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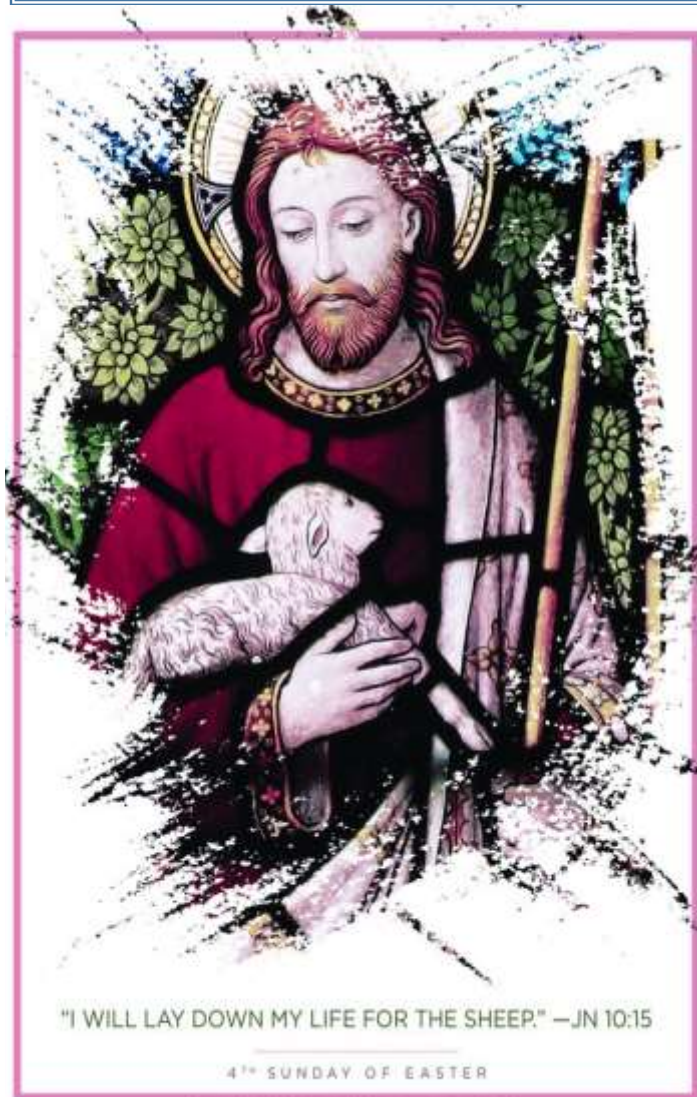


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April 21, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

This Weekend Good Shepherd Feast Day
Celebration, Narthex, After
Both Masses

Next Weekend: Pray the Rosary, 10:30AM,
Church

Confirmation Preparation



Continue to keep **Logan McGlinn**
and **Brock Wheeler** in your prayers
as they prepare for Confirmation to
be held next week, April 27, 10:00
AM at St. Thomas More University
Parish, Indiana.



Good Shepherd Candle lit in memory of
John Somonick by Son, John.

Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of
Joseph Egry by Patty Egry.

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.

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.

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Masses and Candles — Week of 04/21/24

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)*Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18***Saturday, April 20**

6:00 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, April 21

11:00 AM | Alice & Jake Chronoski by Jake & Patricia Chronoski

Monday, April 22, Easter Weekday*Acts 11:1-18; Pss 41, 43; Jon 10:1-10*

5:00 PM | Holy Hour, Adoration (Confessions)

6:00 PM | In Honor of Lenten Dinner Volunteers by Larry Kachik

Tuesday, April 23, St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30*

8:30 AM | Joseph Egry by Patty Egry

Wednesday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50***NO MASS****Thursday, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist***1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20*

8:30 AM | Tony, Mary & Lottie Pisch by Janice Kochman

Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday*Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6*8:30 AM | **NO MASS****Saturday, April 27, Easter Weekday***Acts 9:26-13; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8***Fifth Sunday of Easter***Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*

6:00 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday, April 28

11:00 AM | Deceased of Cavalier & Phipps Family by Don & Kathy Cavalier

Prayer Chain Updates**Critical Prayer:** Cal (Sink) Campbell, Gregg Gordish, Amy Thomas, Rhonda Earhart**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

Lois Ann Bish 05 April 2024

Dolores Jean Morgan 04 April 2024



A good shepherd feeds his sheep first, even when he himself is hungry. The quality of the sheep determines the quality of the shepherd. Light is a shepherd, the blind are its sheep. A sheep who teaches something to the shepherd is no more a sheep but a teacher!

From Fr. Dino's Desk

4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday Reflection

April 21. Texts. Acts 4:8-12, Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us.

Because “the Father has bestowed on us” great love (cf. 2nd Reading), we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.

In the Gospel, what is the command Jesus received from His Father? That He be the Good Shepherd by laying down His life for His sheep. That He gathers all people into one flock by laying down His life for His sheep. We, Jesus’ disciples, receive the same command from Him. We are not to be “hired” hands but good shepherds who, by listening to His voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father’s love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So are we to be.

