

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**Jesus, the Good Shepherd
Sent By the Father**

The image of the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's favorite depiction of Jesus. It shows his great love, care, and concern as he constantly leads us, his flock to "green pastures." His commitment to us knows no limits: "I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Father loves Jesus because Jesus freely chooses to die to make the Father's knowledge and love for the people known to them. To let oneself be guided by "the Good Shepherd" is to love him, and with him and like him, to love the Father.

Today's Bulletin is in memory of
Mrs. Daniel Haas and the Rudolph Haas Family
sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS
Wednesday, April 25
8:00 a.m. Joyce Dillman
Thursday, April 26
8:00 a.m. Dolores Tousignant
Friday, April 27
8:00 a.m. Agnes Marko, Paul Leininger
Saturday, April 28
6:30 p.m. Jodie L. Gold & Travis Gold
Sunday, April 29
6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Emily & Joe Simper Family
9:30 a.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

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 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
La Sher Hajek Bartay, Gail Maskey,
Irene Portales and Tippy Rother.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Janie & Ernest Castro.**

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$17,386.00
Contributions So Far \$ 1,235.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$16,151.00

We thank the following for their kicking off the 2018 DSA contributions:

Nick & Chad Chaloupka Karin & Kenneth Filipp
Barbara & Eugene Anderle K.J.Z.T. Society #14
Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Richard Kalisek

Do please consider making a donation.

FISH FRY UPDATE

Plates Sold 2,218
Net Profit \$14,897.08

Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser was a huge success. We thank all parishioners for their participation in the Lenten Fish Fry Project. Special thanks to the following: the community for their support, Donna & Tommy Perez for coordinating the project, Nancy Tomek for coordinating the desserts, Hair By Nina and Fishbeck's Shell for letting us put the signs at their businesses, the C.C.D. youth, the parishioners who put out/picked up the signs, who baked desserts and/or gave up their Friday afternoons to make this possible. It was good to see many people so dedicated and willing to help. As in the past the proceeds will go to help members of our community and our other charities. Once again thanks to all who participated in our Parish Lenten Project.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 13

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the collection, drop slot or mail May 8.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES. & THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Shiner Catholic School Information Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room.
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Catholic Daughters Bake Sale. See Article.
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY, MAY 6

Free breakfast sponsored by the Praha Altar Society will be served after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Praha. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Frankie Janecek
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

“I Am The Good Shepherd”

On this Sunday, traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the readings offer us a magnificent meditation on salvation. The description of Jesus as shepherd falls into two distant yet related sections, each introduced by the self-proclamation “I am the Good Shepherd”.

The first section depicts Jesus as a conscientious shepherd who is willing to protect his flock even to the point of risking his own life for them.

The second section shows Jesus, the shepherd as intimately related to God. Jesus states that he has a mutual, intimate relationship with his sheep. He goes on to say that this relationship is based on the mutual, intimate relationship that he has with God. Jesus is willing to care for and die for other sheep, who though they are not yet included in his flock, are also his. Jesus is saying that there are other sheep that will recognize him and will then be brought into his flock. In the end there will be one flock and one shepherd. This shepherd continues his work in the world, calling those lost to come together to form one flock led by one pastor, in whose presence they can find rest and life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 22 – Brandee Dolezal
Apr. 23 – Samuel Fishbeck
Apr. 25 – Jaydon Nieto
Apr. 26 – Zane Barta, Matt Michal
Apr. 28 – Karen Thomas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 23 – Congratulations Lisa & Duane Fojtik
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
Apr. 25 – Adela & John Beran
– Melissa & Robert Berckenhoff
Apr. 27 – Annette & Quinton Raab

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Today – C.C.D. Library Closes for the 2017-18 Year
– C.C.D.
Apr. 23 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Apr. 25 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program, 9th-11th CCD
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 19 - 22: Come join other teens for interaction with youth and adults concerning religious, spiritual, moral and social issues; prayer & scripture sharing, physical games, exercises & water activities. Forms available at the main entrance to church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Home Missions. *Be generous.*

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER UPDATE



We thank the following parishioners and Building Board members who attended the meeting with the Bishop and the Diocesan Building Board on Wednesday, April 18: Daniel Beyer, Roy Drabek, Boyce Etlinger, Gussie Machalac, Danny Rother, Ben Wenske and Mark Zimmerman. The Board reaffirmed its approval of the project. The contractor (Diamond J Buildings) will continue to update the Board on the progress of the project.

The construction is progressing steadily. This week 71 piers 10-15' deep with 48" bell bottoms were dug. The auction building slab and the auctioneer platform has been poured together with the piers. Phase one of the electrical work has been done and the plumbing has been completed. Next week we look forward to pouring the cement for the main building and open pavilion areas.

We are very grateful to the following parishioners who have shown their support for the project with their recent contributions:

Karin & Kenneth Filipp - \$5,000
Carolyn & Dan Whitmire - \$5,000
Anita & Lee Schoenfeld Estate - \$2,000
Barbara & Eugene Anderle Family

A total of 440+ yards of dirt for the project (\$1,000 value).

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$241,292.14. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

CDA Spring Charity Bake Sale next Friday, April 27, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the South Star Bank corner. Members are asked to donate two items. Please have your items for sale at the bank corner by 7:15 a.m.

Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), St. Joseph's C.C.D., Praha All Veteran's Club, and Perpetual Help Home, Inc. In addition \$100 will be sent to the CDA National Office in support of five National Projects. *Thank you in advance for your support.*

The multinational One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies prayer event, coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization, is scheduled for May 4 - 6, 2018. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Ideally, one rosary per day would be excellent.

The Rosary for the Unborn will be prayed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Friday, May 4 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 at 9 a.m.
For more information contact Sharon Etlinger.