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Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Friday .. 8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday		
	8:00 am—12:00 pm	
Thursday	12:00 nm-3:00 nm	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday—after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 am 1st Friday—after 8:00 am Mass until 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday......11:00 am And by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, or RCIA

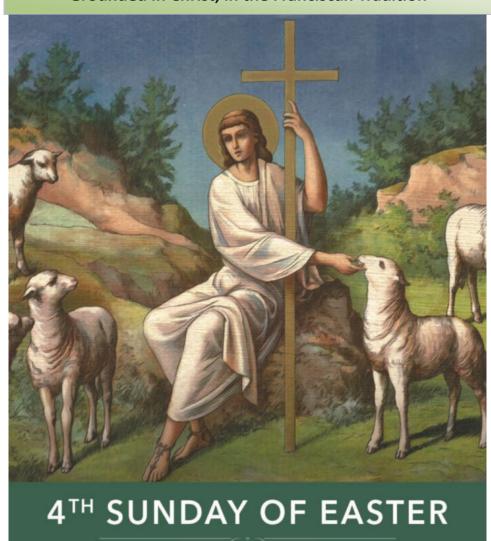
Contact the parish office to make arrangements.



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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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4th Sunday of Easter

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

Parish Support

Contributions from the week of April 7

General Fund: \$2,668.00
Capital Improvement: \$65.00
Church Maintenance: \$20.00
Education Endowment: \$5.00
WeShare Online—March: \$1,699.00



THANK YOU for supporting YOUR Parish; every contribution helps, no matter the amount!

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."



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For more information, please contact Anastasia at the Church office—(920) 437-1979.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS UPDATE

If you are a current Eucharistic Minister, please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 14**th at 6:00 pm for an appreciation meal in Clare Hall followed by a brief instruction on the new directive by Bishop Ricken on the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22

8:00 am † John Cardenzana

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 am † Emilie VonHaden

Wednesday, April 24

NO MASS

Thursday, April 25

NO MASS

Friday, April 26

8:00 am † Molly Hodapp

Saturday, April 27

4:00 pm † John Baker

† Richard Leonhardt

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am For All Our Parishioners Living & Deceased

† deceased • Intention of • In honor of

Scrip News

Many Thanks to the **10** people who purchased **\$2444** worth of Scrip from April 1st to April 7th, giving the Parish **\$120.07** in profit.

This Week in the Parish

Tuesday, April 23

1:00 pm Finance Mtg

Friday, April 26

8:00 am Mass—Parish Book of

Healing in the Chapel

Saturday, April 27

10:00 am Quilting

in Clare Hall

Sunday, April 28

10:00 am Donut Sunday

"... it is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, Who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done."

— Teresa of Ávila, Interior Castle

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

Readings for the Week

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

SPECIAL PARISH MTG

This weekend, after each Mass, there will be a Special Parish Meeting in Church to discuss long term arrangements for the school and convent properties. The Parish currently owns these properties and has been offered an opportunity to sell the properties to a Non-Profit business group which will allow the Parish to continue to use the school building for office and gathering space.

Deacon Paul will lead the meetings.

All Parish Members are welcome to attend and to vote.

Community News

Attention All Veterans

Please volunteer for garden cleanup at St. Mary's Veterans Garden from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on **Wednesday, April 24**th. Free lunch to follow. Spouses are welcome.

Please RSVP to Theresa at (920) 562-9973 by **April 23**rd.

St. Ann Fraternity of The Secular Franciscans

We invite all parishioners to Bible Study (Lectio Divina), Prayer and Reflection at 10:00 am in the Adele Brise room off the school Cass Street entrance on the **Second** and **Fourth** Saturdays of the month. The next meeting will take place on **April 27**th. All are welcome.

This Week's Birthdays— 75 or more years young

Cynthia Besson (4/25)

Birthday Blessings

Bishop's Appeal 2024

Our Bishop's Appeal goal is \$11,659.00

Thank you to all who have already given to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. To those who have not yet returned their Bishop's Appeal envelope, please do so as soon as possible.

The parish will be refunded 50% of the amount collected in excess of our goal amount! Again, thank you to all for your generosity. Deacon Paul.

Summary of Apr. 8 Altar Society meeting

The special speaker was Ellen Tilleman, R.N. Ellen provided information about the Alexandrina Pregnancy Center here in Green Bay. This lay apostolate of the Diocese of Green Bay is 100% volunteer staffed and funded. They provide a wide range of services including pregnancy testing, ultrasound, support and help for women from all walks of life. They provide necessities such as diapers, infant formula, clothing and a compassionate judgement-free space.

This mission is "powered by the Holy Spirit, serving God by being the face of Jesus" with everyone who

comes to their door.

We will be having a parish-wide 'baby shower' in September to collect most needed items and donations to support this ministry. Watch for announcements on this.

Altar Society Calendar for the remainder of 2024

Monday, May 13, 2024:
ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE
INVITED TO GATHER FOR A
SPRINGTIME LUNCHEON AT THE
VILLAGE GRILLE AT NOON. (Individual
checks.) Please call Barb Perez at
920-327-2308 to reserve your spot.
Also, let us know if you need a ride.

Monday, August 12, 2024: ALL PARISHIONERS—PLEASE JOIN US

for a carpool visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. We will leave from the Irwin Street office area at 1:00 pm. We will not be having a speaker. We will pray the Rosary there.

September 2024:

'Baby Shower' for Alexandrina Pregnancy Center. Date TBD.

Monday September 9, 2024: Speaker – TBD.

Saturday September 28, 2024:
4:00 pm Mass offered for Altar
Society members. All Altar Society members, past and present, please come and sit together.

Monday October 14, 2024:

Speaker – TBD.

Monday November 11, 2024: Speaker – TBD.

Monday December 9, 2024: NOON. Potluck lunch. Gift of Prayer

Exchange.

SAVE THE DATE:

DAY OF REFLECTION—

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