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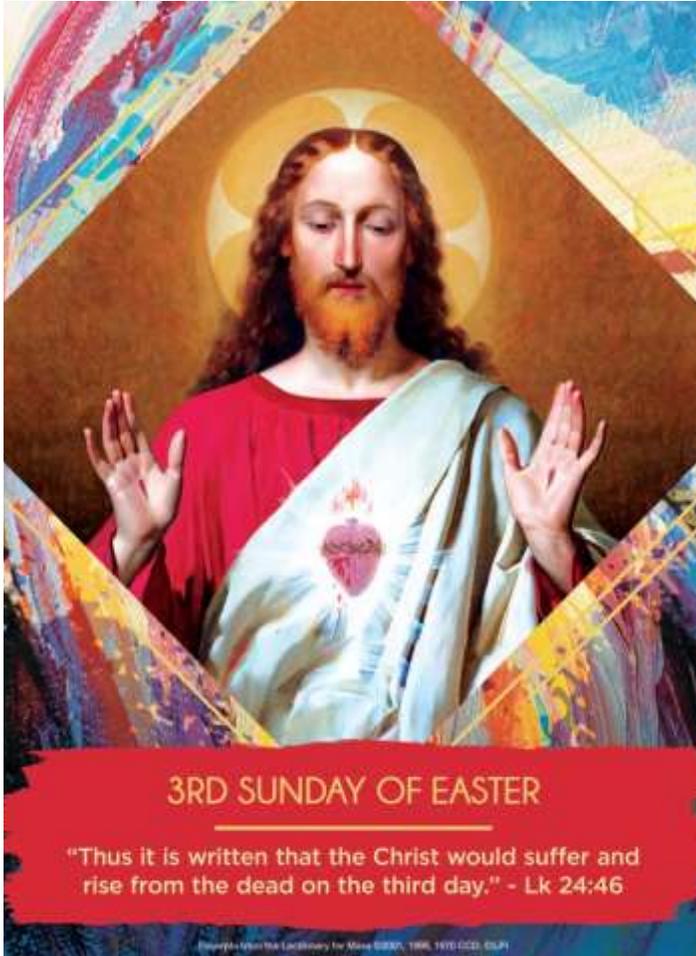
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April 14, 2023 — Third Sunday of Easter



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, is in need of an organist/pianist, part-time for weekend Liturgies and Holy Days. For information, call 724-479-3881. Position available immediately.

This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

- This Weekend:** Easter Bake Sale, Narthex, After Both Masses
- Monday:** Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Upstairs in Rectory
- Wednesday:** Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM, Church
- Next Weekend:** Good Shepherd Sunday, Parish Feast Day



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Enrico Agosti by Family.

The Good Shepherd Candle is lit in memory of Edward Batisig by Children & Grandchildren.

The Paschal Candle is given in memory of Walter & Alberta Fabin by Michele Kantz & Family and in memory of Robert Rethi by Wife, Deb Rethi & Family.

The Paschal Candle Flowers are given in honor of Ted Gordish by Virginia & Children.

EASTER BAKE SALE

Saturday & Sunday—April 13 & 14

In Narthex After Masses

Resurrection Rolls (Sweet Crescent Rolls) And Lemonade (Peach, Raspberry, and more)

Benefits Youth Attending Steubenville Youth Conference

Interim Mass Schedule:

Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday
8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday
(unless otherwise noted)

Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or Weddings, please contact the Parish Office.

Staff & Directory

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Masses and Candles — Week of 04/14/2024

<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>	
<i>Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48</i>	
Saturday, April 13	
6:00 PM	All the People of Good Shepherd Parish
Sunday, April 14	
11:00 AM	Donna Fabin by Ed Fabin
Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday	
<i>Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29</i>	
5:00 PM	Holy Hour,, Adoration (Confessions)
6:00 PM	John Bosch by Julie Werner
Tuesday, April 16, Easter Weekday	
<i>Acts 7: 51—8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35</i>	
8:30 AM	Richard Maus by Charles & Deed Maus
Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday	
<i>Act 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40</i>	
NO MASS	
Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday	
<i>Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51</i>	
8:30 AM	Enrico C. Agosti by Family
Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday	
<i>Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59</i>	
8:30 AM	NO MASS
Saturday, April 20, Easter Weekday	
<i>Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69</i>	
<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	
<u>(Good Shepherd Sunday)</u>	
<i>Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18</i>	
6:00 PM	All the People of Good Shepherd Parish
Sunday, April 21	
11:00 AM	Alice & Jake Chronoski by Jake & Patricia Chronoski

With our Prayers and Sympathy...

Please remember in your prayers the departed soul of **Lois Ann Bish**, mother of Gordon Bish, our parishioner. We extend our condolences and prayerful support to her family and loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace.

PARISH FEAST DAY—APRIL 21, 2024

Baked Goods Donations Needed - backed goods are being requested for the celebration of our parish Feast Day, next weekend, April 20-21, after both Masses. For details, please contact Carolyn Davis at 724-599-7406.

From Fr. Dino's Desk

Third Sunday of Easter
Reflection

April 14. Texts. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 John 2:1-5a, Luke 24:35-48

From encounter to exit. Jesus appears to His disciples firstly by dispelling their doubts and confirming them in their faith. Secondly, He then commissions them.

