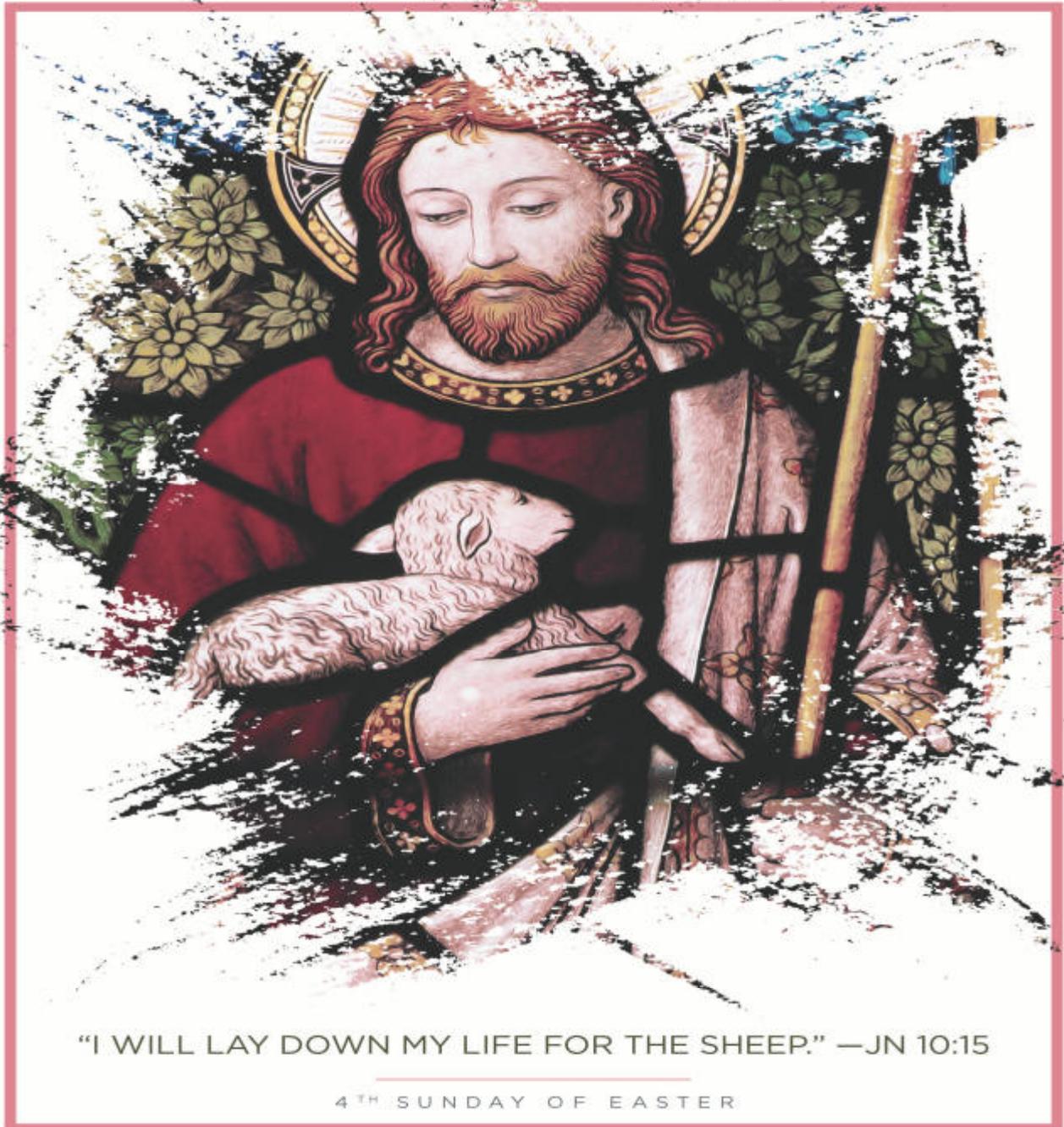




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"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." —JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 25, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**OUR 9:30 AM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED
ON HOLY FAMILY'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

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Contact Parish Office to schedule

Weddings:

Contact Parish Office 6 months prior

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 9:30 A.M.

Tues/Thurs: 7:00 A.M.

Wed/Fri: 9:00 A.M.

