



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 24**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
 Immaculate Conception Parish  
 5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate  
 Conception Parish

**Sunday, April 25**

10:30am: Anna & Mario Marsiglio  
 Alicia Glodeck  
 Jerome Stachniew

**Monday, April 26**

8:00am: Martini Family

**Tuesday, April 27**

8:00am: Jerome Stachniew

**Wednesday, April 28**

8:00am: Mary Ellen Wolf

**Thursday, April 29**

8:00am: Oscar Arreola  
 Sony Lamarr

**Friday, April 30**

8:00am: Rev. Anthony Talarico

**Saturday, May 1**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
 Immaculate Conception Parish  
 5:00pm: William & Maria Vena  
 Martini Families  
 Jerome Stachniw

**Sunday, May 2**

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
 Conception Parish  
 Anna Marsiglio  
 Anna Cortesi  
 John De Rose

## Catholic Charities of Lake County has new volunteer opportunities

### New Senior Calling Campaign.

This time we are reaching out to seniors by phone to see if they have received their COVID vaccination. If they have not, we are helping them sign up. This can be done on each volunteer's own scheduled in their own homes. Sue Fowler will send out a list of 25 names with phone numbers and a calling script. Call Sue Fowler for more details.

### Volunteers to help with the Catholic Charities vegetable garden.

We grow produce that is distributed to people served by our food pantry and people who attend our evening suppers. Specifically, we are looking for small groups of 3-5 volunteers to commit to a 3-week period where they would come to our garden 2-3 times a week. We would provide training and then they would receive hands-on experience. See the attached flyer or visit our website, <https://www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com/opportunity/a0C5A00000qZniDUAS>, for more details.

## Father Mike's Homiletter – April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

We are starting to see the usual signs of spring after a very unusual year, but while we are making progress in addressing the pandemic which made things so hard for so long, we are not done yet. There are still a lot of things which are not back to the familiar, and we need to keep up the efforts to care for each other.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – so-called because of its Gospel reading, one which is much loved and one which summons comforting images of Jesus, holding a docile, snow white lamb. But in reality, the job of a shepherd is not an easy one – sheep are not always docile or snow white – either for real or metaphorically. Lambs and sheep are probably good proxies for humans – they aren't always as smart as they could be, they can wander, get into tight spots, be unwilling or unable to help themselves out of trouble. Does that remind us of any humans we know? The job of the Good Shepherd is to keep the sheep out of trouble in the first place. In Jesus' discussion of shepherding, he notes that the hired hand really isn't a good shepherd – not really a shepherd at all because he runs at the first sign of danger. He has no investment in the flock other than today's pay. But Jesus is the good shepherd because he tries to keep them from getting into trouble in the first place and stays to protect and defend the sheep when trouble comes. But of course, He has an investment in the flock – we are His people, the people He created, the people for whom He died and rose. The people He loves.

In His letter, John explains why – we are God's beloved children, able to call Him Father. As parents do, God is shepherding us home to Himself. We don't know what that will look like, but we need to be ready – to be godlike enough to be united with Him forever. In our first reading, we hear Peter affirming that Jesus is the path to salvation. The Greek word used here has a broad meaning – any sort of rescue or salvation. So it's not clear whether Peter is talking about his cure of the man at the Temple gate, or the rescue of the man's spirit. The leaders thought they had solved their rebellious Nazorean problem, but here is Peter still talking about Him, and crediting Him for the miracles Peter is doing. The elders must have been close to apoplectic – after manipulating Pilate into crucifying their problem, driving His disciples into hiding and silence, here comes Peter recruiting new converts by the hundreds right in the Temple itself. Peter has had a backbone transplant – no more hiding, now he's actually challenging the leaders of the Temple: "You want to know who did the good deed in saving this disabled man? Jesus! The man you crucified!" But Peter too has an investment in this new way of life – having made mistakes and denied his friend Jesus, he has been forgiven, and put in charge of spreading the good news. Peter has a huge investment in his second chance, and in Jesus and in the flock which is suddenly his.

The Church has designated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations – that we may have lots of Good Shepherds, religious fathers and mothers, who guide us away from trouble, and help us get out of and clean up the mess when we do get into trouble. This Parish has had the benefit of many Good Shepherds over the years – Sisters and Priests and Deacons who have been invested in the salvation of all the souls in the Parish. Today would be a good day to pray for them, living or dead, and give thanks to God for their lives. It would also be good to be on the lookout for younger people who can take their place in the fullness of time. It's a great investment opportunity!

Peace be with you!

Father Mike

# Food for Thought...

Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.

-Albert Schweitzer



## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>February:</b>	\$34,315.00	\$21,915.01	<\$12,399.99>
<b>March:</b>	\$27,452.00	\$26,026.08	<\$1,452.92>
<b>Sundays / Holy Days YTD: (thru March)</b>	\$267,657.00	\$223,710.05	<\$43,946.95>
<b>Easter YTD:</b>	\$35,000	\$20,458.75	<\$15,041.25>
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<b>Annual Catholic Appeal YTD:</b>	\$28,740.53	\$12,480.00	\$7,750.00

## PREP

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!

Registration for the 2021-2022 PREP year will be posted on the parish website in early May. Don't miss out on the early bird registration incentives!

The learning and teaching that took place during Zoom was incredible! We have an amazing team of students and catechists. **Come join us** as we learn about our faith and prepare for the sacraments **in person** this fall.



Any questions please contact our Director, Barb, at [PREPOffice@icparish.org](mailto:PREPOffice@icparish.org).

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Spring, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

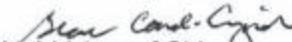
Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at [www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate), or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

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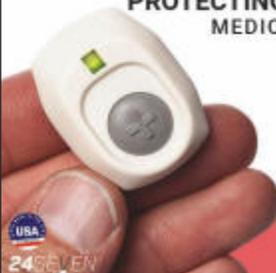
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Please consider giving your time, resources and gardening talent for this project. You don't have to be a gardener to participate.

All ages are welcome. Confirmation students will have an opportunity for service hours.

If you are interested, please contact Midge Berardi at [midgeberardi@comcast.net](mailto:midgeberardi@comcast.net) or 224-619-5864.

Thank you!



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