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Sat. Mass: 5:00 PM Sun. Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (Misa)

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April 25, 2021

## “I am”

St. Dominic School inspires children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens in a Catholic, values-based community. Hello, it's me, Kati Reak Sletten, Advancement Director at St. Dominic School. Before you scratch your head in confusion, yes I am currently on maternity leave. However, my type A personality made sure to not keep you waiting on an update from the school. While I am blissfully enjoying bonding time with my new baby, I also have over a hundred little ones at school that I care deeply about, and so I prepared many things, including our bulletin covers ahead of my leave.

Today's Gospel is one of my favorites and so much of that comes from my experience as a teenager and partaking in a mission trip through Youth Works, a mission trip organization that my parents' parish works with. The theme was “I Am” and it was based on today's gospel. Coincidence? I think not...it's God telling me this is my moment to shine!

The Gospel opens up with “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” -John 10:11. We, as Christians, are the sheep; and Jesus is the shepherd. Fast forward four chapters in the Book of John and we also see this famous verse, “I am the way and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” -John 14:6. So what does this mean? For starters, as God believing Christians, it means that our beliefs will have us saved for eternal life, granted we do the work (repent, give thanks, and walk in His light). At school, we constantly work with our students to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a good Christian and how we can correlate that into our everyday life.

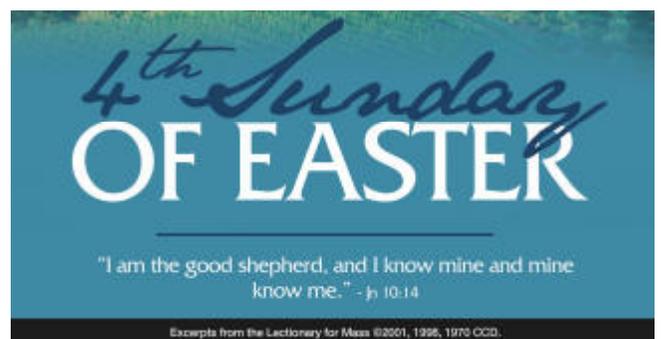
This year, since we need to be cognizant of keeping our students safe to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we chose to pause our Service-a-thon (a month where our students collect pledges and do acts of kindness and service in our community) and move back to the traditional Marathon so our students still have the opportunity to celebrate our school, and be rewarded for their hard work and commitment to our school. This year's theme is “I am...walking in God's light,” playing on the verses mentioned above as well as our recently wrapped up Saints' Night Out theme of “Walking in their Footsteps.” Do you see the connection? I am (the way the truth and the light), walking in their footsteps, their, meaning faithful Christians, like you and me.

During our Marathon season, students collect pledges for the school to raise money for initiatives that support our school's mission of inspiring children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens. This year, we have a goal to raise \$25,000 in net proceeds. Each dollar raised is indirectly passed down to our students through the enhancement of academic opportunities in literacy, social emotional teachings, and math. These initiatives will further carve out our niche of an already excellent academic environment for our bright learners.

On Friday, May 7th, students will be walking our school grounds and participating in an outdoor festival that afternoon celebrating what makes SDS so unique. It's sure to be a grand experience!

If you would like to financially impact our school through a donation to our School Marathon, please feel free to mail in or drop off a donation at our school. All checks should be made payable to St. Dominic School. Also, if you would like to learn more about our school, I invite you to call us at 507-645-8136 or send an email to [admissions@schoolofstdominic.org](mailto:admissions@schoolofstdominic.org).

-Written by Kati Reak Sletten, Advancement Director at St. Dominic School



## Events & Parish News

### HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Our High School Mission Trip is planned for June 18-27 to the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. Students in grades 8-12- and first-year college students, come join us for this amazing trip. The cost of the trip is \$550. Let Rick Nelson know if you are interested in joining us for this trip.

Email: [ricknelson1209@gmail.com](mailto:ricknelson1209@gmail.com)

### The Pope's Monthly Intention for May 2021

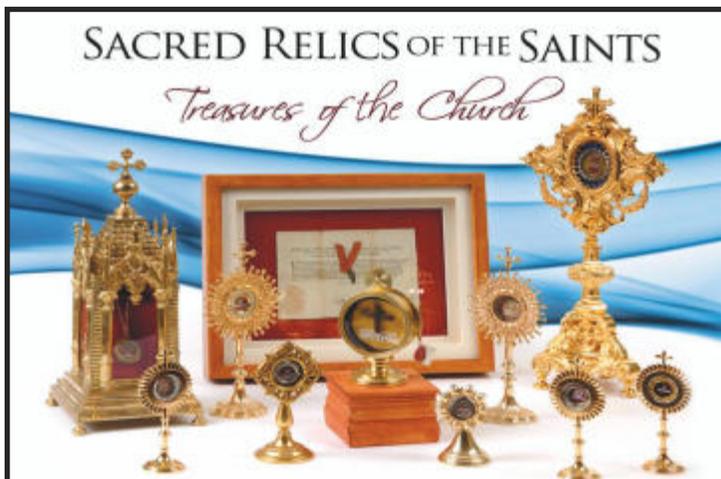
#### The World of Finance

We pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### PARKING LOT COMMUNION

On **TUESDAY, MAY 4** Fr. Tim will offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion, along with Anointing, at about 6 PM (immediately following 5:30pm Misa) in the Church parking lot. This is for those unable to get to Church for the Eucharist, those who are aged or ill, but have a family member to bring them.