HOMILY HEADLINE: *What kind of shepherd are you?*



April 24 - First Communion during the 5 pm Mass
April 26 - Fr. Mike's visit home (returning May 20)
April 27 - Knights of Columbus meeting 7:30 pm
April 28 - Public recitation of the Rosary following 9 am Mass
April 29 - Eucharistic Adoration in Old Stone Church 8 am-1 pm
May 2 - Graduation Mass for Seniors
May 4 - Finance Council meeting 6 pm
Buildings & Grounds meeting 6:30 pm
May 5 - Public recitation of the Rosary following 9 am Mass

Bread to Offer

I will be going home to West Virginia this week and will return May 20. Thanks to the generosity of the priests at St. John's in Lawrence, I can do this. They will take care of you and will respond to any emergencies that you may have. Thanks to Deacon Bill for taking the Communion Services Tuesday through Friday until I return.

**Some Further Thoughts for Your
Prayer-life**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
JOHN 10:11-18
The Caring Shepherd**

Prayerthoughts

- a. One of the virtues of a shepherd was sincerity—they were sincere in their watching of the sheep. In my life right now, am I “sincere” with those around me, that is, concerned about their welfare?
- b. The Lord contrasts the idea of a good shepherd and a hired man who runs away at the sign of trouble. Do I tend to stay away from problems that I should handle?
- c. Do I show concern for the people who are not part of my life all the time?
- d. “Laying down my life” for others is not only the thought of actually dying for another; it also could mean “going out of my way” to help them. Do I show this type of care for people?
- e. The Lord wants me to “care” for people of different religions. Do I respect all people no matter what their religion is?
- f. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the choice he makes to redeem us—he freely chooses to do it in association with the command of his Father. What is my own understanding of “redemption”? (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition*, numbers 613-617.)

Today I will make a prayer expressing my care of people in general and one person in particular that I will contact today.

YOUR GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

April 18, 2021



New Church Construction

Cost	\$3,599,046.49
Paid to date	\$2,940,427.31
Loan Balance	\$658,619.18*
Principal Balance	\$597,017.06
Monthly Loan Payment	\$7,641.93

*Includes interest on loan

General Collection

Envelope & Cap Campaign	\$1,453.00
Online Envelope & Cap Campaign	\$2,125.00
Plate	\$1,133.01
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Total for Operating Budget	\$4,741.01
Weekly Goal (Operating)	\$7,434.00
Difference	-\$2,692.99

Other Collections

Sound System Donation	\$2,000.00
Total Collected	\$2,000.00

Collections Sent To Archdiocese

Rice Bowl	\$23.16
Total Collected	\$23.16

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO HOLY FAMILY!**



Have your plans changed during this difficult time? Socio, political, and economic changes in our society may have caused the need to provide and protect your family with a Will or Trust. With a trust your heirs will avoid probate and working with an estate planning advisor you can be very

creative in structuring your bequests to maximize your financial resources for giving. Learn and explore ways to plan at the archdiocese's gift planning website, CatholicPlannedGiving.com.

St. Thomas More Continuing Education - The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, June 4, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is \$75. For more information please visit <https://www.cfnek.org/events/sttomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram>.

The program begins with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann at 8:00 am and concludes at 1:30 pm. Available CE credits 4 hours CLE (2 ethics) for KS, 4 Hours CLE (3Ethics) for MO, 4 Hours (3 ethics) Kansas Insurance CE, 4 hours CFP and recommended for 4 hours CPE accounting credits.

Thank you to all involved in making Village Fire a reality on April 14th. If you haven't experienced Village Fire, this a wonderful hour of Adoration that lifts those in attendance up spiritually. Music that includes words of praise for Our Lord, the altar draped in white, candles that light up the Eucharist (as participants light them for their intentions), opportunity for confession, moments of silence so one can listen to what God has to say, and a final blessing; all providing an environment of food for our souls. Individuals and our faith community benefits from the prayers offered and the guidance provided by the Holy Spirit on these nights of spiritual growth.

Divine Mercy Feast Day is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Deacon Bill provided instruction on the history of Divine Mercy Sunday followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet recitation, with a Holy Hour of Adoration following. Thank you to Deacon Bill for his presentation, Father Mike for offering additional confession times, and for the Spiritual Evangelization Team volunteers who made this celebration of Divine Mercy possible. If you missed this, you may still pull it up on the Holy Family Facebook page thanks to our livestream volunteer.

