

I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine  
and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life  
for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15



APRIL 25, 2021

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

## BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced

the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;  
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least  
6 months in advance.

### Shut-Ins

Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869  
for Holy Communion

## ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon April 26: 8:00 am +Donna Fechter  
 Tues April 27: 8:00 am +Dennis Umscheid  
 Thurs April 29: 8:00 am +Ed Mathesius  
 Fri April 30: 8:00 am David Rodrigez  
 Sat May 1: 8:00 am +Patsy Eckart  
                   5:00 pm Parishioners  
 Sun May 2: 7:00 am +Edith Ketter  
                   10:45 am No Mass

+deceased

**Confession:** Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (April 28)- 4:45-5:30 pm  
 Saturday (May 1)-3:00-4:00 pm

Donations		Budget	
Last Week	Year To-Date	Budget	(Deficit) or Surplus
\$5,626	\$256,941	\$307,500	(\$50,559)

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## ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sun April 25: 8:45 am +Pat & Lucille Heptig

+deceased

**Stewardship last Sunday:** \$1212 *Thank you*

**Flush Picnic Survey:** Parish Council decided to send out a very brief survey to see how parishioners are feeling about the annual Flush Picnic, as it is our only fundraiser for the year. (The link will be sent by email with the Bulletin this Friday, and next Friday.) We are asking for your input regarding this event by answering a couple questions. We ask for one response per family. **Please respond before Sunday, May 2.**

**Cemetery Mowing:** Thank you to everyone that showed up to help mow. It was greatly appreciated.

**K of C:** Meeting Monday, April 26 at 8:00 pm.

**Second Collection:** Today for Catholic Home Missions.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sun. May 2: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Teri Brockish		Kellen Liebsch	Victoria Haverkamp Kade Marintzer	Dwayne Miller Shirley Miller	
Sat. May 1: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Janet Vance		Ramona Stueve		Greg Dekat Nancy Dekat	
Sun. May 2: St. Bernard 7:00 am	Janelle Fulton		Jeff Wick	Brayden Fulton Logan Fulton	Lisa Nyberg	
Sun. May 2: St. Bernard 10:45 am	No Mass					

**BOTH PARISHES**



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 2021**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalms** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

**RESPONDING TO THE CALL**

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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Today's To-Do: Sing—loud. Skip the dishes. Do cartwheels. Eat ice cream cones. Lick up the drips. Wear your favorite jeans. Go barefoot. Make somebody laugh. Dance in front of the sunset. Live like the wild and beautiful child of God you are.

**ST BERNARD**

**Mass Schedule Important:** This weekend (April 24 & 25) we will have Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 7 & 10:45 am.

**Alternating 10:45 Mass Time:** Unfortunately we will be alternating the 10:45 am mass every other weekend. Hopefully by June we will be able to offer it every weekend. We are hoping the Topeka associates will have a more flexible schedule by that time & can help us out. Again, thank you for your continued patience & understanding, as we work through scheduling.

**Rosary For Our Country:** Monday, April 26 at 6:30 pm.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joretta Varnadore. Her funeral will be this Tuesday, April 27 at St. Bernard's.**

**Rosary Garden:** This Sunday we will be saying the Rosary at sunset (8:13 pm) in the Rosary Garden. Please join us! Also we will be looking for volunteers to lead the rosary each week.

**Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who supported the K of C Food Booth at the Tulip Festival! Also thank you to everyone that volunteered! The booth was a great success!

**Cemetery Books:** We are looking for someone to take over managing the books for the cemetery. (Someone passionate about genealogy and the history of the cemetery.) Thank you to John Streeter for his 10 years of service!

**40th Annual Women's Mass:** Women's Mass has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm. St Bernard's Ladies Guild cordially invites you to celebrate our faith as women. Invite mothers, daughters, aunts, cousins, friends, and neighbors. All faiths welcome. Light reception to follow in the parish hall.

**Thank You:** Thank you to the environment committee! Your work doesn't go unnoticed! The Church is always beautifully decorated!

*God is Good*



**BOTH PARISHES**

**ATTENTION: Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021**—Archdiocesan 50th wedding anniversary celebration, Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 pm at Church of the Nativity, Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.

**Sewing Machines, Material, and Thread Needed:**

Rosemary Helms-Winter, coordinator for Global Missions in Haiti, is looking for donations of sewing machines, material, and thread. They currently have 17 classes of girls in orphanages learning how to sew, so they will be able to support themselves and/or families. If you have any of the above items please take them to Community Health Ministries and deliver to Lorena Carlson. Thank you!

**St. Thomas More Continuing Education**

**Program:** The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, June 4, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is \$75. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cfnek.org/events/stomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram> The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Available CE credits 4 hours CLE (2 ethics) for KS, 4 Hours CLE (3Ethics) for MO, 4 Hours (3 ethics) Kansas Insurance CE, 4 hours CFP and recommended for 4 hours CPE accounting credits.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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