



APRIL 25, 2021

Saint John *the* Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



“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

Excerpt from the Missal for Holy Mass (2002), 1958, 1990, 2002

Mass Intentions



Monday, April 26th

8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, April 27th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, April 28th

8:00 am + Alvina Cruz

Thursday, April 29th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, May 1st, 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm For Health of Steve and Jackie Smith

Sunday, May 2nd, 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am + Bernadine Reynolds

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Jean Fehrenbach, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle, Veronica Zeitler.

Collection Counters this week are

Mike Rakers and Donna Hall.

Thank you for serving in this way.

HE IS Risen

**Saturday, April 17th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, April 18th 8:30am**

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$1,981.00 |
| Loose | \$149.50 |
| Total Collection | \$2,130.50 |

Altar and Rosary News

The Altar and Rosary End-of-Year dinner will be held May 11th at 5:30pm at St. John's Parish Hall. We will be having pizza, salad and drinks. Please RSVP to Donna Hall by May 9th if you plan to attend. Call or text to (217) 871-8981. All ladies of St. John's Parish are welcome!!



CCD News: Classes meet today, Sunday, April 25th following the 8:30am Mass.

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day is May 9th and we will again be offering our Mother's Day Novena of nine masses. **The Novena will begin at the 4:00pm on Saturday, May 8th.** You may enroll your mother, living or deceased, or any other important women in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are available at the church entrances. We encourage you to take advantage of this special and unique way to honor our mothers.



St. John's Church Needs YOU!!!

St. John's Parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers. Anyone Junior High School age and older is eligible to be an Altar Server. Please note that adults may also serve as Altar Servers. These are opportunities to serve the people of God.

There will be a training meeting at the end of April or May. Please consider serving our parish in one of these ways. Contact Silvia Comfort to sign up. **WE DO NEED YOU!**

We Will Miss You!

Sadly, St. John's is losing two more members of our parish family. Mike and Lyn Corrigan will be moving to the Bloomington/Normal area. Both Lyn and Mike have been very active members of our parish since they came here in 1994. Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, Adult Server/Coordinator, Cantor, Parish Fundraisers, Parish Council, Church Cleaning, Groundskeeping, CMG Treasurer, Red Cross Bloodmobile, DOVE volunteers. These are just a few of the things that **Mike and Lyn Corrigan** have accomplished for the people of St. John's. All while enduring a "divided house" of Cubs/Cardinals!



As the saying goes, "All Good Things Must Come to an End." That time has come for Mike and Lyn. For a myriad of reasons they reluctantly came to the conclusion it was time to 'down size.' How do you say Good-Bye and Thank You to such good people? You throw a small farewell celebration. Please join us in the Parish Hall following the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 1st for cake, nuts and punch. Please try to stop by as we wish them well on their new adventure. Especially after this past year we need a reason to celebrate.

Bishop as Shepherd A bishop oversees the ministerial and administrative life of a diocese, which is made up of local communities (parishes) of the faithful. The bishop is the superior of all the priests in his diocese, as well as the local spiritual leader for all of the faithful within his care. The word ‘diocese’ comes from a Greek word meaning “to keep house.” A bishop is regarded by Catholics as a shepherd, a successor of the apostles whom Jesus Christ chose to carry on the work of His church.

A bishop is called to exercise a three-fold office within the Catholic Church: to teach, govern, and sanctify.

The very nature of the office of bishop is to be a teacher of the Faith. The teaching is grounded in the Word of God as has been preserved in the Church and handed on to us in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition of the Church, continually inviting people to salvation by believing, accepting and living divinely revealed Truth. As His own public ministry was ending, Christ directed the apostles to preach the gospel “to the ends of the earth”, a mission each bishop performs daily within the diocese he shepherds.

To govern a diocese is an exercise in constancy, courage and fidelity. Presiding in charity over the diocese entrusted to his care, the authority of the bishop comes from Jesus Himself and is always modeled on Christ, the Good Shepherd. A bishop seeks to administer and guide the Church in ways that preserve the unity of the Church and bringing people and resources together to accomplish the mission of the Church in love.

The ministry of a bishop is to sanctify the church and world, most importantly, through his good example of prayer and reverence for the things of God. The bishop’s journey of faith shines as a public witness and source of hope for his diocese, thereby helping people to attain Christian perfection and holiness by communicating the love of God and neighbor after the example of Jesus Christ. The bishop, as the local chief shepherd, encourages a spirit of prayer, celebrates the sacred liturgy and all the sacraments for the sanctification of all people, and promotes the work of peace and justice, especially for the poor and disenfranchised.

The joint responsibility to teach, govern and sanctify the people of God is the unifying ministry of a bishop. The fullness of priesthood belongs to those who have received the order of bishop.

The origin of the pastoral staff is at times associated with the shepherd's crook. Others trace the crozier as an adaptation of the ordinary walking-sticks which were used for support on journeys and in churches before the introduction of seats.



The mitre is the bishop's headdress. Pope Innocent III describes it as: "the two horns are the two testaments and the two fringes are the spirit and the letter." The "fringes" are the two white bands that hang from the back of the mitre. The "horns" recall the horns or light rays often pictured on Moses' head, a metaphor for the radiance on his face when he came down from the mountain in Exodus 34:29 and for the power of the Old and New Testaments to enlighten the faithful.



Good Shepherd Sunday



Every year, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church’s liturgy presents to us the figure of Jesus, the “Good Shepherd.” This Sunday, the passage is John 10: 11-18. Jesus identifies Himself as the “good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.”

In the early Church, the figure of Christ as the Good Shepherd was a prominent image. This image is seen often in early Christian art. Clearly, it had great meaning for the early Christians since it often appeared, painted or sculpted, in the catacombs and on sarcophagi and baptismal fonts. Clearly, our ancestors in the Christian faith were moved by this image of Jesus. These effigies by the first generations of Christians show us that the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd was an image of faith that touched their hearts in a special way.

It is significant that Jesus applies this image of God as the shepherd to Himself. Jesus revealed an aspect of the Good Shepherd’s love that had not been revealed in the Old Testament when He said that *a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep*. These words were confirmed during Christ’s passion. Jesus laid down His life on the cross. He did so with love and He did so freely.

There are other aspects of the shepherd that Jesus teaches us. He says: *I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me*. This is wonderful and consoling news. Jesus knows each of us. He knows our name. We are not anonymous persons to Him. We are not just part of a multitude or crowd. We are each individually known and loved. Saint Paul grasped this when he wrote: *Christ loved me and gave Himself for me* (Galatians 2:20).

By virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to be “a good shepherd” in the environment where he or she lives: in the family, at work, in the community. I think, for example, of those who care for the sick and the suffering. There are many opportunities to be “good shepherds” in society, through works of mercy and compassion. And there is the mission of evangelization: sharing the Gospel with those who do not belong to the sheepfold of the Church.

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