Much is going on behind the scenes with respect to the Old Stone Church. The team has obtained quotes for some of the restoration needs. Grants have been written and presented for possible funding. Clean up of some of the nooks and crannies has taken place. A cabinet has been built for vestments and other storage purposes. Holy Family is thankful for all who have been involved in these initiatives, as well as, the person who provides continual upkeep and changes the décor to reflect the liturgical seasons.

If you know of someone who has a need, deserves recognition, or if you are called to one of our ministries at Holy Family Parish, please contact Jill Connell, Volunteer Coordinator at 913-706-9037 or connellgal@gmail.com.

Project Chrysalis Tuesday April 27—Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on April 27, from 7:00-8:15pm, in person in the St. Luke Room, at Church of the Ascension, and online via Zoom. For more information, including the Zoom invitation link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost children.

Check out our current council minutes available in the back of church and on our website at HolyFamilyEudora.com.

GOSPELTHINK

What is the Lord saying to me today?

Monday, April 26 – JOHN 10:1-10

I am your good shepherd. I have given up my life for you to have eternal life. *If the Lord has given up his life for me in particular, I should be more attentive to doing God's actions in my life.*

Tuesday, April 27 – JOHN 10:22-30

I tell the religious leaders that they are not listening to my voice when I speak of Godly things. *I say that I listen to the Lord's voice, but have I completely, especially when I hear difficult things to follow?*

Wednesday, April 28 – JOHN 12:44-50

I came not to condemn the world, but to save it. *I live in that world that the Lord has given me. I should treat the things of this world with care.*

Thursday, April 29 – JOHN 13:16-20

I have chosen you, and to you I say that I AM, that is, that I am your God and will be with you. *Do I show to my friends that I believe that God is with me?*

Friday, April 30 – JOHN 14:1-6

As I told my disciples, so I tell you, I will come back for you, and in the meantime, I am the guide for you. *Is it clear by my actions that the Lord is present in my life?*

Saturday, May 1 – JOHN 14:7-14

I have shown you what God the Father is like, and I advise you to do the works that I do. *Of all the things that I do, do I do some of them specifically because I believe in God?*

Sunday, May 2 – JOHN 15:1-8

I say to you that I am the way, the truth and the life, and I want you to show that you believe that. *Am I truly convinced of that in the way I act?*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Tuesday, April 27	Easter Weekday
7am Communion Service	
Wednesday, April 28	Easter Weekday
9am Communion Service	
Thursday, April 29	St. Catherine of Siena
7am Communion Service	
Friday, April 30	Easter Weekday
9am Communion Service	
Saturday, May 1	
5pm † Bernie Finucane	
Sunday, May 2	5th Sunday of Easter
9:30am All Holy Family Parishioners	

Prayers For the Sick

Good and gracious God, send healing and comfort to each sick member of our community.

Susan Pelzel	Veet Cleveland	Bernice Born
Tina Jinkens	Al Miller	Tom Pyle
Tony Schwager	Carolyn Miller	Allan Beck
Karen Heinen	Karen Lavendusky	Catherine Eggers

Please contact the parish office if you would like someone added to the list or if you wish to be anointed. Also, please let us know when your loved one is better.

Background of the Gospel

John 10:11-18

The extended metaphor in verses 1-16 is opaque and puzzling, even for the immediate audience (v. 6). Who are the ones referred to in the metaphor? Are the thieves, robbers, and hirelings messianic prophets and pretenders, the current Jewish leadership, or members of other Christian communities? The images from the Old Testament are clear enough: bad shepherds, representing the compromised leadership of Israel, are portrayed in Jeremiah 23:1-8; Ezekiel 22:27; Zephaniah 3:3; Zechariah 10:2-3, 11:4-17. Numbers 27:16-17 speaks of the need for a leader to lead the people in and out, ensuring that they are not like sheep without a shepherd. There is an extended tirade against bad shepherds in Ezekiel 34:1-11, but God promises to seek out his sheep and place a Davidic shepherd over them (Ezek 34:23-24).

