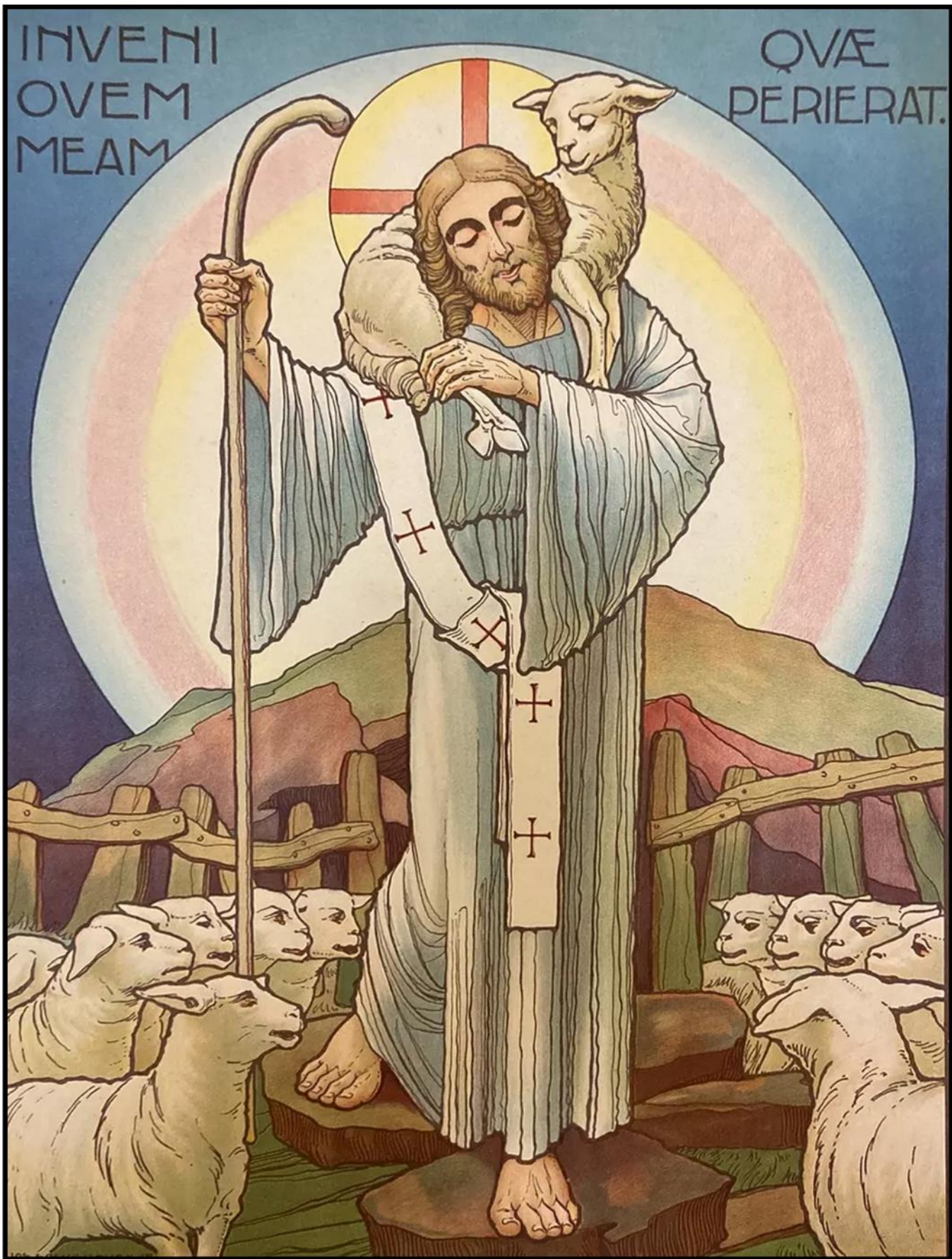


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New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +
Sunday, April 21

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
Monday, April 22

No Public Mass

Tuesday, April 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Doug Lilley +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, April 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +
Thursday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +
Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +
Saturday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Julia (Pond) Osborne +
Sunday, April 28

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 21, 2024

This weekend (April 20th/21st), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This name comes from the Gospel reading, which is always taken from one of the parables of the Good Shepherd. Traditionally placed on the **Third Sunday of Easter**, this weekend was moved one week later after the revision of the lectionary in 1969 to allow more Gospels of Jesus' post-Easter appearances to the Apostles to be read.

This weekend is also known as **Vocation Sunday**. In 1964, Pope St. Paul IV instituted the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to coincide with this weekend to fulfill the Lord's instruction to "*pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). This day is not only meant as a special day to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, but as a call to form a culture that actively encourages these vocations.

