...  
I Am The Gate.”**

**In today’s gospel, St. John uses the image of the shepherd to remind us that Jesus is not only the shepherd who calls his own by name; he is also the gate through which the sheep can follow him in safety and in full confidence.**

**Today’s Bulletin is printed  
in memory of Geraldine & Edward Toth.**

**Flowers for the altar this weekend  
are donated in memory of Michael Dolezal  
by Brooke & John Cody Maresh  
on the occasion of their Wedding.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Wednesday, May 10  
8:00 a.m. Larry Seifert  
Thursday, May 11  
8:00 a.m. Elvin Mikulencak  
Friday, May 12  
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Toth  
Saturday, May 13  
6:30 p.m. Sp. Intention - Mothers Specially Remembered  
Sunday, May 14  
6:30 a.m. Sp. Intention - Mothers Specially Remembered  
9:30 a.m. Sp. Intention - Mothers Specially Remembered

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**  
Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 33**  
**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**  
**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

The Saturday evening rosary will be led by the Catholic Daughters during the month of May.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Alfred Haikenwaelder.

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Larry Seifert.**

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL	
2017 Assessment .....	\$17,303.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 4,510.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$12,793.00
<i>We thank the following for their recent contributions:</i>	
<i>K.J.Z.T. Society #14</i>	<i>Joyce Pavlicek</i>
<i>Karin &amp; Kenneth Filipp</i>	<i>Richard Kalisek</i>
<i>Floris Ann &amp; David Simper</i>	<i>Gene Schoenvogel</i>
<i>The Family of Evelyn &amp; Frank Darilek</i>	
Do please consider making a donation.	

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**YOUTH MINISTRY FUND**  
*In Memory of Cathy Perez*  
*Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

**SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 14**  
Submit your envelope by May 8.

**A Mass Count** will be taken up every weekend during the month of May in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that an average of 474 people attended Mass at St. Joseph’s on the weekends of May 2016.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**  
MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room  
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room  
WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass  
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC  
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall  
FRIDAY – Parrish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

## REFLECTION

### *The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want*

Of all the various means of livelihood by which to understand our relationship with God and Jesus, that of the shepherd may be the least appreciated. Many of us tend to think of sheep as rather unintelligent creatures and resent being compared to them. Many of us are also unfamiliar with the self-sacrificing quality of the lifelong intimate relationship that ancient shepherds shared with their sheep. Although it is true that in some areas of our world, that relationship continues and assures the safety and survival of the shepherd, for the majority of us, the mutually shared love of shepherds and their charges remains a distant idea. Therefore, it seems appropriate that we are invited each year on this particular Sunday to be reminded of what Jesus meant when he assured his own that he was their shepherd and they his sheep.

The image of the shepherd comes from the Hebrew Scriptures. In ancient times, it was customary and perfectly intelligible to the people to call those who ruled over nations (kings, princes, queens, etc.) the shepherds of their people. The ancients pictured their shepherd-leader going before the flock, feeding and guiding them, defending them and seeing to their needs. Similarly, the people modestly pictured themselves as the ones led and protected by a higher wisdom and a higher power. No one thought this image to be degrading, as the people knew that they were in good hands. Therefore, it is only fitting that Jesus, who is God incarnate, calls himself the Good Shepherd. There are no more fitting words to express and celebrate our faith and our following of him than, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The truth of these words and the trust they express transcends suffering and need. God is our shepherd so we lack nothing.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 7 – Irena Fikac, Mark Pilat, Miranda Vazquez  
May 9 – Brooke Rothbauer  
May 11 – Emily Fikac, Oscar Tousek  
May 12 – Grant Barta, Helen Machart

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 4 – Congratulations Linda & Leroy Muehlstein  
on your 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
May 9 – Lindsey & Kenneth Kirkland  
May 12 – Debbie & Marlon Novosad

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – 11 Grade Youth Mass; Last Day of C.C.D.;  
C.C.D. Breakfast / Awards Program  
**May 8** – Last Gold Star Club Meeting (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
**May 10** – Last Champions Club Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
– **First Communion Practice**, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
**May 13** – *Baccalaureate / Seniors Supper*  
**Next Sunday** – *First Communion*

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### *The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*

The Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, and is oftentimes affectionately referred to as *America's Catholic Church*. Open 365 days a year, the Basilica is host to nearly one million visitors annually, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and the world. Proceeds from this one-time collection will assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, The Holy Trinity. *Please be generous.*

## 2016-2017 C.C.D. YEAR ENDS

**Today is the last day of C.C.D.:** We thank Donna Perez the C.C.D. coordinator, all the Sunday School and C.C.D. Teachers and helpers, and the Library staff for their continued dedication to our youth. We also thank Sharon Etlinger and Anita Drabek for helping with the Youth Masses.

Parents and families of C.C.D. students and all parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall after Mass for breakfast to mark the end of another C.C.D. year. Awards will be presented to deserving students. Come support our youth.

**Perfect Attendance at Class:** Greyson Anderle, Judson Anderle, Jillian Anderle, Addisyn Greive, Brooke Rothbauer, Madison Rothbauer, Kenton Kirkland, Karsyn Blahuta, Brayden Pustejovsky

**Perfect Attendance at Mass:** Isabella Fikac, Greyson Anderle, Judson Anderle, Jillian Anderle, Brooke Rothbauer, Madison Rothbauer, Kenton Kirkland, Karsyn Blahuta, Reese Nieto, Aracela Vazquez, Jaxon Bartos, Jessica Fikac, Brayden Pustejovsky, Jodie Raabe, Isac Manzano, Isaias Manzano, Cecilia Fikac, Angelica Manzano, Lily Simper, Colby Blahuta, James Fikac, Catherine Wenske

### C.C.D. Library Readers of the Year:

Kindergarten: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tristyn Wilke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Isabella Fikac  
1st Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Judson Anderle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sophia Vazquez  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Carson Beyer  
Second Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Madison Rothbauer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brooke Rothbauer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jillian Anderle  
Third Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Karsyn Blahuta  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Araceli Vazquez  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brandon Colchado  
Fourth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jessica Fikac  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Jack Cinadr  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Jaxon Bartos

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Hattie Meyer*  
and for the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*

