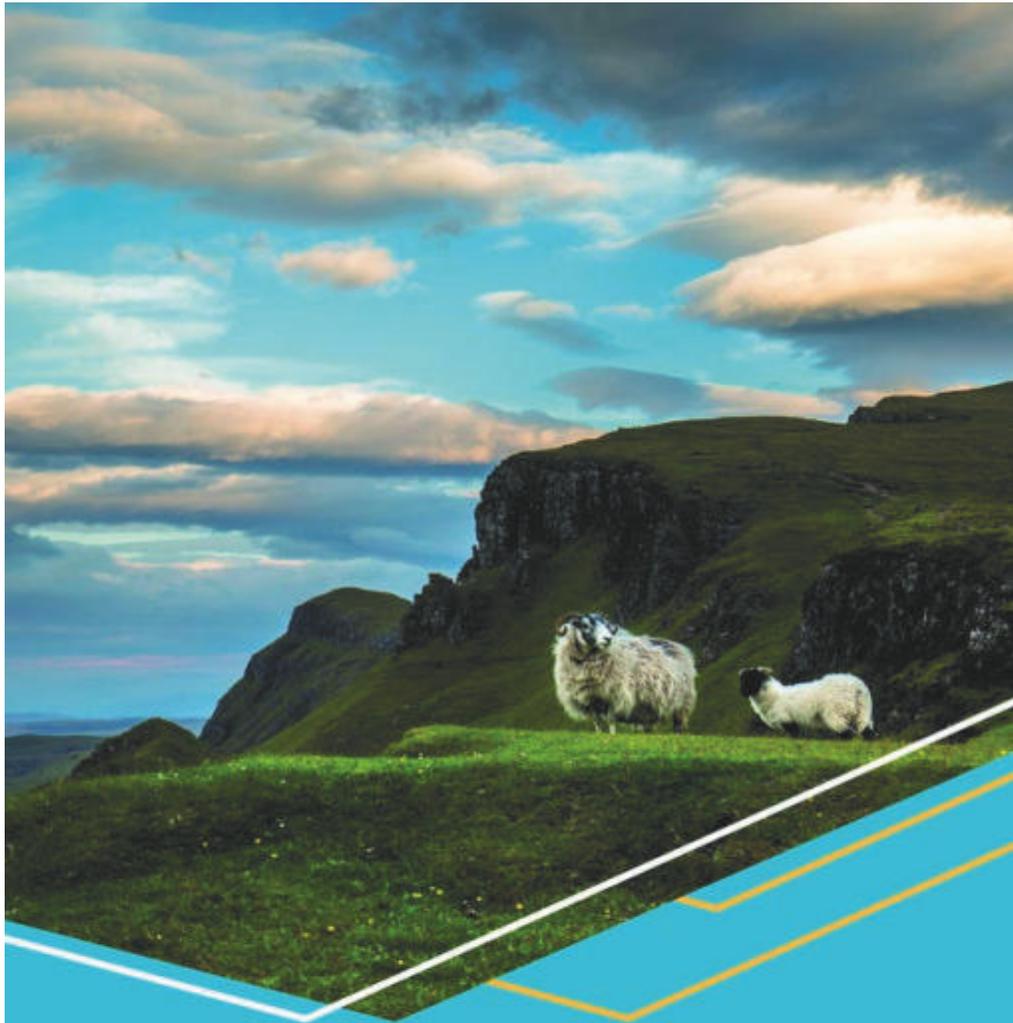




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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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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March- October
Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and
10:30 AM
Confessions Times
Saturday 4:00 PM- 4:30



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Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, normally the first Monday of each month

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Needs to be arranged at least nine months in advance, please contact the pastor.

PARISH OFFICE: Hours:

8:00 AM - 4:00PM

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COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND CARE CENTERS

First Friday of each month.
Please contact us if you know someone that is homebound or in a care facility.

