



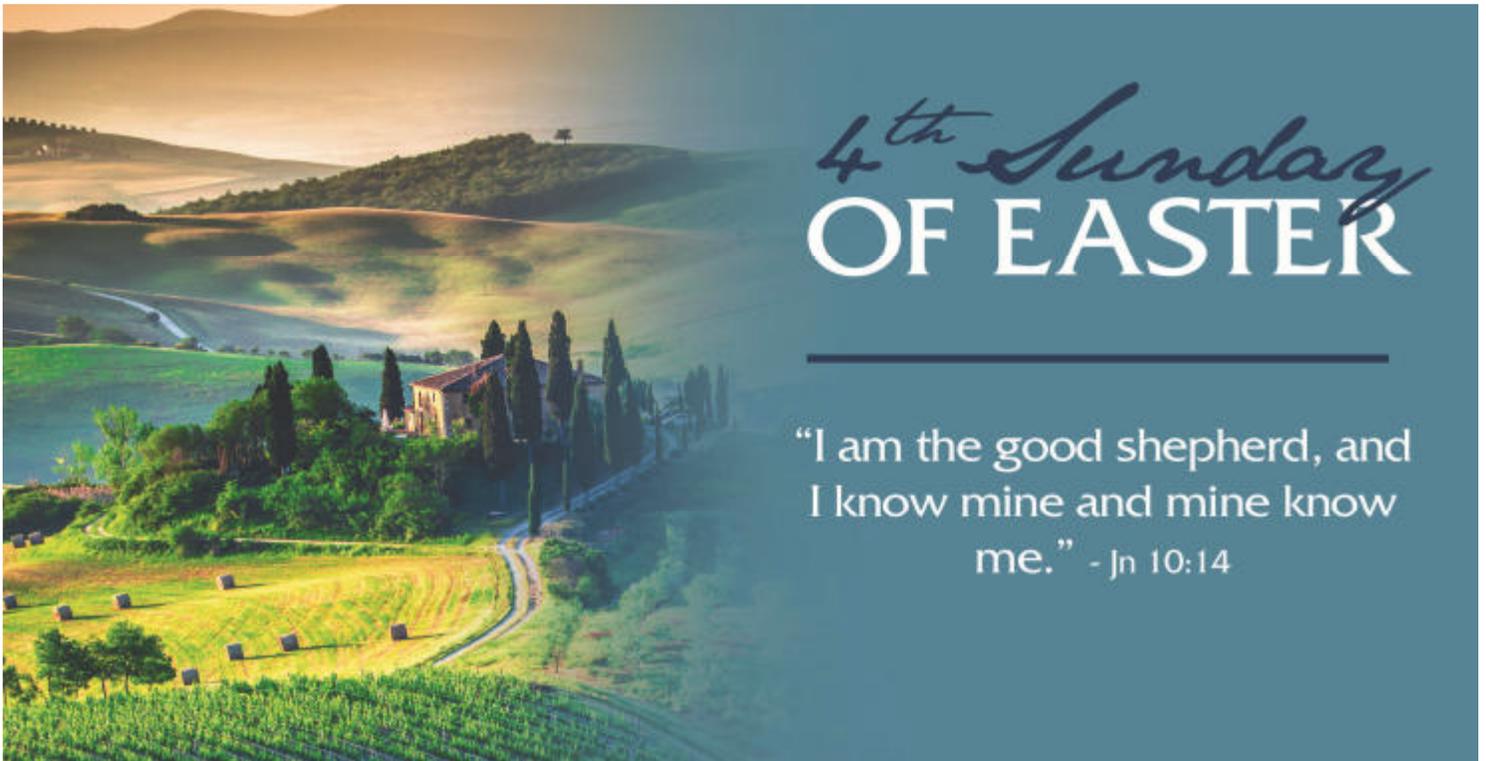
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**Pursuing Jesus Christ:  
Forming Disciples on Campus & In the Family**

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

“I am the good shepherd, and  
I know mine and mine know  
me.” - Jn 10:14

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## Sacrament Preparation

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact at least six weeks before the desired Baptism date. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least three months & attend Baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office by phone or [cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org) to register for a class and schedule the ceremony.

### RCIA & Inquiry to the Catholic Faith

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact Christine Wolfert at [cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:cwolfert@parish.dol-in.org) or by phone at (765) 288-6180.

### Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation must begin at least six months before the marriage date. Marriage preparation may begin at St. Francis even if the marriage is celebrated elsewhere. Call the parish office at (765) 288-6180 to schedule an initial meeting with a priest.

### Ministry to the Sick

If you or a loved one would like Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion, contact the parish office at (765) 288-6180.

## A Note from Father Underwood

The following reflection was posted on the Lifeteen Blog and offers some challenging considerations that I found compelling and fruitful for prayer. I hope you do as well.

**Do You Gossip?** by ALISON BLANCHET

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16

I was in ninth grade, on my first youth group trip. A bundle of insecurity, I tried to figure out the best way to fit in and realized that a great way to get everyone’s attention, and alleviate that gnawing feeling of, ‘am I fitting in?’ – was to crack jokes about others in the group. Patti was an easy target for these jokes. She went to a different school, dressed a little differently, talked a little louder. Leaning against the sink in the girl’s bathroom, sensing everyone’s attention and wanting to seal my spot in the group, I made a joke about her. It was true, but it wasn’t nice.

I didn’t realize she was also in the restroom until she exited the stall into the cloud of my words still suspended mid-air. While everyone else shuffled away awkwardly, my eyes locked with Patti’s. I wish I could say that seeing how hurt she was cured me of any desire to ever speak ill of anyone. I felt bad. But I also experienced the power of words for the first time, and the power of sharing a secret, fact, or observation about another person was intoxicating. While I knew it was wrong, I often resorted to gossip to garner attention. I operated under the assumptions of ‘I’m just saying what everyone already knows,’ ‘I’d totally say this to their face.’ Or, the ever popular, ‘Well, I’m telling people so they can add it to their prayer intentions.’ While this used to prick my conscience, like any sin, the more I spoke the less I felt bad.

*‘The eighth commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others’* (CCC 2464). This manifests itself in many ways: while lying (not telling the truth) is obviously forbidden – the Catechism clarifies that *‘respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury’* (CCC 2477). This forbids us from saying anything that could damage the reputation of another – even if it’s true.

I struggled to reign in my tongue for years, wanting to be kinder with my speech, but not as much as I wanted to fit in. Then a wise priest gave me James 3 as penance after I confessed my struggles with gossip. Reading that *‘We bless the Lord and Father, and... curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God’* James 3:9, (I was struck that my worship and honor of God was only as authentic as the honor I gave those created in His image. Basically, every comment I made about God’s creation was the ugly footnote to my words of worship.

Resolving to be kind to others is difficult, because humans can annoy and hurt us. If you struggle with gossip or unkind speech, don’t act based on what you think others deserve, act based on what God deserves. In the end, it wasn’t kindness that helped me reign in my tongue as much as my desire to worship God authentically, realizing the power of words, and the reality of the community St. Paul describes in Ephesians 4:25 when he states, *‘Speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members of one another.’* Worship the Lord in truth by honoring those He created.

How to Obey the Eighth Commandment

Tell the truth

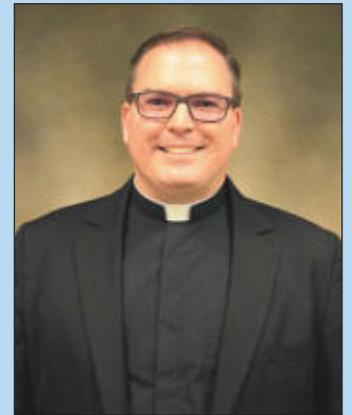
Speak kindly about others, instead of using your words to tear them down or ruin their reputation

Always confess all your sins in Confession, not purposefully holding anything back

Frequent the Sacraments! Confess gossip every time you fall.

When you confess, be specific. It will give you the grace to be stronger the next time the situation arises.

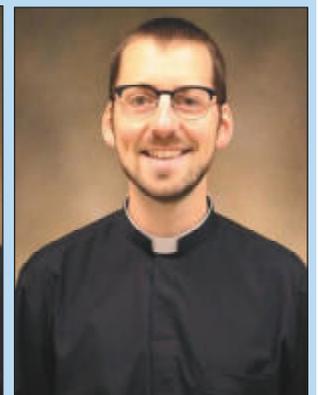
*Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.’ – Eleanor Roosevelt*



