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APRIL 25, 2021

4th Sunday
OF EASTER



"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

- Jn 10:16-17

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH
Sunday: 8:15 am, HT
Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

Reconciliation

Call Fr. Wilmot at 507-583-2529

Baptism

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time baptisms requires preparation with priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes are held at St. Columbanus from September through April.

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

Care of the Sick

Call Fr. Wilmot at 507-583-2529

Christian Burial

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

"I am the Good Shepherd. A Good Shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep."

In the Old Testament we often see God's love for us in terms of a shepherd and his sheep. David remember was once a shepherd himself. Jeremiah and Ezekiel called subsequent leaders however, blind shepherds leading the flock astray; seeking solely their own interests.

Jesus' coming was prophesied however, that one Shepherd who would care well for His sheep. He would know each by name and protect them from all harm – if permitted. Jesus willingly lay down His own life for us, His sheep. No hired man would do that. There would one day be that "one flock" with one Shepherd united under the umbrella of one saving love.

We are Jesus' flock so do we work to unite all His people with this love? Let us pray that our priests and bishops may be the good shepherds who will lead us and that we may respond accordingly. God bless you all.

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MASS INTENTIONS
 APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2021

Monday, 4/26:

Tuesday, 4/27:

HT 9 am John Deml+

Wednesday, 4/28:

Thursday, 4/29:

SH 8:30 am Joan Sudman

Friday, 4/30: mass

SC 8:30 am Irene Oliver

Saturday, 5/1:

SH 5 pm Luella Kaczmarek

Sunday, 5/2:

HT 8:15 am Ernest & Theresa Girord

SC (BP), 10:00 am **Pro Populo**

Liturgical Roles
WEEKEND OF May 1-2 2021

Sacred Heart, Hayfield~Saturday, May 1: 8:00 am

Lector: Judy Kaczmarek

EM: Linda Hahn & Jill Kruger

Counters: Bill & Jill

St. Columbanus, BP~Sunday, May 2: 10:00 am

Lector: Mary Kittleson

Euch. Min.: Katie Wencl & Sue Zwiener

Ushers: Mike J, Robert S, Kevin W

Counters: Team 3

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOLY TRINITY:

SACRED HEART:

Class Times: K-6th: 6-6:45 pm ~ 7-11th: 7:15-8:15pm

ST. COLUMBANUS

Class Times: Elementary, 6-7:00 pm; Backpack Program, 6:45 pm; HS Class, 7:15-8:15 pm

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to Braxton Gilliland, son of Robby and Courtney Gilliland of Sacred Heart Church who was baptized on April 17.

We welcome him to our church family. May God Bless him always and may he carry the light of Christ with her always!

Weekly financials

Sacred Heart for April 18– \$2,229.00

St. Columbanus for 4/18 \$1,210.00

Holy Trinity for 4/18 \$1627.00

Eucharistic Reflections #3

While I was still a seminarian, my family walked with my Grandpa in his final days of this life. For me and my siblings, he was at that time the closest person to us who had passed away. There was great sadness throughout the days after his death, but three things were particularly helpful in getting through that time: sharing memories with family, having a last supper with Grandpa, and ritual.

That last meal, in particular, was very special. Grandpa had been on dialysis for three years, and had very little energy for our visits. However, he had made the difficult decision to stop his treatment and prepare for his death. When we arrived for the meal (a feast, really), he was his old self. Granted, we didn't stay overly long, but it provided an experience and lasting memory that still makes me smile today. What makes this memory even stronger is that it is intertwined with innumerable other meals that we shared together as a family. I know that Grandpa suffered in his final years, but I also know that we shared experiences that strengthened our bonds in mind, body and soul.

Our sharing in the Eucharist—the fruit of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection—strengthens our bonds as members of the family of God. Right about the same time that my Grandfather's health was diminishing, I was studying a book called *Models of the Eucharist* by Fr. Kevin Irwin. Of the ten models, or viewpoints, from which to understand this Sacrament, one that stood out to me was "Bread for the Journey." As members of the family of God, the Church, we join together on the journey of faith and are sustained by the Eucharist.

Jesus gives us his body and blood in order to strengthen us through this journey of life. The journey, however, does not end here. We have a special set of prayers for the final reception of the Eucharist before death, called Viaticum (which means "on the way"). Like my experience with Grandpa, many people find this reception of the Eucharist so special not only because it may be the last time they receive Communion, but because of the memories of receiving the Eucharist so many times throughout their lives. We receive Jesus in the Eucharist in this life so that we can be with Jesus for eternal life.