What does this "culture of vocations" look like? The word vocation itself comes from the Latin *vocare*, which means "*to call*." A culture of vocations, then, is an environment that encourages all people to discern and listen to how God is calling them forward at each stage in their life. This means not only praying for vocations, but being open to the Lord's call in our own lives and actively encouraging one another to that same openness in their lives.

Our bulletin cover this weekend is a print by Jos Speybrouck, an early-20th Century Flemish illustrator. Coming into his own after the First World War, Speybrouck offers an early example of the *Art Deco* school, utilizing rich colors, bold geometry, and detail work, which gained great popularity in the mid-1920s. Much of his portfolio includes images that were used in Catholic devotionals, comics, and liturgical calendars.

Our cover comes from a liturgical calendar, "The Church Year in Images," released in 1931. Depicting the *Parable of the Lost Sheep* from Luke 15, we are reminded of the words of the shepherd: "*Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep*" (Luke 15:6). With such beautiful meaning, this is a print that hangs in my tribunal office, serving as a constant reminder that we are called to go out in search of the lost sheep.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have several events to look forward to in the coming weeks. This week will see the resumption of our "Ask Father" Series on **Tuesday, April 23rd, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. This series is an open forum for questions and answers relating to anything about the Faith. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Faith and to even invite family and friends to join us who might have questions about what we truly believe.

The first weekend of May, we will have **May Crowning** and celebrate **First Holy Communion** with our First Holy Communicants at the **10 AM Sunday Mass (May 5th)**. The following **Saturday, May 11th, at Noon** we will offer our first ever "*Blessing of the Bikes*" in our parking lot. This event, requested for a number of years, offers all motorcycle riders the opportunity to have their bikes blessed for a safe riding season and is open to our whole community.

We are also ramping up planning for our **Corpus Christi Procession** on **Sunday, June 2nd, immediately following the 10 AM Sunday Mass**. This will be the first procession in our parish's living memory where the procession will go off-campus. The procession route will be over just half-a-mile (~0.6 of a mile) and will have three different stops along the way as we take Jesus into our community. More to come on this exciting event!

We are excited to host the annual diocesan summer youth program, **Totus Tuus**, at our parish over the week of **June 16th—22nd**. Finally, we will have the opportunity to join Catholics from throughout the nation for the **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis from **July 17th—21st**. With many great speakers lined up and how close this is to us, I encourage you to go and visit www.eucharisticcongress.org to learn more about what is being offered.



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 22 - Easter Weekday - Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Jn 10:1-10

Tues., Apr. 23 - Easter Weekday - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr - Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1-7 / Jn 10:22-30

Wed., Apr. 24 - Easter Weekday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr - Acts 12:24—13:5a / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Jn 12:44-50

Thurs., Apr. 25 - Easter Weekday - St. Mary, Evangelist - 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 / Mk 16:15-20

Fri., Apr. 26 - Easter Weekday - Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-11 / Jn 14:1-6

Sat., Apr. 27 - Easter Weekday - Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14

Sun., Apr. 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.

ASK FATHER

Ask Father returns Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, May 3, 2024
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., April 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 21** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., April 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., April 23** - *Ask Father* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., April 24** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., April 24** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., April 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., April 26** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., April 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m. (last class until September)
- **Tues., April 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., May 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 3** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00-6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., May 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 4** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m. (May Crowning / First Holy Communion)

Weekend of April 27 & 28



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Jay Crisp



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 N/A
7:30 N/A
10:00 Diana Cole



5:00 Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Phillip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 13/14

Adult Envelopes- \$2,036.00
Loose- \$193.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,416.51
Religious Education Fund- \$125.00
Votive Candles - 144.96
Over charge refund- \$113.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,339.50 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$0

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Total- \$4,028.47

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER MONTHS

(June, July and August)
(Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)



Summer is fast approaching and with that comes scheduling changes, i.e., vacations, traveling sports, attending a different Mass time than you normally do, etc. If you know of any dates that you are not available to serve at Mass, please send an email to stjosephchurch@adamswells.com and we will not schedule you.

If you feel God is calling you to proclaim His word by becoming a Lector, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

Visiting the Past - The Old Church on Cherry Street

As mentioned last Sunday, the homeowners of the old church on Cherry Street, Klint and Sarah, are hosting an open-house next month, May 26th, for parishioners who attended Mass at the old church.

If you are interested in joining us for this open-house, please call the Parish Office (260-824-1380) for more details and to RSVP.



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Saturday, May 11th

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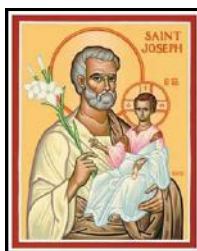
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