In the New Testament the followers of Jesus are sheep (John 21:16-17). In Matthew, Mark and Luke a number of instances refer to the lost sheep of the house of Israel or sheep without a shepherd (Mark 14:27; Matt 9:36/ Mark 6:34; and Mark 15:24). Although the metaphor could be directed at other Christian groups, the most likely targets are the Pharisees and Jewish leaders, especially since chapter 9 ended with their condemnation by Jesus. They have already been shown to be blind; now John will portray them as deaf to the word of God. Using the "I AM" proclamation (vv. 7, 11), Jesus establishes that he is both the shepherd and the gate for the sheep. Those sheep that truly belong to God and to Jesus will hear his voice and follow, and will not listen to those who are not from God and do not have the well-being of the people in mind. This is understood more clearly in the context of the intracommunal struggle depicted in 1 John. Jesus provides access to God by being the gate (Ps 118:20), the mediator between God and humanity. Those who enter through the gate will have life in abundance (1:4; 3:16; 5:21; 11:25-44). The other sheep that do not belong to the fold (v. 16) possibly represent the Gentiles (17:20-23) but can also refer to other Christian groups. The motif of one shepherd drawing others into the fold of the one God is found in Micah 5:3-5; Jeremiah 3:15; 23:4-6; Ezekiel 34:23-24.

Jesus is loved by the Father because he willingly lays down his life and takes it up again in fulfillment of the Father's command. He is not a victim; his death is a deliberate act of self-giving love. The claims of Jesus provoke another controversy (vv. 19-21).



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those in our First Communion Class receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May you be blessed by having Jesus closer to you!

Martin Guerra Valentin Guerra Alan Villa Ava Sarber

Archbishop Naumann has chosen the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, as the occasion on which the dispensation from the obligation by the faithful to attend Mass shall be lifted. Beginning with Masses for that weekend, all the Catholic faithful residing within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas must return to observing the precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Of course, those who suffer from underlying health concerns or compromised immunity, or who have genuinely serious concerns about the risk of contracting the coronavirus are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass.

As of right now Douglas County still has the restrictions for large groups. Therefore we will continue for the time being to wear masks and social distance.

Our Spring Parish Clean-Up Day is May 8th. Help us spruce up Holy Family. It's a great opportunity for service hours too!



May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Did you know there are over 7,500 children in care in Kansas? Over 2,000 foster families have opened their hearts and homes to lovingly care for many vulnerable children until they can safely return home.

To show our gratitude to these families and raise awareness for the need for more loving foster homes, please join us for a Foster Appreciation Mass with Archbishop Naumann on Sunday, May 2nd, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13615 W 92nd St. Lenexa. All foster families and those who serve the foster community are invited to attend. The Livestream link can be found on the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish YouTube Channel or by visiting htlenexa.org.

Foster and adoptive parents, please connect with the ministry by visiting www.archkck.org/foster under the "Connect With Us" menu tab. We are working to grow this ministry throughout the Archdiocese so that we can pray for and support you as you answer the call to help children in need.

Thank you!

Visit HolyFamilyEudora.com, go to Online Giving and try our "Quick Give" option for a one-time donation.

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors during Mass next Sunday, May 2nd. Seniors, please wear your cap and gown and meet in the parish hall at 9:10 am.



Come join the rest of the young Church in Kansas City, KS for a three-day youth conference this summer from June 14th-16th hosted by Church of the Ascension.

We will encounter the Lord together in the Sacraments and Adoration, through dynamic speakers, praise and worship, small group conversation, and downright fun.

The Summit is open to all *incoming high school freshmen through graduating high school seniors*.

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Contact Molly for more information or to register.



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your immediate needs and long-term concerns.

Visit www.gabrielprojectkc.org if you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, **Contact Us Today: (913) 602-0306**

Chris' heart is now pumping blood. All four chambers of the heart are working. The umbilical cord forms like a lifeline for the baby in the "space" of the womb. The lungs start to appear along with the brain. Arm and leg buds start to appear. Soon Chris will be doing somersaults and back flips in the spacious world of the womb.

Mother also is undergoing some major changes. She is probably tired and may experience morning sickness as her body adjusts to a baby.

"It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb, for all these mysteries I thank you." PS 139:13 He is Risen!

Urgent Life Resources

Pregnant? Need Help?

Gabriel Project 913-602-0306 / gabrielprojectkc.com

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline:

877-558-0333 / AbortionPillReversal.com

Post-Abortive Help: Project Rachel & Project Joseph

913-621-2199 / projectrachelkc.com

End of Life Decisions:

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