There is the first ENCOUNTER. Jesus appears to the disciples assembled in the Upper Room. “Peace be with you” He says to them reassuringly. They encounter Him and are understandably alarmed and frightened. They thought they were seeing a ghost! Jesus shows them His hands and His feet.

The disciples remain in disbelief. To dispel any further doubts Jesus engages in the ordinary human act of EATING. They offer Him a piece of grilled fish which He took and ate before their eyes. Ghosts do not eat! They have no bodies.

The tomb was open but the minds of the disciples were still closed. Jesus now gives them an EXPLANATION. He makes them see through the lens of Scripture how all that had been written about Him in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms had to be fulfilled.

The disciples listen to the explanation given by Jesus and receive ENLIGHTENMENT. They recognize Jesus: their eyes open, their hearts afire. They are enthused, energized and empowered.

Jesus then makes His EXIT leaving the disciples with the commission to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations and to be witnesses to His resurrection.

Every mission must always begin with personally encountering Jesus.

Thank you

The Knights of Columbus Council 10960 would like to thank everyone from Church of the Good Shepherd who supported, participated, and attended our fundraiser, Knight at the Races #4.

It was a great success, a lot of fun, and the food was great. This will support our charitable works throughout the upcoming year. Race #5 will be in the planning stages with the date to be announced. God Bless.

Norb Rayko, Grand Knight, Council 10960

Faith Formation News

Please remember that *Faith Formation is essential for everyone at every stage in life*, but it is particularly important for our children and youth.

Confirmation Preparation



Please keep **Logan McGlinn and Brock Wheeler** in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation to be held April 27.

<p>RECEIVE AND Share Diocesan Lenten Appeal <i>As of April 6, 2024</i></p>	
2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal	
Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 29,540.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$ 23,606.00):	125.1%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,006.00):	72.0%
Participating Households - 81 (285):	28.4%
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 364.69
Average 2023 Parish Gift:	\$ 338.84

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4th St., Indiana



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana is now stocked with Spring/Summer items. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting). We are in need of jeans (both women's and men's) and men's ties.

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).

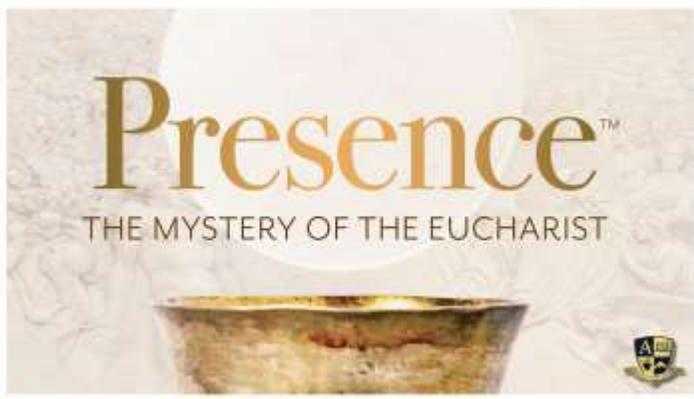
To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 04/07/2024

Weekly:	\$ 1,391.00
Monthly:	\$ 1,007.00
Loose:	\$ 74.00
Children:	\$.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 50.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$ 75.00
Online Giving:	\$ 175.00
Resources:	\$ 20.10
Easter:	\$ 211.00
Mother's Day:	\$ 50.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,113.10
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 1,129.75)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:	
<i>Fundraising (Lenten Dinner Profits)</i>	\$ 41,667.70
<i>Fundraising (Pierogi Proceeds - Nov 23-April 24 Profits)</i>	\$ 5,331.20
<i>Fundraising (Sarris Candy - Christmas 2023 & Easter 2024)</i>	\$ 1,524.87
Collected:	\$ 178,191.18
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 173,956.05
Variance Over or (Under):	\$ 4,235.13
Diocesan/Other Collections:	
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 5.00

Additional 2024 Easter Flower Memorials

- Doloris Yatzkanic..... Robert Yatzkanic
- Bertha Bodnar..... Steve, Lori, Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren
- Michael & Sylvia Rayko, Michael Jr & Cheryl Rayko, James Kriek Norbert & Barbara Rayko
- Mr. & Mrs. Domenick Fancella..... Patricia Gerheim



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2024 Lenten Dinners

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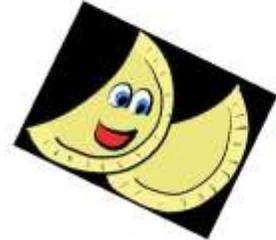
Pierogi:

In 7 pierogi making sessions:

Made 2,162 Dozen Pierogi = 25,944 Pierogi

Sold 77 bags at Turkey dinner = 154 dozen

Sold 336 bags at Lenten dinner = 672 dozen



Lenten Dinners:

Dine in Meals served = 2,313

Drive thru had a total of 1,200 cars = 2,927 Meals Served

Totals:

#1 - 671

#2 - 898

#3 - 891

#4 - 906

#5 - 913

#6 - 961



TOTAL: 5,240 (This total beats our 2019 total of 4,869)

2024 Total Profit Lenten Dinners & Pierogi = \$ 46,998

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make our dinners a huge success and also thanks to our sponsors: Curran Funeral Home, Shoemaker Funeral Home and Bowser-Minich Funeral Home.

Eastertime

A Sense of the Season

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22)

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 727 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 727+1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!



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