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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Directory

**Parish Office**.. 815-824-2053...Fax 815-824-2043  
Hours ..... Mon, Wed & Fri: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tues & Thurs: Call for appointment.  
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**Coordinator of Religious Education,**  
Deacon George Schramm.....815-824-2053

### Mass Schedule

**Weekend** .....Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

**Weekday**.....Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

**Holy Day**.....8:30 am & 7:00 pm  
(EXCEPT Christmas & New Year's)

**Confessions**.....Saturday 3:15-4:15 pm  
Sunday & Weekdays 7:30-8:15 am

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. (except First Fridays) 9:00 am-10:05 am  
Benediction  
First Fridays, Mass at 8:30 am, 9:00-10:05 am  
Benediction

### Sacraments

#### Baptism

1. You must be a registered member of our parish.
2. Make an appointment to see the priest to discuss and participate in the baptismal preparation.
3. Schedule the baptism (time and date).

#### Marriage

1. Wedding arrangements need to be made six months in advance.
2. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish.
3. Call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

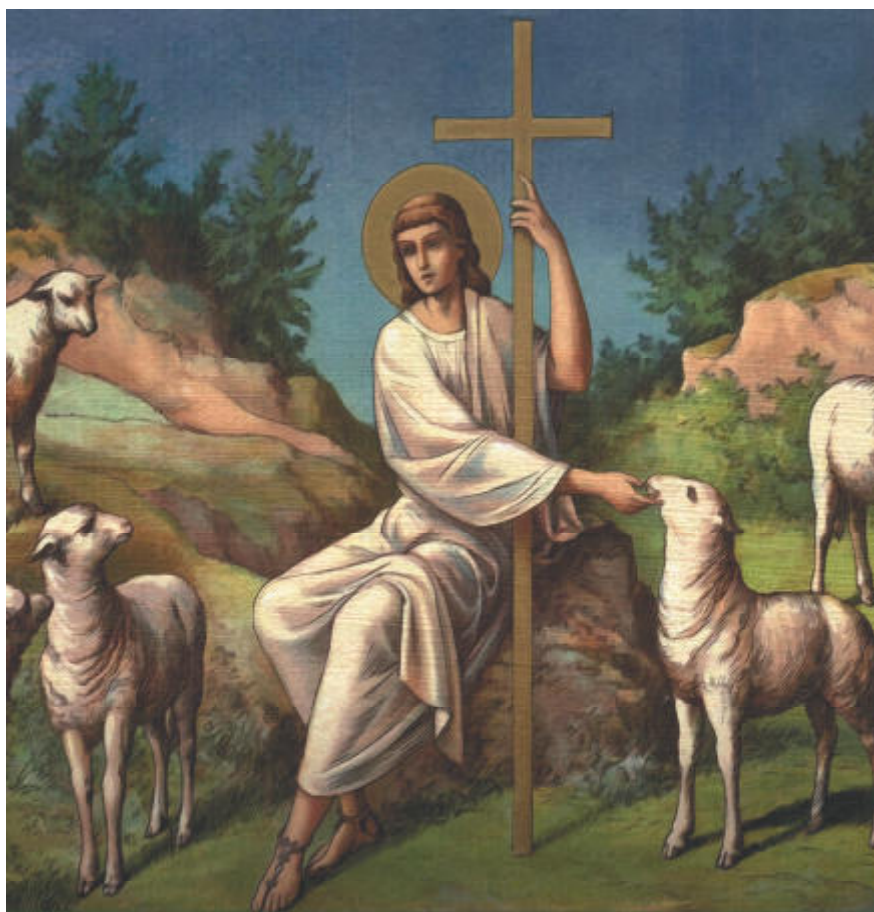
### Ministry of Care

If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit, please call the parish office or John Rood at 815-824-2518.

### Bulletin Deadline

Items must be submitted to the parish office by 12:00 pm on Monday or the Friday preceding a holiday.

Rev. Bonaventure Okoro, Pastor



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

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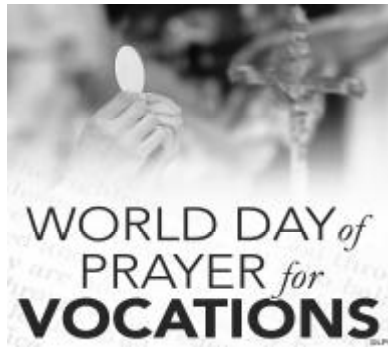
## Good Shepherd Sunday

I must confess that every door in our lives is an event and an opportunity, whether it was a majestic door in a colonial mansion or some simply-hewn uprights on a log cabin. Each door provides a setting for me and another way of looking at myself. I may be exalted or brought low by the doors through which I walk.

We call this Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday because of the identification Jesus makes himself as the door to the sheepfold. He is the means of entry to the fold. That should be good news for us. It means the door is provided and we're not to build our own. It was this door through which we passed at our baptism when we died and were raised with Christ. So during these Sundays of Easter we are celebrating the work Christ has done in us, not what we have done for ourselves. Jesus Christ, God opened the door to abundant life for us.

