



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

April 21st & 22nd

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Friday & First Saturdays 9a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Fridays and First Saturdays following the 9a.m. Mass or at the Rectory with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

4th Sunday of Easter April 21st & 22nd

... from the Pastor's desk...

Jesus tells us in today's gospel that he is the Good Shepherd. He makes a distinction between good shepherds, hired hands, and wolves. As a good shepherd, Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He is so devoted to his sheep that he is willing to die for them. Not only is this image fitting for Jesus and God's people, but it helps explain the love of God for his son.

Reflection for Families

When we consider the people in our children's lives, we find most of them represented in this scripture. There are the good shepherds. Mostly they are parents and grandparents or other relatives who significantly take care in our children's upbringing. In this group, we go to the limits for our children. Then there are "hired hands" who help us because they benefit in some way—usually monetarily. But when push comes to shove, how much of themselves will they invest? It even happens that sometimes the people we thought were shepherds, turn out to be hired hands. Finally, there are the wolves—all the things that distract the shepherds or lead the sheep away. As parents we need to be aware of who these people are in our children's lives. We even need to look into our own hearts and desires and be certain that there are no wolves luring us from our precious sheep.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make a list of all the possible wolves in the life of a family. They are the people, places, situations, or entertainment that pulls us away from the love, comfort, and care of the fold. The list might include work, social commitments, or friends. Identify the more serious "wolves" and make plans as a family about how you will protect your family from them.

Question of the Week...

Adults:

In what ways have I "heard" the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Children:

What qualities come to my mind when I think about Jesus as the Good Shepherd?

Father Ron



A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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.



“Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand”. -Saint Angela Merice

The Mass Schedule April 21st-29th

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| 04/21 | Sat | 5:00pm | †Sandy Parker |
| 04/22 | Sun | 7:30am | Mass for the People |
| 04/22 | Sun | 10:15am | †Leon Lenney |
| 04/23 | Mon | 9:00am | †Jack Macy |
| 04/24 | Tues | 9:00am | Int. of Tom Peterson Jr. |
| 04/25 | Wed | 9:00am | †Marlas Walz |
| 04/26 | Thurs | 9:00am | †Mary Kyncy |
| 04/27 | Fri | 9:00am | Communion Service |
| 04/28 | Sat | 5:00pm | Int. of Eli Davis |
| 04/29 | Sun | 7:30am | Mass for the People |
| 04/29 | Sun | 10:15am | †Tom Hubbard |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED

OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D’Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma ,Lisa Adams, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Phyllis Smith, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Sister Marianne Baker and Ed Antonio

FOR THE SOULS OF: Jack Macy, Nathan Krempely, Charlie Rogers, Paul Davis, Jeanne Vandeberghe, Bruce Campbell, Dennis DeCota, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Richard Marson, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon-Guerrero, Rose Mary Bernstein, Barbara Bobrowski and Virginia Marson

LAST WEEK’S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 5,838.43

Come join us!! Our church presently has a need for catechists for our next years faith formation program for our children and teens. We are also looking for RCIA team members. Training is provided. If you feel called to do this, please call Megan O’Neill at the parish office.

April 28th & 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Greeters | Servers |
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| Sat, April. 28th 5 pm | #1-R. Brady #2-C. Charbonnier | Cheryl Dudley, Joanne Landen, Martha Johnson, Ed and Judith Mattingly | As Available | As Available. |
| Sun., April. 29th 7:30 am | #1-H. Komrij #2-K. Leroy | Nora and Lee Ward, E. McDonnell | As Available | Elizabeth McDonnel. |
| Sun, April .29th 10:15 am | #1-L. Johnson #2-S. Simpson | Sharry and Loyde Johnson, Tim and Shirley Sullivan, Dennis Krempely, Michael Wagner, Griff and Gloria McKay, Kathy Stevens | As Available | Jerome Salvador |

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Jane Howard

Homebound Week of April 25th

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

April 21st & 22nd

In this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:11-18, Jesus compares himself to a good shepherd who knows and cares for his sheep. This image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the oldest images of Jesus in Christian art. The Good Shepherd cares for the world and demonstrates how everyone can care for the earth and its people.

Pray together as a family a few verses of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.... Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days" (Psalm 23:1-2, 6). You can find the full text of this psalm in your family Bible. <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

All Classes are in session until the second week of May! We will begin registration for the coming year (2018-19) in the month of May! All those registered this year will have priority in the month of May! Full registration (for all) will begin in June 4th.

Any parent wishing to enroll an older child (4th grade to high school) wanting to receive further Sacraments (i.e. Baptism, First Communion or First Reconciliation), may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You and your child are invited to a period of Inquiry!



"ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?" Conversation with God is essential to our growing faith. Getting to know God through prayer will be our experience this week in class. **Confirmation candidates will gather this Monday (4/23) from 6:30PM -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room.** Don't forget to bring your book and a snack to share with the group!
Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who are going on retreat next weekend (4/27-28) and will participate in the Rite of Enrollment at the 10:15 mass on April 29th.



Wednesday, April 25th 7 -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME to join us for Breaking Open the Word and an episode of Joan of Arcadia! " God asks Joan to perform cert-tasks which ultimately have moral and philosophical consequences. week "Just Say No!" Join us for a great show, discussion and prayer. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Questions contact Megan O'Neill (m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com) .



Newly initiated Catholics will gather on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room for our third Mystagogy Session. This week we will be reflecting on "Evangelization, How the Spirit Guides the Church"

Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You are invited to a period of Inquiry!