Today is a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Pray for vocations to the priesthood. Our numbers are fast dwindling. Pray for the sheep that have strayed from the sheepfold. It is not for us to condemn or criticize but to show compassion, care and concern so that they too will listen to the voice of Jesus and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday, April 21, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

Around the Diocese of Greensburg

Benefit Golf Outing May 18

St. Bernard Regional Catholic School's eighth annual golf outing is set for Saturday, May 18, at Chestnut Ridge Resort, Blairsville. Registration is at 8 AM., with a 9 AM shotgun start. Beer, cigars, prizes and food are planned. Cost is \$400 per foursome. Sponsorships are available. For information, contact David Mattini at 724-388-6695 or John Kopczyk at 724-465-7139.

St. Thomas More University Parish

Mark your calendars It's time to get your dancing shoes out! St. Thomas More University Parish will once again sponsor an **Oldies Dance!** Oldies Dance 2024 will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 7-10 p.m. at the Cherry Run Lodge, 1925 Old Route 56 Highway West, Homer City, PA. DJ Mike Miller, Mixmaster will provide the music. Cost will be \$25 per person in advance and \$35 per person at the door. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Basket and 50/50 raffles will be held. Come join us for a fun night of dancing (or listening!) to the "oldies!" Tickets are available for purchase by calling the parish office at 724-463-2277, or Tim Petro at 724-388-9671 or Deb Lezanic at 724-349-1306.

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Weekly:	\$ 2,665.00
Monthly:	\$ 160.00
Loose:	\$ 134.00
Children:	\$ 1.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 57.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$ 108.00
Online Giving:	\$ 175.00
Easter Offering	\$ 85.00
Resources:	\$ 6.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,391.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 851.83)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:	
Collected:	\$ 191,582.18
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 178,198.88
Variance Over or (Under):	\$ 3,383.30
Diocesan/Other Collections:	
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 76.00



Diocesan Lenten Appeal

2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of April 15, 2024

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 30,020.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$ 23,606.00):	127.2%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,006.00):	73.2%
Participating Households - 85 (285):	29.8%
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 353.17
Average 2023 Parish Gift:	\$ 338.84

Part 2 of 2

Genesis



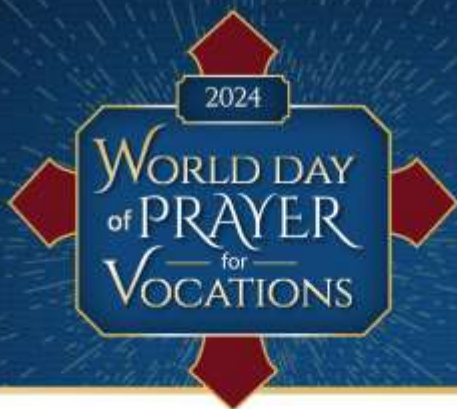
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APRIL 21, 2024 • GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
& WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

PREACH ON VOCATIONS APRIL 21, 2024

THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter heals a crippled man, is jailed, and then addresses the people, assuring them that these miraculous works are done through the power of Jesus.

The vocation angle: In this passage two people are transformed: the crippled man and Peter. The cripple is a lowly person, miraculously healed. Peter is an ordinary man emboldened to preach the Gospel. These two men are transformed through Jesus, crucified as a common criminal, but now raised from the dead. The vocation message? God transforms whomever He chooses. You don't have to be perfect or sinless to be a priest, brother, or sister. If God calls, His grace is sufficient.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

John helps early Christians identify with Jesus: "The world does not know us because it did not know Him."

The vocation angle: The passage strikes a tone of consoling detachment. There is comfort in being a child of God, not concerned about the views of the world, but looking forward to a future transformation. When discerning a vocation, we should be peaceful, trusting that God will lead us because He is our good Father.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep. He lays down His life for them, and is raised up again.

The vocation angle: While all are called to imitate Christ, some are called to more closely imitate Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Priests and religious are not "hired help," but rather, they give their whole lives to the Church, walking closely with all Catholics in the joys and trials of life. Those who are called to be shepherds must themselves learn to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.



Your Joy Inspires Vocations

"Joy," wrote the French philosopher Leon Bloy, 'is the most infallible sign of God's presence.' ...

"When I was assistant at Little Flower Parish back in St. Louis, I met with our parish vocation committee and asked them what we priests and nuns could do to encourage young people to consider a vocation ... One crusty old guy spoke up, 'Well, you can begin by being happy! Show us you love your work and enjoy your life. Be joyful!' Not bad advice. ...

"Actually, our joy as priests should have nothing to do with where we're assigned, what we're doing, or any external reward or recognition we get. It only depends



on who we are, not what we do or have. We are beloved of the Father, configured to his Son, alive with his grace—everything else is gravy."

~ Cardinal Timothy Dolan
in *Priests for the Third Millennium*



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