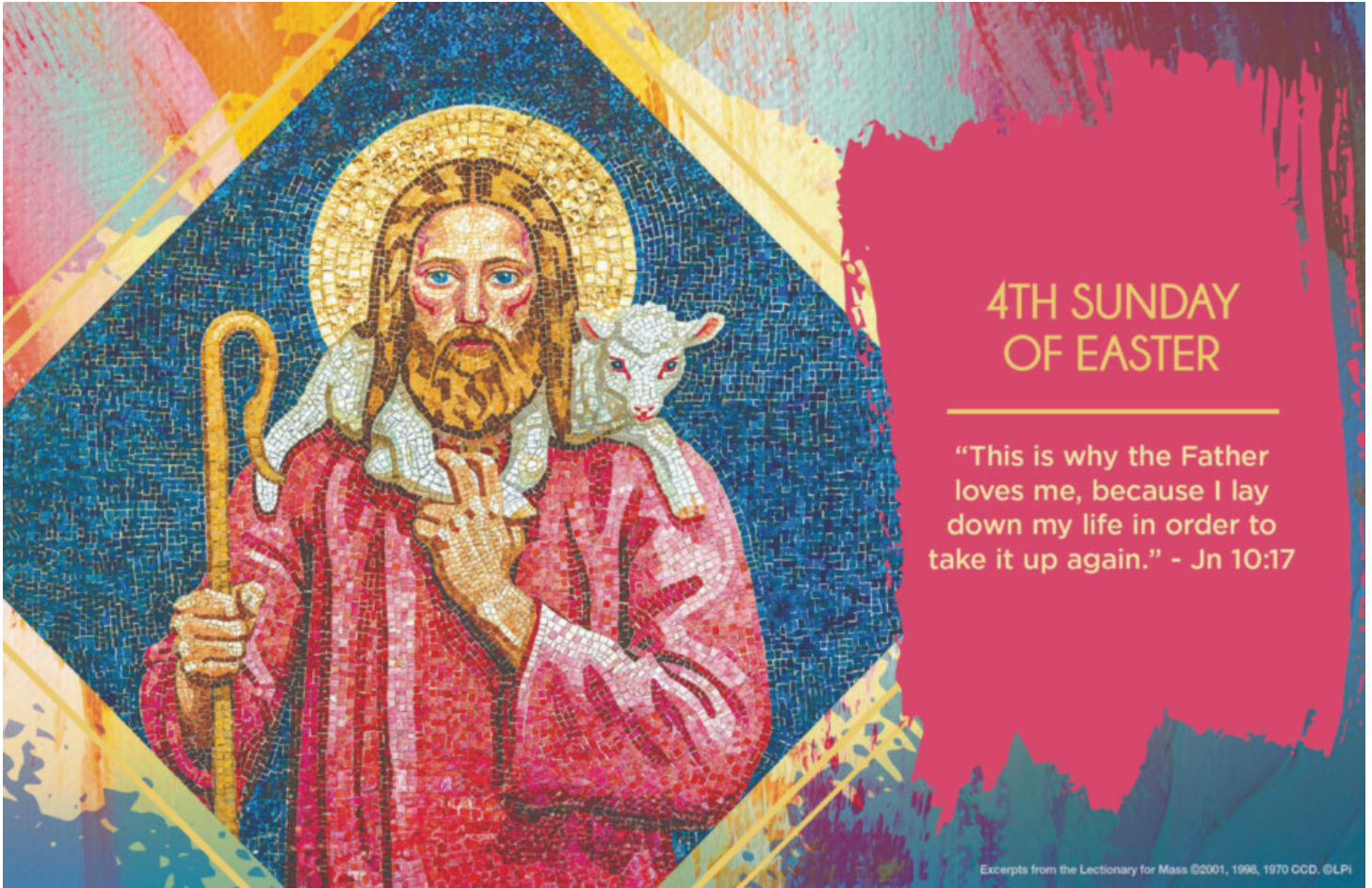


THE SUNDAY BULLETIN



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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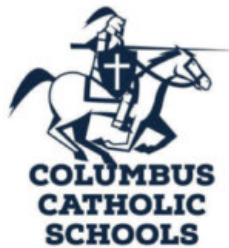
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MASS SCHEDULE