We tend to be more aware of the gift of Jesus, who nourishes us on this journey, at key points in our lives: First Communion, weddings, funerals, on retreats. If we are honest with ourselves, there are times when we are less aware of how amazing the Eucharist and the celebration of Mass truly is. Jesus, however, is no less near to us in the week in, week out reception of the Eucharist. But isn't that the same for any meal we share with our family? What makes the difference is a commitment to sharing life together and breaking bread together.

Jesus gives himself to us in many ways, and we can experience his presence in many ways. However, it is in the Eucharist that we receive his very self. It is a blessing that we can bring Communion to the homebound and the dying, and these are special moments to receive our Eucharistic Lord. I pray that we will all have the opportunity to be nourished with this Bread for the Journey at the end of our lives. At the same time, we don't want to underestimate the powerful grace of receiving this nourishment every Sunday. Welcome (back) to Mass!

Father William Thompson, Vicar General

***The Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, April 27 in Austin at Queen of Angels beginning at 9:30 am followed by Mass and lunch. ***

Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2021

Totals As Of April 2, 2021

Parish	2021 Goal	Amount Given/Pledged	Percent of Goal	Number of donors	Balance Left
Holy Trinity	\$7,800.00	\$ 3,040.00	32.56%	15	\$5,260.00
Sacred Heart	\$7,353.00	\$ 4,648.00	63.21%	17	\$2,705.00
St. Columbanus	\$11,769.00	\$ 4,885.00	41.51%	27	\$6,884.00

****Calling all news!****

Quilting for Charity at St. Columbanus is finished until October. Thanks to all who have donated materials. Please do not bring any more donations until we start again. We are donating 119 quilts to Sharing and Caring Hands, Salvation Army and Rachel's Hope.

Attention 2021 Seniors. St Columbanus is offering scholarships for 2021 Seniors St Columbanus Scholarship applications are available in the Parish office or by contacting Tom Boecker or Millie Burns.

The **Steele County History Center** at 1700 Austin Road, Owatonna has put together exhibits on the Parochial Schools of Steele County. They have done a very fine display of **St. Isidore School of Litomysl**. In June they will be having some extra displays of the history of St. Isidore School. They are looking for some extra items telling of this history which they will display in separate cases for the month of June. **If you have anything that could be displayed and you would be willing to let them borrow it for the month of June, please contact Dan at the History Center at 507-451-1420.** Take time to come to the History Center and see the display.

Mothers Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards will be available today and May 2nd and May 9th at Holy Trinity, Litomysl. A wonderful gift for the special lady in your life - mother, wife, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law, aunt or special friend (*living or deceased*). The cards come with a Mass intention envelope which is placed in a basket on the altar with prayer intentions remembered at masses for the month of May. An offering of \$5 is requested with proceeds going to Rachel's Light, - the Steele County shelter for homeless women and children.

Gary Stang was with us this past week securing advertisers for our weekly bulletin. We would like to thank all the advertisers who have renewed their ads for the upcoming year and also thank all the new advertisers who have generously committed to the bulletin for this year. If you're interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or on behalf of your favorite charity or organization, there is still time. Please contact Gary at the phone number on the back of the bulletin.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on this Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (say every day)

O GOD, we earnestly beseech You to bless our diocese with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, and Consecrated Seculars who will love you with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved.

Bless our families, Bless our children, Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Pray for us, that our families may encourage vocations and many may respond to the call of Your Son, Jesus, Amen.



Church Window Praying Hands

APRIL 25, 2021

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." Revelation 1:17-18, NIV

Lord our God, we thank you with all our hearts that Jesus Christ still lives today and that we may believe in him and call upon him as our Savior. We thank you for him who sees to the depths of our human misery and calls right into the midst of it, "Do not be afraid. I am with you. I live. I am your helper. No matter how insignificant you are, fear not, for I, Jesus Christ, shine into all the darkness, even into the darkness of sin and death, into all the judgment that has fallen or is still to come upon everyone on Earth." Praise to your name, Lord our God! You are great and almighty and beyond our understanding. But you have sent us the Savior whom we can understand, and we rejoice that we may have community with him in your presence. Amen.

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