We come to church each week precisely to worship and offer thanks to Jesus who has made abundant life possible for us, to hear his story, to realize it is our story, and to prepare ourselves to live that story out in the world during the week. We have been baptized into his Body. Now we come to share his Body in the Eucharist as we remember his sacrifice and his love for us. He who is sacrament for us now makes us the sacrament for the world. We who have entered by the door become the door of opportunity for others to know they are loved and cared for. Let us pray, then, that, like Christ the door, we will be open to the world, helping to lead others into abundant life that our Lord and Savior gives us.

*~From the desk of Father Okoro*



### Liturgical Roles

#### Weekend of May 1st/2nd

<b>Sacristan:</b>	4:30 pm	Sarah Treadway
	8:30 am	Betty Thuestad
<b>E.M.</b>	4:30 pm	Sarah Treadway
	8:30 am	Betty Thuestad
<b>Lector:</b>	4:30 pm	Pam Freund
	8:30 am	Paloma Cardenas
<b>Ushers:</b>	4:30 pm	Ben Herrmann, Joe Bertrang, Francis Freund
	8:30 am	Logan Bend, Caroline Bend, Ellie Bend, Jesse Monarez, Jim Fritsch
<b>Money Counters:</b>		Jerry Heitkamp, Saul Cardenas, Ginger Browder
<b>Linen Ministry:</b>		Ana Cardenas
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>		Ana Cardenas, Tess Rowland, Betty Thuestad
<b>Minister of Care:</b>		John Rood

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, April 24

4:30 pm Our Parish Family

### Sunday, April 25

8:30 am Tom Crumpton Family

By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

### Tuesday, April 27

8:30 am Bill & Edwina Vincent

By Joe & Donna Herrmann

### Wednesday, April 28

8:30 am Wade Crumpton †

By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

### Thursday, April 29

8:30 am Duane Houghtby †

By Jan Houghtby

### Friday, April 30

8:30 am Our Parish Family

### Saturday, May 1st

4:30 pm Rosanne Jungles—80th birthday

By her family

### Sunday, May 2nd

8:30 am Thomas R. Vincent Jr. †

By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

We have several openings for Mass intentions. Masses may be said for a loved one who has passed, as a gift for someone who is living, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.



The red Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp for:

**The Mendoza Family**

### Prayer Requests

*Millie Anderson, Marguerite Armstrong, Lia Aspengren, Suzanne Bertrang, Jim & Dorothy Caracciolo, Patricia Carlson, Wilfred Cidlik, Ann Cox, Tony Crumpton, Phil Foster, Heather Fritsch, Delores George, Judy Hogan, David Mihm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.*

**Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**  
**Sun:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 / Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
**Mon:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / Jn 10:1-10  
**Tues:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Jn 10:22-30  
**Wed:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 / Jn 12:44-50  
**Thu:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 / Jn 13:16-20  
**Fri:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab / Jn 14:1-6  
**Sat:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Jn 14:7-14  
**St. Joseph the Worker:** Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 / Mt 13:54-58



Need a Covid-19 vaccination? Sign up at the Lee County Health Department's website for an appointment, or you can call the Health Department directly at

815-284-3371 if you do not have a computer/internet.

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**84 Registered Families**  
**Week of April 17th/18th**

Needed each week in 2020-21 .....\$ 2,520.00  
 Rcvd ..... \$10,565.35  
 Gain for the week ..... \$ 8,045.35

**Fiscal Year-to-Date (43 weeks)**

Needed (at \$2,520.00/week) .....\$108,360.00  
 Received for the fiscal year to date ...\$109,245.77  
 Gain to Date \$ 885.77

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Men's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:**

**Wed-Parish Office at 8:00 pm**

**Women's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:**

**Tue-Parish Hall at 10:15am**

Prayer Group is for anyone who has made or is interested in making Cursillo.



**Upcoming Events**

- Sat 4/24 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass**
- Sun 4/25 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass**  
**(9:30 am) At Home RE after Mass**
- Tue 4/27 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**
- Wed 4/28 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**  
**(9:00 am) Adoration of the Eucharist**
- Thu 4/29 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**
- Fri 4/30 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**
- Sat 5/1 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass**
- Sun 5/2 (8:00 am) Rosary**  
**(8:30 am) May Crowning at the shrine followed by Sunday Mass**
- Tue 5/4 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**  
**(7:00 pm) Parish Council meeting**
- Wed 5/5 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**
- Thu 5/6 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**
- Fri 5/7 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**  
**(9:00 am) First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist**
- Sat 5/8 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass**
- Sun 5/9 (8:30 am) Happy Mother's Day!**  
**(8:30 am) Sunday Mass**  
**(9:30 am) RE parent meeting and registration for**

**Birthdays**

Deirdre Mihm 4/26

Rosanne Jungles 4/29

*The Rosary is a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil.*

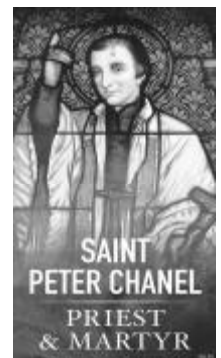
*Thirty minutes before every Mass the Rosary is recited for the healing of our families, marriages, relationships and parishioner intentions.*

*We invite you to join us as we gather to pray the Rosary.*



We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their recent purchase of a Memorial Candle in "Remembrance of all Deceased Knights".

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Candle for a special intention/prayer or in remembrance of family or friends, please call the office.



"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

*~Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann,*

Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities





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