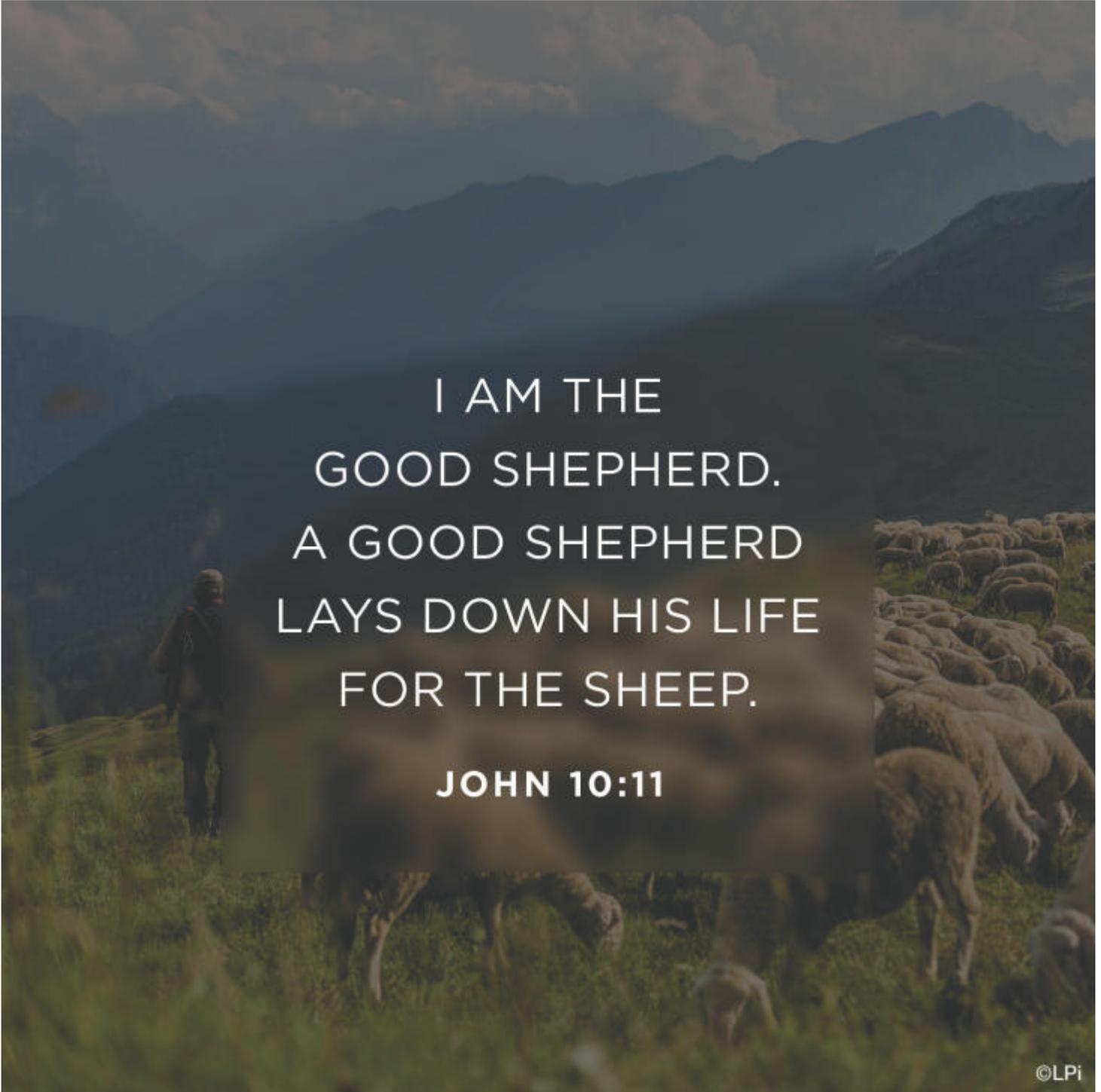




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APRIL 25, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

SUNDAY 4/25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 4:8-12/PS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/ 1 JN 3:1-2/ JN 10:11-18

MONDAY 4/26

ACTS 11:1-18/PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/JN 10:1-10

TUESDAY 4/27

ACTS 11:19-26/PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7/JN 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY 4/28

ACTS 12:24—13:5A/PS 67:2-3, 5, 6 AND 8/JN 12:44-50

THURSDAY 4/29

ACTS 13:13-25/PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND 27/JN 13:16-20

FRIDAY 4/30

ACTS 13:26-33/PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB/JN 14:1-6

SATURDAY 5/1

ACTS 13:44-52/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/JN 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY 5/2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 9:26-31/PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 JN 3:18-24/JN 15:1-8

Blessings to our Newly Confirmed!

We wish to thank Bishop Walter Hurley for coming to our parish and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 16 candidates. Opening up the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be an ongoing process for these young men and women. The challenges and changes of our lives demand different gifts at different times. The Spirit of God will help you to use all the gifts of the Spirit as long as one is open and receptive to the promptings of the Spirit. God has blessed these individuals and now, as they continue their journey through life, faith, service and commitment to living out Gospel values in their lives, God will always grace them with wisdom, understanding, fortitude, knowledge, prayerfulness, Right counsel and, of course, with deepening awareness of God and his great love for them. With these Gifts of the Holy Spirit, their lives can bear witness to the joy of the Gospel, a life of service to others and peace. As in our parish mission statement: they will be Christ-centered disciples growing in grace, gratitude and giving.

CSA 2021

We're still in the midst of the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA 2021) and slowly, but surely

reaching our goal of \$98,363. It will take the effort of all our parishioners to reach this goal. This is not a task that can be done by our seniors alone. It must be the work of the entire parish – those who are single, those who are married, those who have children and those working. Generosity increases as one ages, at least in theory, but generosity is a conscious act that must be chosen and acted upon. Pray that the fruit of your own confirmation will result in greater charity to those in need by greater generosity by you to the CSA.