APRIL 25TH, 2021

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
5:00 PM † John Fedush Sr
SUNDAY, APRIL 25
8:00 AM Katherine Sovich
10:30 AM † David Pearson
MONDAY, APRIL 26
7:17 AM † Margaret M. Sovich
TUESDAY, APRIL 27
7:17 AM † Joan Fitzpatrick
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
7:17 AM † Clifford Hartin Jr.
THURSDAY, APRIL 29
7:17 AM Vocations
FRIDAY, APRIL 30
7:17 AM SH parish
SATURDAY, MAY 1
5:00 PM † Fred Rietbrock
SUNDAY, MAY 2
8:00 AM Don Hagle
10:30 AM First Communion
Recipients

4th Sunday of Easter — April 25, 2021
SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

First Reading:

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

“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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Ladies Lunch at Heroes

Please come join the ladies of Sacred Heart, the first Monday of each month for Lunch at Heroes.

Time: 11:30 am

DATE: Monday, May 3rd, 2021

If you have any questions, please call Katie Scully at 660-864-8402

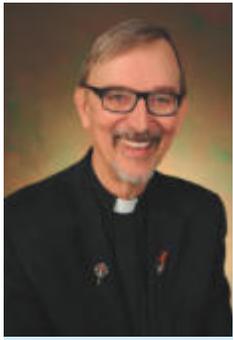


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

With the recent spike in hospitalizations and deaths from the Corona virus in states across the country we are once again reminded of the heroic valor of emergency room medical staffs. Were we taking them for granted? Have we forgotten how much they have been giving of themselves and the sacrifices their families have made because they choose to respond to the desperate needs of members of the community? With the latest surge of critical cases we are reminded of what we owe them. Once again grateful neighbors are standing outside hospital emergency rooms cheering exhausted staff coming off duty and those entering for the next grueling shift. Modern day heroes for sure, who choose to risk their own health to save others. Their sacrifice benefits so many. As we watch, or read their stories of heroism do we wonder if we, in a similar situation, would respond so generously? Would we take the risks they take daily?

I wondered that once as a teenager as I stood on a stormy ocean beach watching a lifeguard my age rush into the turbulent waters to rescue a floundering man. If it weren't for that lifeguard, willing to risk his own life, the man would have drowned. The memory of that lifeguard and current images of daily heroism by risk takers during the pandemic illuminate today's gospel for me.

Five times in today's brief passage Jesus says he "lays down his life" for us. He is ready and willing to give his life for his sheep. His sheep are threatened and he chooses not to be a bystander, but to confront death and save them.

If we are to be Jesus' followers then we can not be bystanders when others are in need. Salvation is not just about me and my prayer life. We are a community and care of those in need is not just a job of a few professionals. Nor is the care of others just a matter of contributing to a "worthy cause" – as good and noble as that is. Following Jesus' example and gifted by his Spirit, we are to be willing to give of our lives to serve others. We are not, as Jesus instructs, to be like the "hired hand" who flees when danger, or need threatens others.

If we can call it so, one of the "gifts" of this pandemic is the extraordinary sacrifices and gestures of hospitality shown to those in need by their neighbors. Strangers have become friends because they have reached out beyond the usual confines of their private lives. Isn't that what Jesus encourages us to do – as he did – lay down our lives for others? After all, Jesus did not just offer his life as an example for us. His freely-chosen death also released us from our selfishness and privacy to do, in some way, what he did for others?

Jesus was not just a victim of harsh political and religious institutions, or circumstances beyond his control. While willing to give obedience to God's will, still he was free to lay down his life – or not. Because of Jesus we also live in willing obedience to God's will. In him we have a shepherd who knows each of us by name and loves us now, despite our wayward ways. He has willingly embraced each of us by laying down his life, taking it up again and sharing his risen life with us through his Spirit.

-Fr. Joe B.

Taken from: [First Impressions](#); Br. Jude Sciliano, O.P.; April 25, 2021.