Father Eric Underwood



Father Coady Owens



Father Christian DeCarlo

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for Sat/Sun - May 1-2, 2021

Date & Time	Sacristan	EMHC	Reader	Greeter/Usher	Server
Sat. 5/1 4:30 pm	Anne Bennett	Rick Jones	Greg Gaydos	Anne Lacey	Volunteer
Sun. 5/2 9:00 am	Kianre Eouanzoui	Anthony Forgille	Susan Brumley	Dan Wolfert	TBD
Sun. 5/2 11:15 am	Mary Stempky	David Bauer	Abby Huff	Emily Rohleder	TBD
Sun. 5/2 8:00 pm	Bri Callahan	Dani Burns	Wesley Crouch	Joe Domina	BSU Men

### Youth Ministry Opportunities

#### High School Youth Group

Summer Kick Off BBQ Bash! 4/25 | 12:30-3:00  
St. Francis back parking lot and Parish Hall  
-all incoming 9th graders and high schoolers welcome!

#### Middle School Youth Group

April 28 - 3:30-5pm @ St. Mary in Noll Hall

### SAVE THE DATE



**MUNCIE CATHOLIC**  
ST. FRANCIS | ST. MARY | ST. LAWRENCE

*Men's* **MEAT & GREET**  
BEER BRATS & FELLOWSHIP

Join Father Underwood, Father DeCarlo & Father Coady for some food and community!

**21+ Event**  
Sunday, May 16th | 4pm-6pm  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Parish Hall & Back Parking Lot

Registration Required

Registration Required, please register through your parish website, office, or scan the QR code to reserve your spot!

### Join us!

Welcome Back  
*St. Francis Family*

join us for coffee & donuts,  
family activities, and fellowship

Sunday, May 2nd | 10:00am - 1:00pm  
after 9am and 11:15am Mass  
Back Parking Lot & Parish Hall

*all are welcome*

### Baptism



Congratulations to the Smaldino Family on the baptism of their daughter Zelig-Therese!

## SAVE THE DATE

ORINATION OF  
FATHER ANDREW THORNTON

JUNE 3, 2021 - CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LAFAYETTE, IN

JUNE 6, 2021 - MASS OF THANKSGIVING  
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, MUNCIE, IN

## Pastorate Opportunities



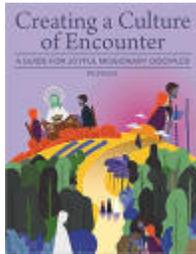
The **Secular Franciscans** will meet **Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room, at St. Mary's Noll Hall.** We will listen to "The Little Poor Man," Episode 10 of the Augustine Institute's award-winning Radio Theatre production, entitled, "**Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi.**" Anyone interested in

learning about St. Francis of Assisi and his spiritual tradition is welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, contact Sharon Roberts at [sroberts@bsu.edu](mailto:sroberts@bsu.edu) or 765-286-5278.

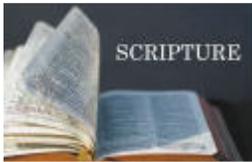
### Gather, Pray, Learn

The next five-week book study for Gather, Pray, and Learn will feature the book, Creating a Culture of Encounter: A Guide for Joyful Missionary Disciples.

Our first meeting will occur on Wednesday, April 28, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Hall. Please call the parish office at 765-288-9223 and let secretary Cece Graham know if you plan to participate and if you will need a book. We hope that you will join us!



### Tuesday Scripture Study Group at St. Lawrence



The Tuesday Scripture study group has resumed live meetings, Tuesdays, 9:00 AM at St. Agnes Hall, St. Lawrence. We prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming Sunday Mass by

reading and discussing the scripture we will be hearing. You are welcome to join in!

## Prayer for our Diocesan priests

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest) act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feeling. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself, incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...). Amen.

Date	Father	Date	Father
4/21	Samual Kalu	4/26	Thomas McDermott
4/22	Peter Logsdon	4/27	Michael McKinley
4/23	Gustavo Lopez	4/28	Michael McKinney
4/24	Jeffrey Martin	4/29	Thomas Metzger
4/25	Adam Mauman	4/30	Christopher Miller

## Diocesan Opportunities

**Uniting IN HEART**

2030 PASTORAL PLAN OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

**DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH?**

Uniting in Heart desires to help everyone know Jesus Christ and to foster a deeper personal commitment to follow Him in His Church. As the Body of Christ in this diocese, Uniting in Heart seeks to equip us to proclaim the Gospel in all that we do for the salvation of souls through the three pillars of Mission, Community and Witness. To learn more, please visit [dol-in.org/uih](http://dol-in.org/uih).

**BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW**  
-REV 21:5



### What does it mean to Unite in the Heart of Jesus?

We named our pastoral plan Uniting in Heart because to unite in heart means to continuously enter into the heart of Jesus where love and mercy in its purest form can be found and experienced. It is God's grace that draws us into the heart of love. In that heart, we learn to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. This is where we learn to become selfless, meek and humble of heart like Jesus. Here we are invited to suffer with and for Christ. Where sacrificing our own self, our own wills for the will of the Father, like our Jesus, is necessary to experience true transformation of our lives. Here we find not only love, but peace and joy as well.

Notice the actions of Jesus were never about himself, his personal desires, but rather about the will of the one who sent him. Jesus, always moved by the love of His Father lived a life of charity. He touched and healed people at their core, at the very heart of their being. They then went forth and shared that saving love for the life of the world.

**Uniting IN HEART**

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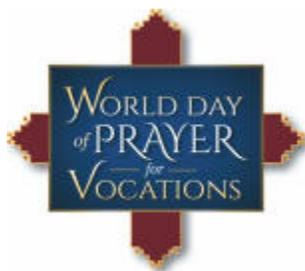
## Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

9 am Sunday Mass available on Facebook Live-Stream.

**All are welcome at our student lead Masses & Adoration!**

Mon 4/26	5-5:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b> 5:30 pm <b>Mass:</b> Int. for Nick & Catherine King
Tues 4/27	9:00 am	<b>The Young and the Restless</b> - Coffee & Donuts - Meeting in Parish Hall - (BYOC+D)  <b>NO MASS</b> (8:00 am at St Lawrence)
Wed 4/28	9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Staff Holy Hour</b> in the Worship Space <b>All are welcome!</b>
	5-5:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	5:30 pm	<b>Student Mass:</b> +Eileen Steibly <b>All are welcome!</b>
	6:15 pm	<b>Newman Night</b>
Thur 4/29	11:45 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Mass:</b> +Ron Carey
Fri 4/30	5-5:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	5:30 pm	<b>Mass:</b> Int. for Michael Smaldino
Sat 5/1	4-4:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Mass:</b> +Ellen Lacey
Sun 5/2	9:00 am	<b>Mass:</b> Int. for Augustine Smaldino
	10-11 am	<b>YFF</b> - Parish Hall - last class!
	10am-1pm	<b>WELCOME BACK</b> Coffee/Donuts in Parish Hall & back parking lot
	11:15 am	<b>Mass:</b> For Nursing Home residents/staff
	8:00 pm	<b>Mass:</b> For the Parish

**April 25th** is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Visit our Diocesan Vocations website at [dol-in.org/vocations](http://dol-in.org/vocations) for more vocations resources.



### Bulletin E-Mail Information

Please send all bulletin requests/updates to  
[SFABulletin@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:SFABulletin@parish.dol-in.org).

**All bulletin requests must be in by noon on Friday.**

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### On-Line Giving

Is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop, and change your weekly contributions at any time. To sign up please go to [www.stfrancisnewman.org/give](http://www.stfrancisnewman.org/give), call the parish office, or scan here!



Weekly Stewardship Report	April 18 2021	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Weekly	\$8,654.00	\$363,468.00
Weekly Collection <small>*Includes online gifts</small>	\$6,782.74	\$359,937.69
Over/Short	-\$1,871.26	-\$3,530.31



### Muncie Catholic Vision Plan

Our Pastor and a team of parishioners are looking toward the future plans of our parish. You can access our online survey via our parish website [www.munciecatholic.com](http://www.munciecatholic.com). The survey asks questions about all aspects of parish life, so we can plan for the unique needs of our parish. Please take 10 to 15 minutes to prayerfully fill out the survey. We encourage you to participate electronically, but paper copies are available in the gathering area after Mass. You can return the paper copy in the offertory collection next week.

### Pray For Those Who Serve

Please keep **Navy Lieutenant Andy Baierwalter, Lt. Colonel Scott McCarthy, Navy Hospitalman Noel Holzer, Staff Sgt Nathan Bolka, Specialist Keegan Nuñez, Captain Jon VanPixteren, Lieutenant Bailey Windell, Airmen Luis Pepe**

and all Armed Forces Personnel in your prayers, particularly those of our extended Parish family.



If you have a loved one serving, please let us know so we can keep them in our prayers:

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