1st Friday	5:30 pm
Wednesday & 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th Fridays	8:00 am
Sunday	8:00 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

The Sunday Bulletin

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."
(Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

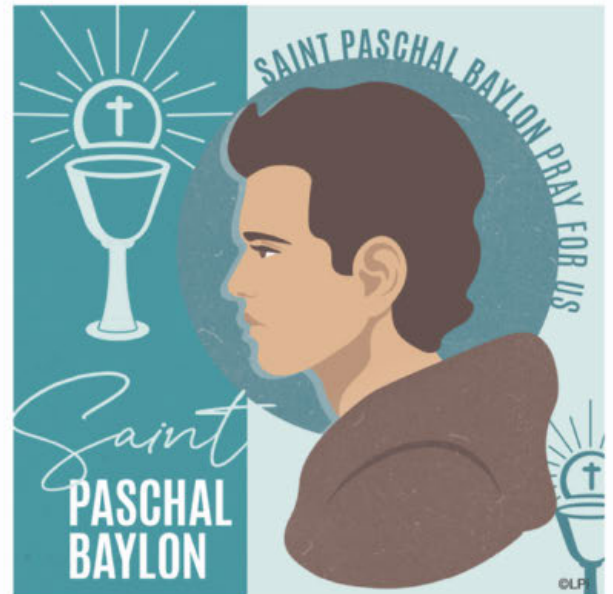
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: Earth Day
Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist
Friday: Arbor Day
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.
Amen.

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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Gospel Meditation

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— *Father John Muir*

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The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

Liturgical Volunteers for next Sunday, April 27-28

Sat, 4:00 PM (Our Lady of Peace)

Reader Jackie Walker
Distributors Chuck Kahl, Rebecca Marquard
Servers Anna Becker, Katelyn Becker
Sacristan Kurt Potts
Ushers Kurt Potts, Andrew Bennett, Jacob Betoncur, Andy Martin, Dillon McHugh, Chuck Payant, Ethan Trulen

Sun, 8:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

Reader Carol Steinmetz
Distributors Chris Damerell, Theresa Wojahn
Servers Reese Miller, Jackie Yost
Sacristan Sandy Zdun

Sun, 10:00 AM (Our Lady of Peace)

Reader Steve Van Wyhe
Distributors JoAnn Gougeon, Shawn Kitchner
Servers Nathan Van Wyhe, Josh Van Wyhe
Sacristan Corinne Johnson
Ushers Patrick Andreae, David Bauer, John Boyle, Eric Callaghan, Eric Fehrenbach, Ellie Genett

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

Gospel Reading:

As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?



The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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The Sunday Bulletin

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 21, 2024

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Robert Hackney by Karen Lappe

Wednesday, April 24th

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Mary Ann Peskie by James Peskie

† Robert & Mary Grosbier by Joan Zoellner

Thursday, April 25th

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† John Steckel by Bill & Dottie Draxler

Friday, April 26th

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Ken Wry by Gary & Barb Boor

Saturday, April 27th

4:00 pm (Our Lady of Peace)

† Robert Altmann by Janette Altmann

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Joseph & Betty Bohman by The Bohman Family

† Shirley Zoellner by Jim Zoellner

10:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Jean Fischer by Rita Hanneman

Diocesan Annual Appeal As you know, our Diocesan Annual Appeal funds the critical activities of seminarian education, Catholic school resources, and charitable outreach, which are vital for maintaining church ministries and fostering community growth and vibrancy. Every parishioner's support is crucial for the Appeal's success in advancing our Catholic mission of faith, education, and service. Sadly, this late into the Appeal, only 16% or only 121 families out of 746 families from Our Lady of Peace Parish have made a pledge or donation to this year's Annual Appeal; equally as sad, only 15% or 59 families out of 402 families from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish have made a pledge or donation. Our Lady of Peace is short \$73,361.00 of its Appeal Goal and Sacred Heart of Jesus is short \$23,940.00. To make a pledge or donation, please go to <https://diolc.org/donate-online/> or scan the QR code to the left.