4th Sunday of Easter

The Easter season offers up ample food for thought as we continue on our journey with the Risen Lord. Each week, Jesus Christ offers us proof of the Resurrection and teaches us about the power of the Resurrection and his own loving hand which guides us still. This week, Jesus emphasizes his role in guiding us on the journey of life. He calls himself the Good Shepherd who constantly watches over his flock, leads them with care and protects them from harm. As he and Father are one, he shares his eternal goodness with us and will gather all people to himself.

With the image Christ offers

us as Good Shepherd, it is hard to view Father, Son and Spirit as vengeful or hurtful to us. So many people can truly be afraid of God and think they appease his wrath by some merit on their own, but this is both wrong and impossible. God's life and gift to us in Jesus Christ is that he is with us and will always be here with us not as some vengeful overseer, but rather, by loving us and offering mercy to us always. Jesus the Christ loves us no matter what. Jesus the Christ will always be with us, no matter what. And when we stray, he will seek us out. This is the God we have – Father, Son and Spirit as one guides us, with love. It is not powerful like a weapon, rather, it is powerful in that it is true and gentle. It guides without forcing us to go the way of goodness. It leads us into new arenas of life not to frighten us but to open ourselves up to the fullness of life.

Yes, Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He will be with us to guide us. He will test us. He will nurture us. He will make us His own. All we have to do is ask for him to walk with us on our journey of life and fill us with his Word.

REV. RON JOZWIAK

Pastor

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

4:00 pm Daniel & Mary O'Connell

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 am Ryan Binno

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 am Sebastian P. & Clotilda P. Rodrigues

10:00 am Salwan Jabro

10:00 am Julio Jabro

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

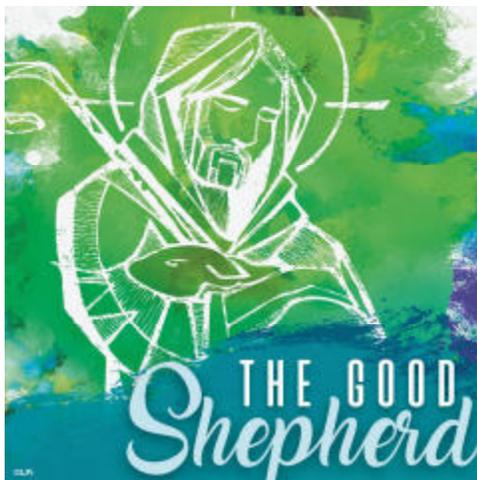
Lisa Caplin Anderson
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LOVING MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

JOHN WEISERT



GOSPEL MEDITATION Fourth 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.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the

children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost. ©LPI

Confirmation 2021

We warmly welcome Bishop Walter Hurley this weekend, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Ryan Boardman
- Roman Cherfoli
- Mackenzie Conway
- Caroline Fernandes
- Layla Gallardo
- Nathan Hidalgo
- Mattisyn Hill
- Kaden Kramer
- Sarah Lauerman
- Brody Pikur
- Brady Scheidt
- Madison Steffes
- Natalia Synowiec
- Enrique Tirado
- Leah Van Ess
- Amelia Vong

Congratulations

Abigail and Rocco

who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 17th.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: FOCUS WEEK 11

FEDERAL ISSUES

“YOUR EVERY ACT SHOULD BE DONE WITH LOVE”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NAB

Michigan Catholic Conference is a statewide organization that primarily focuses on advocacy at the State Capitol in Lansing. However, MCC will engage with Michigan’s congressional delegation at the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops when a critical issue arises at the federal level. Such engagement may include:

- Legislation that extends full legal protection to individuals and institutions regarding conscience rights in health care, child placement services, education, and

employment decisions.

- Promotion of ethical medical research and the elimination of federal funding for research that uses aborted fetal tissue.
- Ensuring that global assistance from the United States does not promote abortion.
- Protecting liberty, privacy, and parental and individual rights through policies that support the authentic nature of the human person and recognize the inherent biological differences between males and females.
- Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to ensure the equitable participation of nonpublic school students and teachers.
- Expansion of federal school choice policies to benefit Michigan families.
- Legislation that would codify the Deferred Action Against

- Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program for individuals who were brought to this county when they were children.
- Comprehensive immigration reform that promotes family unity, does not separate family members, streamlines the process for legal immigration, includes a path for low-skilled workers to work in the United States, and includes a path toward citizenship for undocumented persons already in the United States.
- Equitable access for nonprofit and faith-based organizations to federal financial assistance during times of national crisis or local emergencies.
- Policies that encourage collaboration between federal and nongovernmental organizations for prudent and coordinated allocation of international aid.

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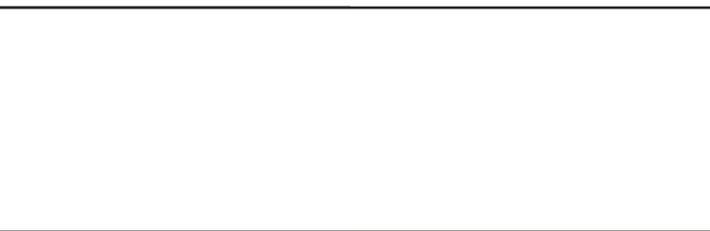
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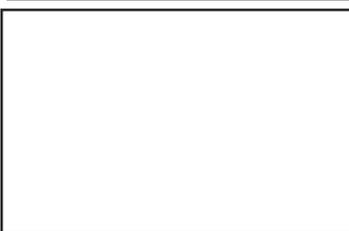
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