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Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we all have been called to a life of holiness.

This means following Jesus to the best of our abilities.

This life of holiness, however, will look different depending on one's specific vocation.

TYPES OF VOCATIONS



SINGLE BLESSEDNESS

Those who commit their lives to serve others in their work and prayer.



MARRIED LIFE

Faithful commitment to each other consecrated by the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, they strive to please God through their devotion to each other and building a faith driven family.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Commitment in life to live as Christ lived through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.



PRIESTHOOD

Conformed to Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, priests are called to be chosen instruments in the world.



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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Sunday, April 25

- Fourth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, April 26

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, April 27

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Marcel & Mary Ellen Welling Family
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, April 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Gloria Gordon +

Thursday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Vera Johnson +

Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, May 2

- Fifth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Alice Pearson
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Greg & Patty Gruss 35th Wedding Anniversary
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 25, 2021

This weekend (April 23rd/24th), the Church celebrates the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. This weekend is often referred to as **Good Shepherd Sunday** and, more recently, **Vocation Sunday**. As we hear the Gospel reading of the Good Shepherd on this liturgical day, Pope St. Paul VI, in 1964, established today as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is 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).

Given our weekend's vocational theme (*and with our hymnals back in the pews*), we will resume our weekly parish prayer for vocations, found on the inside of our hymnals. This prayer not only prays for an increase in holy marriages and the dedicated single life, but, in a special way, asks the Lord to raise up vocations to both priesthood and religious life from within our own parish. As a parish, we are called to not only serve as witnesses to these various vocations, but to encourage our young men and women to pursue their specific vocation with their whole heart.

Our bulletin cover offers a brief insight into the various vocations, each one rooted in the call to holiness that is common to all people. In promoting these vocations, we first are called to live out our own vocation well. A life well-lived and rooted in the joy of Jesus Christ is often the most attractive witness to the life of holiness. Then, we are called to promote others in their vocation and encourage our youth to not be afraid in pursuing their vocation.

A life lived for Jesus Christ is a life lived in true joy. This is often a joy that is foreign to the secular world, as heard in our second reading ("*...the world does not know us...*" ~1 John 3:1). It is a joy found in living for something, truly someone, other than ourselves. Or, in the words of the Passion of the Christ actor, Jim Caviezel, to the youth of the world: *Be saints. You were not made to fit in. You were born to stand out!*

Following after our vocation in life, we truly begin to "stand out" as true witnesses to Jesus Christ. Our vocations, our very lives, lived well, become a testimony to Him. The great thing about a vocation is that everyone has one. Beginning in that call to holiness, we then discern our state in life (*Priest, Religious, Married, or Single*). Our state life helps to guide us in how we will best serve God and neighbor.

How do we help to foster vocations in our youth? By striving to be saints ourselves! Holiness begets holiness in others. By living out our vocations in life with joy, we will encourage others to do the same. We also pray often for those discerning their vocations, fasting and offering sacrifices for their discernment. May we never be afraid to pursue that which God calls us to. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: *May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany us with his fatherly heart!*

Next weekend, our **First Holy Communicants** will make their **First Holy Communion** at a special Sunday afternoon Mass. Please pray for these, our beloved children of God, that the grace of Holy Communion will help them to grow in love of God each day. Each time they approach the Blessed Sacrament, may their love for God be more fervent than the last.

In turn, may the joy of our **First Holy Communicants** in receiving our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time renew our own zeal in being able to receive Holy Communion. Devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is itself another way to encourage vocations.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr 26 - Easter Weekday - Acts 11:1-18/
Jn 10:1-10

Tues., Apr. 27 - Easter Weekday - Acts 11:19-
26/ Jn 10:22-30

Wed., Apr. 28 - Easter Weekday - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest - Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50

Thurs., Apr. 29 - Easter Weekday - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20

Fri., Apr. 30 - Easter Weekday - St. Pius V, Pope - Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6

Sat., Apr. May 1- Easter Weekday - St. Joseph the Worker - Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14 or for the Memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Mt 13:54-58

Sun., May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.

ROSARY PATH COMMITTEE - Informational Meeting

Would you like to help maintain our Rosary Path? Stacey Couillardot is hosting a meeting Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 in the conference room to establish a committee to keep our Rosary Path beautiful! If you are interested in joining the committee, please come to the meeting!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration
May 7 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Low Mass (Latin)
Sacred Heart of Jesus - 6:00 p.m.

Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Apr. 24 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Apr. 24 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Last Religious Education Class- 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 25 - Last day to turn in Mixes in a Jar order forms with payment.
- Tues., Apr. 27 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., Apr. 28 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 1 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 1 - 7th & 8th Grade Work Day filling jars for fundraiser following 8:00 a.m. morning Mass.
- Sat., May 1 - Meeting to establish a committee to help maintain Rosary Path
- Sat., May 1 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 2 - First Holy Communion Mass- 2:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., May 5 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 5 - Parish Council Meeting following 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- Fri., May 7 - First Friday Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus (Latin) 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 8 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., May 8/9 Weekend - Please pick up your Mixes in a Jar in the Conference Room before or after all Masses. Thank you for your help with our Bolivian Mission Fundraiser!



Thank You! Tom and Barb Ault, Roger Sherer, Dave Gruss, Abe Herr, Diana Cole, Fr. David and Michelle for their work in getting the raised beds ready for flowers and vegetables. We still need to finish one bed as soon as cedar becomes available! Six-4'x8' beds were built, there are four available. You may use for personal use, or to share with your St. Joseph Parish Family. Please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380 to claim and maintain a bed.



MIXES IN A JAR BOLIVIAN MISSION FUNDRAISER ORDER FORMS & PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 25TH

So that ingredients may be purchased to fill the Mixes in a Jar Orders, we will accept orders through Monday, April 26th. Any orders after that may not be fulfilled. 7th and 8th grade students, and any 6th grader who will be in the 7th grade this fall, are needed to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Lunch will be served!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report April 17/18 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,545.00
Child Envelopes- \$6.00
Loose- \$199.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$239.56
Religious Ed. Fund- \$122.00
Easter Offering- \$20.00
Bulletin Ad- \$125.00
Total- \$4,256.56

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$4,352.93 ahead of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$452.00

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