The Marshfield Deanery is sponsoring a bus for those wishing to attend our diocesan Eucharistic Rally, *The Answer*, on Friday, June 7. The bus will

leave St. John Parish at 7:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. The day will feature a Eucharistic procession; Mass; speakers Chris Stefanick and Immaculee Ilibagiza; and free time for opportunities to go to Confession, visit the Adoration Chapel, visit booths, eat, etc. The cost is \$25 (there is a \$0.50 discount for each additional ticket purchased). You can sign up and pay online by going to olpmarshfield.com and clicking *The Answer* icon. If you do not have access to the internet or do not have a credit or debit card, please contact the parish offices to make arrangements.

Save the Date The dedication and open house for the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall will be on Sunday, May 5, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Mark your calendars. All are welcome.



Our Lady of Peace Parish and Sacred Heart have been invited to join with Zion Methodist in packing food boxes April 25

through 27. People work with a team for a two hour shift to pack the meals. To sign up for a time slot please email Eileen at ejkrall@charter.net or call her at 715-387-3755.

Pictorial Directories If you have not picked up your pictorial directory for Our Lady of Peace Parish, please contact the parish office or stop by, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

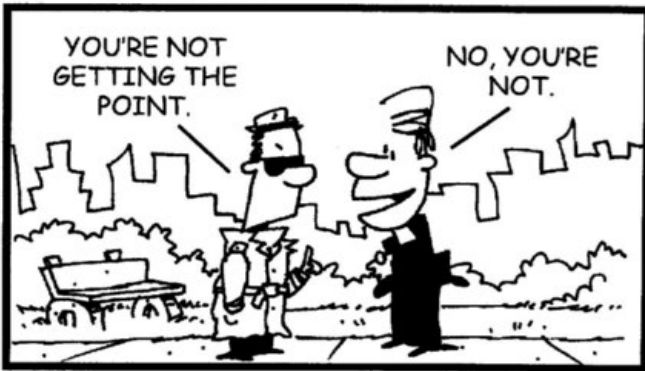
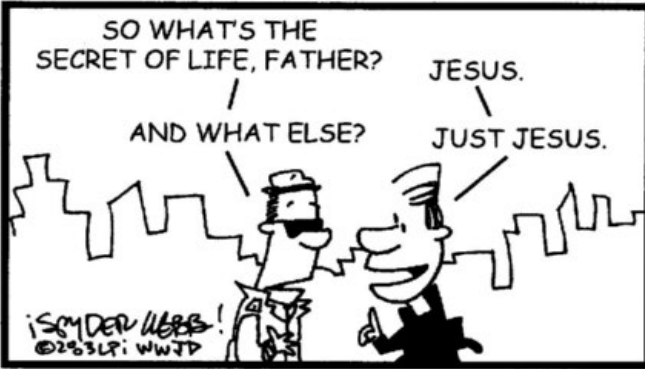
First Holy Communion First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace on Saturday, May 4, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and at Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, May 5, at 8:00 a.m.

Casa Hogar Bake Sale Come show your support for the Columbus High School Mission Team's upcoming trip to Peru this August by purchasing some delicious homemade baked items after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus next Sunday, April 28.

Youth Choir Update The final rehearsals for this choir season will be Sunday, April 14, 28, and May 12.

Christian Skate Night The next Christian Music Skate will be on Friday, April 26, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Melody Gardens. Admission is \$3.00 and skate rental is \$1.00

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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