Fr. Tim will be located at the end of the sidewalk area by the main door to celebrate these Sacraments. Cars should enter the lower level parking lot and 'line up' in one direction, facing west (near the main door), so as to exit onto Linden Street afterwards. Please remember that others will be leaving after mass, so do not block any parked vehicles.



### Relic Exposition from the Vatican

Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 6p.m. (after the Saturday 5p.m. Mass) St. Dominic will be hosting an extraordinary exposition of sacred relics from the Vatican. Over 150 will be present, some over 2,000 years old. The evening begins with a talk from Fr. Carlos Martins, after which you will be able to examine and venerate each relic. All are welcome. More details to come. See our website for more information. Churchofstdomi-

### COME PRAY THE FAMILY ROSARY

Beginning May 15/16th you are invited to come a little early to Mass to pray the Rosary. Whether you are an individual, a couple, or a family, we as a parish family will be praying the rosary together 25 minutes before the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am and 10am Masses. Come for all or part of the rosary. All are welcome.



### ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

Time: 2 p.m. (Procession line-up at 1:15 p.m.)

Location: Procession from State Capitol to Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul.

On Sunday, May 2 the Archdiocese offers the opportunity to be a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. Come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Archbishop Hebda will preside. Additional information can also be found on their website at [minnesotarosaryprocessions.org](http://minnesotarosaryprocessions.org).

### NOTE FROM THE PARISH NURSE

This Easter time of the year is perfect for us to think about living well, getting fit and preventing falls! Our physical and mental health and wellness also contribute to our spiritual wellness, as we are wholistic in our beings.

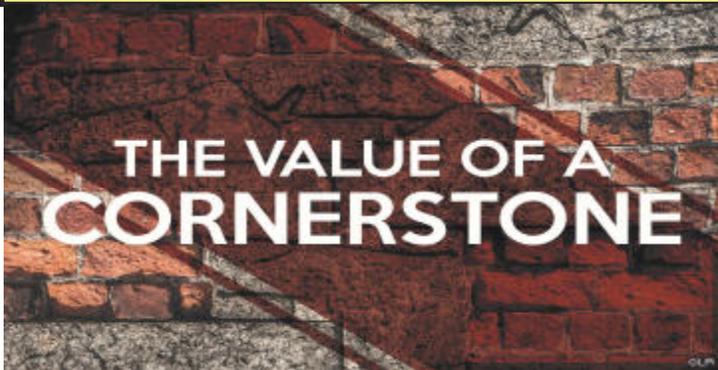
For people 50 and older there is a great resource - and with our current pandemic, much is still online, so one can even access programs in other MN locations. Check out: [yourjuniper.org](http://yourjuniper.org) This is a State of MN resource, through the Area Agency on Aging, that has programs in place in counties, senior centers and online. Aging Mastery, Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Fitness Classes, Preventing Falls (core strengthening +) are just some of the class options, many which are free or nominal fee/donation based. Many classes are taught by nurses, occupational therapists, teachers, etc. I am familiar with several of their classes - and one of the Program Directors grew up in our Parish. Check them out or give me a call with any questions: 645-8816, ext 203.

Easter Blessings, Nancy Ludescher, RN

### NEW COMMUNION PROCEDURE

Starting next weekend, Communion will return to the normal part of the Mass and will no longer be done after the final blessing. Communion will still be brought to you in your pews, but we will now start with the front pews and work toward the back of the church. For dismissal, to maintain appropriate spacing, following the final blessing, ushers will dismiss you by pew, starting with the back pews, and working forward.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021



ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

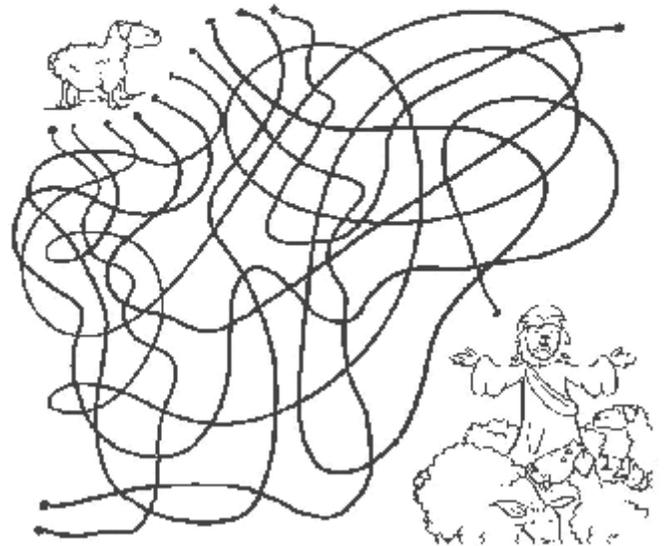
Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPi

Children's Corner

 PUZZLE

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

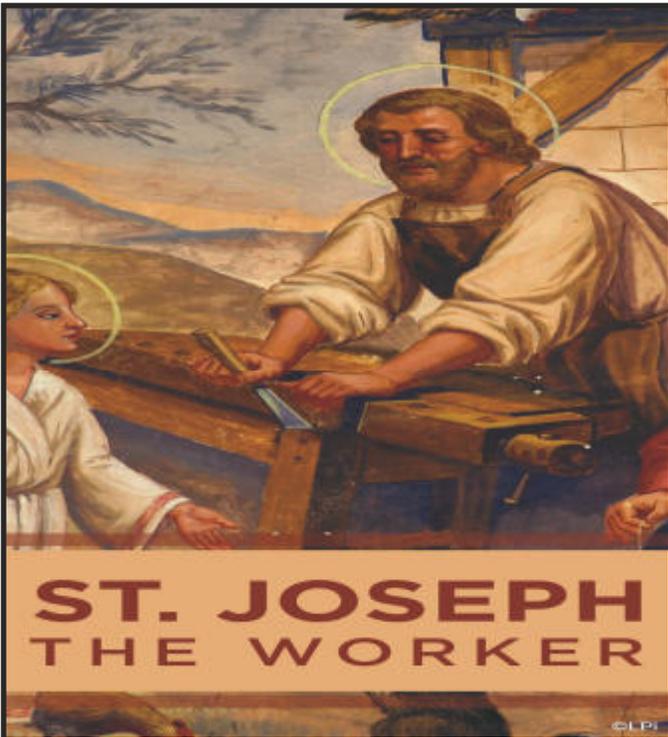
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer Request

Please pray for Sister Daniel Marie Kukowski, Helen Edel, Chuck Rezac, and all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.





Name: Saint Joseph  
Earthly Father of Jesus, Patron Saint of Workers  
(Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice. )

Canonized: Joseph was declared patron of the universal church by Pope Pius IX in 1870.

Feast Day: Principal feast day March 19

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker is May 1

A carpenter by trade, we can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

A Relic of St. Joseph will be at the Exposition of Relics at St. Dominic Church on May 15th.



*Marriage Banns*

*Megan Leahy & Stanton Charlton*

#### **Adoration At St Dominic**

The opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration is available each Friday following the 7:00a.m. Mass until 6:00p.m. All are welcome. Covid protocol is followed in the Chapel.

#### **NEXT WEEK/5th Sunday of Easter—May 2, 2021**

Readings: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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## Liturgical Ministers

### May 1—5:00 PM Mass

**Mass Coordinator** Dale Fredrickson

**Pianist** Caroline Priore

**Ushers** Kathleen Homa, Erica Maker, LaVergne Adelman

**Lector** Mary McGovern

**EMHC** Dorothy Pumper, Denise Budd

**Videographer** Ashley Imdieke

### May 2—8:00 AM Mass

**Mass Coordinator** Dave Antonneau

**Pianist** Grace Martin

**Ushers** Pat Mahowald, Matt Bernstorf, Rick Nelson

**Lector** Sue Hollinger

**EMHC** Chris Barth, Angie Smisek

### May 3—10:00 AM Mass

**Mass Coordinator** Dave Antonneau

**Pianist** Emily Deutsch

**Ushers** John McDonnell, Dylan Dietz, Brady Dietz

**Lector** Arthur Cunningham

**EMHC** Bernie Quick, Mary Quick

*Reminder: You are required to find a replacement if unable to serve as a minister on your scheduled weekend.*

## Mass Intentions

Sat. April 24	5:00 PM	† Ginny Graff
Sun. April 25	8:00 AM	† Bernard E. Hughes
	10:00 AM	† Anne Marie Hong
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon. April 26	5:30 PM	† Rev. James R. Himmesbach
Tues. April 27	5:30 PM	† Almas del purgatorio
Wed. April 28	8:20 AM	† For the Parish
Thurs. April 29	5:30 PM	† Thomas Moser
Fri. April 30	7:00 AM	† Curt Olesen
Sat. May 1	5:00 PM	† Irene Heibel
Sun. May 2	8:00 AM	† John & Patricia Dudley
	10:00 AM	† Astrid Chernugal
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)

At this time, the Wednesday (School) Mass is not open to the public. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

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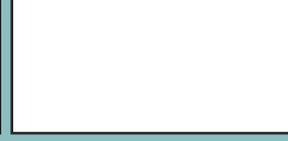
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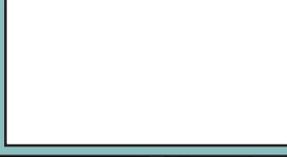
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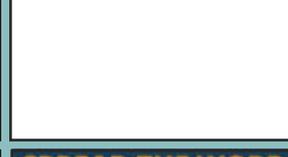


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