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MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Our Catholic Community

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil

5:00PM St. Stephen

### Sunday

8:30AM St. Patrick

11:00AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Monday

6:00PM St. Stephen

### Tuesday

9:00AM St. Patrick

### First Thursday Weekday Mass

11:00AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity.

We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service.

We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God and the Church Teaching.



## Psalm 133

How Good And Pleasant It Is When

God's People Live Together In Unity!

You can access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass live or later: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

**From the Pastoral Administrator's Desk****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - May 11, 2025****World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you!

Today is a day when Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray that they may answer the call to dedicate their lives to serve the church in a special way, in other words, to shepherd the church communities, particularly as pastors in their parishes and as superiors in their religious orders or congregations.

The church presents in today's Gospel the figure of Jesus the good Shepherd that we may reflect on the meaning of the religious Vocation to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Last Sunday we heard our Lord's commission and charge to Peter, saying to him once, "Feed my lambs" and twice, "Feed my sheep." In that way, he made Peter, a shepherd, a Pastor. Our Lord continues his work of shepherding his people through Peter, his successors, the Pope, the Bishops, Priest, deacons, catechists, and committed lay people.

The first thing we need to remember is that every single person here has a vocation! Each person here, whatever one's state in life, has been and is being, called by God through the Holy Spirit to offer one's special gift to benefit the rest of the community and humanity.

Therefore, "Vocations Sunday" is not just for a few selected, for directly religious Vocations; it is for all of us here. On the one hand, each of one needs to reflect on what one's particular calling is and how one can respond to it for the well-being of the whole parish community.

Secondly, we are all called by God to help each other and the community, and not be selfish or an obstacle. As we respond to our particular calling and graces, may God through the Holy Spirit bless our efforts. If we will all actively respond to that call what a wonderful community, we will be! For, by God's grace, "we are his people, the sheep of his Flock!"

**Happy Mother's Day and Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! God bless you!**

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Wisdom From the Saints:**

**"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." St. Dominic Savio**

**Eucharistic Revival Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**First Sunday of the Month  
HOLY HOUR**

Sunday, June 1st,  
7:00AM to 8:00AM at  
St. Patrick's Church,  
Whitney Point  
Jesus desires to reveal  
himself more deeply in  
the Eucharist.

**First Friday of the Month  
HOLY HOUR**

Friday, June 6th,  
6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.





Readings for May 11 through 18, 2025

Today | Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rv 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30  
 Monday | Acts 11:1-18 | Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday | Acts 11:19-26 | Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 | Jn 15:9-17  
 Thursday | Acts 13:13-25 | Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday | Acts 13:26-33 | Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday | Acts 13:44-52 | Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday | Acts 14:21-27 | Rv 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Stewardship Report

**"With every call to sacrifice and service to the everlasting way, there is also given a "look of love" and a divine care of comfort," well-done."**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025:**

Envelopes:	\$ 1,856.00
Loose:	\$ 597.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 540.00
Diocesan Collections:	\$ <u>50.00</u> Home Missions
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,068.00</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**"Only the best is good enough for God."**

Stewardship Thoughts

The US Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces, "because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and wellbeing are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

**"MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE." ROMANS 15:13**

The Shepherd

The role of the shepherd extends to all leaders, the Pope, Bishops, Priests, deacons, civil leaders, church staff, volunteers, and those who are spiritually and relationally apt. Are we "church people" going above and beyond the call of duty to care for one another?

PRAY MORE, WORRY LESS - Please Continue to Pray For Our Sick and Our Military:

Barry & Dottie Angel, Jackie Burroughs, Richard & Elaine Crowe, Fran Decker, Ray & Gladys Nolan, Larry & Mickey Piech, Jo Ackerman & Joanne Vega / Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, LtCol John Thomas, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell,

OS3 Jonathan Schneider, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, A1C Brendan Schneider,

Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

**If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.**

HOPE FOR TODAY - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."**

Romans 15:13

"Hope...is one of the ways in which what is merely future and potential is made vividly present and actual to us. Hope is the positive, as anxiety is the negative, mode of awaiting the future."

Emil Brunner, *Eternal Hope*, 1954

"Hope, like faith, is nothing if it is not courageous; it is nothing if it is not ridiculous."

Thornton Wilder, *The Eight Day*, 1967

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

5:00PM for John Evanick by Don & Terrie Atwood

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

8:30AM for Daina Freimanis by Vella Melzer

for Ellen Donahue by Anne Ballard

11:00AM for Jean Drury by Ellie Auburger

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

6:00PM for Gene Tye by Ken & Sylvia Bates (St. Stephen's Church)

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

5:00PM for Christopher Canfield by Ralph & Pat Canfield

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

8:30AM for Irene McDonald, Jim McDonald by Joe & Sue McDonald

11:00AM for Violet & Bernie Massar, Sr. by Sharon Massar

for Anne Dyjak by Pat & Terri Fedele

Minister for May 10 & 11, 2025:

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Rosemarie Fralick Lector: Shelley Warnow

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Shelley Warnow

Ushers: Joe Van De Weert, D. Atwood / Tabulators: Karen Standish, W. Niggli

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Earl Markham

Lector: Marcus Stevens Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Ingrid Wennerod

Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Linda Crowley

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Klein Gift Bearers: Andy Baker, Krys Getz

Ministers For May 17 & 18, 2025:

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Claire Hinman

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

Ushers: Joe Van De Weert, Don Atwood Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Sue McDonald Eucharistic Ministers: Joe McDonald, C. Shoemaker

Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Chris Klein

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney / Gift Bearers: Sharon Massar, Terri Fedele

**Whole Community Catechesis****Readings and Questions for Discussion****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 11, 2025****World Day of Prayer for Vocations****Introduction:**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is also the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." We reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly and kindly taking care of his flock. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock - responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

**First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 13:14-52**

Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas opted to listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and follow him, and so, to suffer as their Master and Lord had done, being rebuffed and rejected by many when they tried to share the good news of salvation.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 100**

Today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us "the Lord is God: He made us, we are His people, the flock he tends."

**Second Reading - Revelations 7:9-17**

The second reading depicts Jesus as both the glorified Lamb (slain but still standing) and the shepherd. The Writer's Vision encourages his readers with the assurance that every person who has ever followed Christ and leads others to him will share everlasting life with him.

**Gospel - John 10:27-30**

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and a great challenge. The challenge is to be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and followers should respond by being good sheep. Let us strive to be good leaders and good followers.

**Question for Reflection**

1. Am I vigilant and joyful in my service to Christ, the Church, the poor or needy?
2. How did I sense the shepherd's hands at work in the encouragement and comforting support I got from other Catholic believers?
3. In what way is the Lord calling me to support and strengthen our parish community of faith?

**Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:****1. Reminder Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil Mass-5:00PM at St. Stephen's, Marathon  
8:30AM at St. Patrick's, Whitney Point  
11:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnati

**2. Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations** today, May 11, 2025.

**3. Happy Mother's Day.** - Today, May 11, 2025, we honor and thank our earthly and Heavenly Mother, the queen of heaven. May our Lady of Perpetual Help continue to pray for all mothers and help them. Amen. May God bless and reward all mothers. Pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day, offering our mothers on the altar of God and praying for them. Let us entrust our earthly mothers to our Heavenly Mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus, as his last gift to us as he was dying on the cross.

**4. Next Parish Council Meeting** is Monday, May 12, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, after the 6:00PM Mass.

**5. Confirmation Rite of Enrollment** today, May 11, 2025 during the 8:30AM Mass. Confirmation is on May 18, 2025, at St. Mary's Church, Kirkwood.

**6. Congratulations** in advance to all Confirmation students and their teachers. Next Sunday, the following will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. Nora Jordan
2. Daniel Merihew
3. Hannah Somers
4. Elizabeth Vancise

**7. Monday Mass** on May 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

**8. Tuesday Eucharist and Bible Study** on May 13, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00 AM and Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of May**  
in St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is In Memory Of:  
**Christopher Canfield** by Ralph & Pat Canfield

**LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF****Pastoral Administrator**

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Deacon**

Rev. Mr. John Mihalko

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WELCOME!

WELCOME!

WELCOME!

We gather

We prepare

We listen

We respond

We offer

We receive

We go

We proclaim the

Good News of Salvation!

GOD BLESS YOU!

**TUESDAY EUCHARIST AND BIBLE STUDY**  
WITH REFRESHMENTS (Coffee/Tea & Snacks)

**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR TUESDAY**  
**EUCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS) AT 9:00 AM,**  
**FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY**

With Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P.

10:00 to 11:00AM AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WHITNEY POINT

**The Sunday Gospel Readings**

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.

Next Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

**Next First Thursday of the Month Weekday Mass**

is on June 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Prayer Chain**

If you know of someone in need of special prayers and would like them listed on OLPH's Prayer Chain or if you're not on our prayer chain list of calls and would like to be, please contact Betty Carter at 607-863-3163 or chopwood2@hotmail.com.



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# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

**Mission Statement:** "To advance the Kingdom of God by living a Community Life of Love & Worship, Telling the Good News of Jesus Christ."

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PRAY



## Pilgrim of Hope Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## Stewardship

With every call to sacrifice and service to the everlasting way, there is also given a "look of love" and a divine care of comfort, "well-done."

### Weekly Collection Report - Sunday, May 4, 2025:

Env.: \$455.00 Loose: \$30.00 .....Total: \$485.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$50. 50/50-\$9.

**Grand Total: \$ 544.00**

Congratulations to Ellie Auberger for winning OLPH's 50/50 for April!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

**Please Take Note:** Sunday Mass time is **11:00AM** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from today, **May 11, 2025 through June 29, 2025.**

**Rural Services Food Pantry** is always in need or non-perishable food items. Their biggest demand is for peanut butter & jelly and pasta & sauce. Items can be brought on Sunday when you come to Mass and put in the marked basket at the entrance our church. Thank you

### Newcomers & Current Parishioners: WELCOME!

If you would like to register, receive contribution envelopes, Catholic SUN, have a change in address, marital status, etc., please fill out small blue form by the bulletins & drop it in the collection basket.

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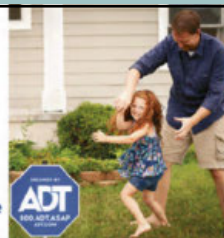


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