

April 25, 2021

## 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, April 29

4:30 p.m. Louis, Albina & Mary Smolik

Saturday, May 1

4:30 p.m. Georgiann & Louis Barta

Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Julia & Anton Stryk

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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**

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

### 2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Assessment .....	\$8,710.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 1,775.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 6,935.00

*We thank the following for kicking off the 2021 DSA contributions:*

*Pat Masek  
Susan Ivey  
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Georgia Cerny  
Liz & Leo Janak  
Gayle & Steven Hill  
Anna & Michael Fishbeck  
Henrietta & Elton Moeller  
Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka  
Earline & Bernard Okruhlik*

Do please consider making a donation.

### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Third Anniversary Special Breakfast*



#### **ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

*Join us at the Praha Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast, prizes and fellowship. All are welcome.*

*A free will donation will be appreciated.*

**\* Next Sunday is the Third Anniversary of the Praha Pancake Sunday sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society. The ladies are planning something special. Come join them, celebrate this event and enjoy good food and fellowship!**

### SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 9



To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the collection or mail May 4.



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

### Sanctuary Light Bookings Available (\$20)

May 23 & 30

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
for a Special Intention.**



## REFLECTION

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 Psalm 118  
1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

### *"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.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. This year marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The mission of Jesus culminated in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live. This is the great mystery of love present in the Eucharist: "This is my body, given up for you. This is my blood, poured out for you." Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church.

### *Prayer for Vocations*

*O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, to you we commend our young people, in particular those called to follow your Son as brothers, sisters and priests.*

*You know, O Mary, the struggles, doubts, and obstacles they must face. Assist them to answer Yes to the divine call, as you did at the invitation of the angel.*

*Draw them near to your heart so that they can understand the joy that awaits them when they answer your Son's call to be witnesses of His Love in the world.*

*Amen.*

— Vianney Vocations

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 27 – James Kubecka  
April 28 – Andrew Velasquez  
April 30 – Bridgette Cerny  
– Cynthia Koncaba

Pray for the repose of the souls of

*Edward A. Jurek*

*Darrell Scott Jasek*

and the comfort of their loved ones.

*May they rest in peace.*



## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### HOME MISSIONS

Your contribution helps offer financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. The [Catholic Home Missions Appeal](#) educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

*Please be generous.*

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# Mayfest

## Drive-through only Meal

BBQ pork, sausage and all the trimmings - \$10 per plate

Sunday, May 2, 2021

11 AM to 12:30 PM (or until sold out)

Sausage and BBQ Pork by the pound also available.

### Online Auction

Friday, April 23, 8 AM through  
Friday, April 30, 7 PM

### Drawing

Saturday, May 1,  
1:00 PM

View & bid on auction items,  
make a donation or purchase tickets at:  
<https://www.charityauction.bid/HostynMayfest>