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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday and Thursdays  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
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### *Sunday, April 18th—3rd Sunday of Easter*

*We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.*

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#### **Sunday Masses**

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

#### **Confessions**

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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**Disciple Stewardship:** : In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

**SCRIPTURAL READINGS**  
**FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**

Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazorean, through whom all are saved.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

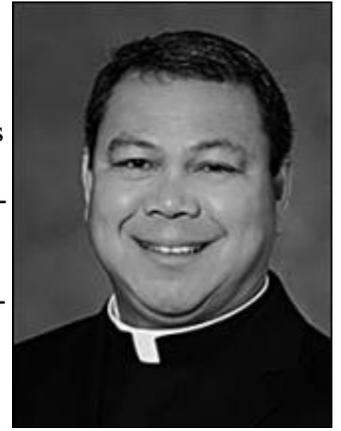
Jesus is the good shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep, but is Willing to lay down his life for the sheep.

Dear parishioners,

Our Gospel on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter built on the post-resurrection story that recounts Jesus walking incognito with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two despairing disciples were joined by Jesus who sympathetically listened to their stories and helped them see the meaning in all that had taken place in the light of the Holy Scripture. When they recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread, their faith was reignited asking each other:

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scripture to us?”*

They immediately ran back to Jerusalem with renewed enthusiasm and joined the other disciples who were gathered there.



This powerful story describes our own spiritual journey and casts a light on our own experience in times of trouble. Indeed, the disciples’ anguish and sadness are ours in many ways. How many times have we walked the road to Emmaus in desolation occasioned by the breakdown of relationships in the home, difficulties at work, or the painful experience of rejection and failures? The experience of troubles and woes can so cloud our hearts and minds that we can tend to lose our focus and sense of direction in life. All along we forget that Jesus is walking with us and is ready to help and guide us if only our hearts are open to His abiding presence in our lives.

Today’s Gospel calls us to reflect on the importance of recognizing the Lord’s presence that comes to us in varied ways. We encounter the Lord amidst the ordinariness of our lives and in our relationships with those whom we live and work together. At our Eucharistic celebration, Jesus invites us to experience for ourselves the Emmaus story as He speaks to us His words and as He breaks bread with us. We bring to mass our joys and sorrows as Christ nourishes us with divine Word and heavenly food, namely, His own body and blood like He did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. At mass, Christ will throw light on every moment of our joy and show that every bit of our suffering has a meaning which gives us purpose for living. As we break bread together in the Eucharist, we can pray to have our eyes open so that we can see beyond human suffering, to the joy that is all around us. Then like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, our hearts can burn within us, empowering us to set out and proclaim the good news to everyone. May the blessing of the risen Lord be with you!



“[T]he pro-life position is often misunderstood as

neither showing compassion to mothers nor caring about the children after they are born. This is unfortunate. ... Those who see a lack of compassion from pro-lifers may not be aware of the many resources and compassionate care available to women facing unplanned pregnancies. ... [Crisis pregnancy] centers exist to provide warm and caring environments for mothers and families who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy.”

— *Life Issues Forum: Racing Toward a Culture of Life* ([www.bit.ly/RacingToward](http://www.bit.ly/RacingToward)) Mary Prentis, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

	Fiscal YTD	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Ordinary Income			
1-30100 Envelopes	\$78,717	\$71,458	110%
1-30200 Offertory	\$1,568	\$4,245	37%
1-30400 Easter	\$2,505	\$2,145	117%
1-30500 Christmas	\$19,036	\$7,390	258%
1-30550 Holy Days	\$547	\$708	77%
1-30600 Fuel	\$267	\$123	216%
1-30750 Upkeep	\$80	\$0	100%
<b>Total Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$102,720</b>	<b>\$86,068</b>	<b>119%</b>

## Greeter Schedule:

### April 25th

8:00 a.m.: The Vanderstappen's  
10:15 a.m.: The Witt Family

### May 2nd

8:00 a.m.: The Kurcab Family  
10:15 a.m.: The Riley Family

### May 9th

8:00 a.m.: The Vest Family  
10:15 a.m.: The Hill Family



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## Vocations Corner Trust and Acceptance

Frequently when individuals begin sensing that God is calling them towards a particular vocation, one's mind starts racing and all sorts of questions pop into their heads. What would this look like? Would I be happy? What about finances? What would other people think? Am I good enough? Sometimes these questions become so overwhelming that they shut the idea out of their mind completely! This is a big problem if God is truly calling this person toward the thing that is making their minds race!

Here's the solution: Listen to Jesus! When He appeared after the resurrection He said to the Apostles "Peace be with you" but we are told that they still were startled and terrified! Then He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?" He concluded by assuring them that He was with them in that moment. The beautiful truth that we need to hold onto is the fact that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This means that the words that He spoke to the Apostles still ring true for us today! When we question and find our minds racing, Jesus says "Peace be with you. Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?" No matter what our response it to why we are troubled or questioning, His answer remains the same: "I am with you."



## People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
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Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Harold Johnson
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Art Holt	Rita Hagenbruch
Gayle Johnson	Viola Huff



## Mass Intentions

### April 25th

8:00 a.m.: Martin Lucas  
Requested by Mary Lucas

10:15: People of the Parish

Intentions available starting in September—please feel free to call or email to schedule one.

## Sacramental Policies

**Baptism:** Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

**First Eucharist:** Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

**Matrimony:** Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

**New Members:** New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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