APRIL 19TH, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Envelopes	\$2280.01
Online	\$3335.00
TOTAL	\$5615.01

PARISH

Envelopes	\$390.00
Online	\$365.00
TOTAL	\$755.00

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/
Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/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 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

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



Preschool News:
 We will be having a Spring Basket Raffle in place of the Cathedral Dinner this year. All baskets will be in the gathering space starting Saturday 4/24 and will be there for 2 weekends. We will draw at 10:30 mass on May 9th. Pictures will be placed on the Church and Preschool FB page. I will be selling raffle tickets after each of the masses.



What's Happening in PSR?

Kindergarten- they learned faith is believing in God, even though we cannot see Him.
 First Grade- they listened to a story about how God made us all special and they reviewed the prayers they are memorizing this year.
 Second Grade- they learned about Mary, our mother. They also learned about how Jesus is always present and with us.
 Third Grade- they learned how Jesus showed the disciples to not be afraid or doubt His return. They now know and trust why we say "Peace Be With You" in Mass.
 Fourth and Fifth Grade- they learned that while we will make mistakes God is always waiting for us to turn back to Him. This also led to a review of the sacrament of penance.

May Crowning

In keeping with tradition and honoring our heavenly mother, we will have the annual May Crowning procession at the beginning of the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 9. All children are encouraged to bring flowers and participate.

Special thanks to the PSR teachers and the children they teach for their flexibility during the last three weeks of classes. Due to work on the replacement of the H-VAC system, classes were held in many different places around the church. Your flexibility and positive attitudes are greatly appreciated!



American Rescue Plan

Stimulus Checks

The ARP will provide \$1,400 stimulus checks to individual taxpayers making less than \$75,000 and \$1,400 each to married couples making less than \$150,000. Taxpayers with dependents will also receive \$1,400 for each dependent. It is estimated that 90% of Missourians will receive stimulus checks.

Child Tax Credits

The ARP temporarily expands the child tax credit for tax year 2021, allowing families with low or no income to claim the credit even if they have no tax liability. The amount of the credit will be \$3,600 for children under age six and \$3,000 for children six to seventeen years old. The current child tax credit is \$2,000 for children under seventeen years of age. It is estimated that 1.2 million Missouri kids would benefit from the expanded child tax credit.

Earned Income Tax Credit

The earned income tax credit is a credit provided to low-income earners. It helps encourage work by providing a tax credit for workers without dependents who have earnings under \$16,000 annually. The amount of the tax credit is currently around \$500. The ARP increases the tax credit for tax year 2021 to \$1,500 and increases the income cap to \$21,000.

Health Insurance/Health Care

The ARP increases subsidies available to people seeking health insurance in 2021 and 2022 through the health care exchange, the state health insurance marketplaces created by the Affordable Care Act in 2010. The bill provides that no person getting health insurance through the exchange will be required to pay more than 8.5% of their income towards premiums. In addition, those who lost their jobs and are paying for the health insurance they had with their former employer through COBRA will receive a 100% subsidy of their insurance premiums through September 30, 2021.

The ARP also provides financial incentives for states to expand Medicaid if they have not done so. It also provides additional funding for COVID - 19 testing and for the distribution and administering of COVID -19 vaccines.

Concerns Regarding Abortion Funding

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops expressed grave concerns during the debate on the ARP about failing to include pro-life protections in the final version of the bill. In a March 6, 2021 letter to the U.S. Senate, six USCCB Committee Chairmen urged a “no” vote on the bill because the ARP “provided billions of dollars for health care services through various funding streams that are not subject to Hyde Amendment or Helms Amendment protections and could therefore fund abortions domestically or internationally.” Despite being made aware of these concerns, Congress passed the ARP without including these longstanding, consensus pro-life riders that were included in every other COVID-19 relief bill passed before the ARP.

Language in a draft version of the bill would have allowed funds to go directly to Planned Parenthood was removed in the Senate. The ARP will, unfortunately allow public funds to pay premiums for health plans that include abortion coverage. There are other funding streams in the bill that could be used for abortion equipment, the use of telehealth to distribute abortion pills, and other items relating to abortion. These funding streams are exclusive to the ARP and are temporary, but failing to include these pro-life riders sets a bad precedent.

*This information comes from the Missouri Catholic Conference.

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