

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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LaCuesta's Quest

All you seasoned parents out there understand just how difficult it can be to get a child to do something (or not do something). "*Clean your room...Stop teasing your brother/sister...Put your phone down while we're eating...Do your homework...Don't lie to me...Take a shower.*" You get the picture. We understand why kids often resist following requests/commands and the guidance of their parents. There are certainly many reasons—depending on the personality of the child, the kind of family dynamics, and expectations and such. But I do believe that there is one reason that seems to be present in all of the examples I mentioned. And it's this: children resist their parents because they often don't see why these things are important. To children these things often appear to be completely arbitrary, seems to be things that parents would say or do.

And while parents, at times, get frustrated with their sons and daughters over these kinds of things, most don't get unreasonably angry about it. They just vent for a little while and then it's over...because they know that children often aren't thinking or understanding in the same way that adults do. It's just kids being kids! Yet, if we are being honest, we know that WE (adults) often ACT in the exact same way. We don't like it when our spouse puts too many demands on us. We often don't like certain laws that restrict what we can do. We don't like it when our bosses want us to do things a certain way. We don't like it when people give advice (even if that advice is sound). And we don't like it when the Church tells us the requirements (and prohibitions) for the reception of Sacraments. Yes, adults don't like others telling them what to do either! But for a much different reason.

You see, my guess is that adults often push back against these sorts of things because we all-too-often are convinced that we know better, that OUR way is a BETTER way, that any advice or instruction or guidance that comes from another is never as good as the advice we give ourselves. Put simply, in most matters (maybe all) we want to call the shots. "*No one is going to tell me what to do,*" we often think to ourselves.

"*I am the good shepherd.*" Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we once again reflect on this comforting image. We hear how Jesus (cf. *John 10:11-18*) is a shepherd unlike any other: a shepherd who will never run from trouble but who will give his life for his sheep if necessary. His care for his flock is unlimited,

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Pray for our Sick

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish especially: B. & K. Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, M. B., Sue B., John Barber, Beth Bartja, Lisa Benore, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Sue Bomyea, John Boissy, Ava Burkey, S.C., Sue Chitwood, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Maryann Fisher, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove, Sharon Grycza, A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Shannon Huber, Cheryl Hilty-Huth, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Tom Kosek, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Dee Masters, Nick McCoy, Tim Marino, Regina Meszaros, Linda Michael, Vickie Mickens, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Kathy Rogers, Lou Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Sandra, Pat Schoenrad, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Cindy Vebeustad, Andy Vebeustad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Ralph Wenski, Frank & Roberta Wesolowski, Anna Woronec, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

***Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

***Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

Confession: by appointment. *Call the Parish Office.*

Baptism and weddings: Prearrangement required.
Call the Parish Office for details.

Facemask & social distancing required at all Masses.

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Flowers for Our Lady

The flowers donated in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are provided this week by Laurie Hensley for the intentions of her grandchildren receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

To donate flowers and have your intentions lifted up in prayer, sign-up at the church bulletin board, or contact the parish: 734-847-2805; olmc@bex.net

St. Joseph Spring Rummage Sale

Thursday, April 29—9AM to 6PM

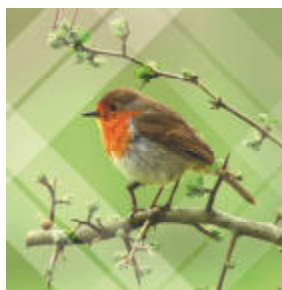
Friday April 30—9AM to 6PM

Saturday, May 1—BAG DAY, 9AM to 12 Noon

The sale will be held in the school gymnasium, 2214 Manhattan St., Erie.

Please enter sale from Erie Road driveway between Summit Street and South Dixie Hwy.

Social distancing and masks required.



Please remember in prayer James Sweet, who was buried from our parish last week.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

Your Envelope Speaks...

Last Weekend:

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 9,500
Actual	\$ 11,370
Over/Under	\$ 1,870
Budget YTD	\$ 399,000
Actual YTD	\$ 372,714
Over/Under YTD	\$ - 26,286

We thank God for you!

Thanks for your continued support of our parish.



Blood Drive

The Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive in the OLMC gymnasium on Thursday, April 29, from 9:30AM until 2:30PM.

It is preferred that you make an appointment. Call 800-RED-CROSS or visit: RedCrossBlood.org and enter code:

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Congratulations to the following students who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, April 18:

Sophia Adams
Lainey Bashaw
Marshall Burzynski
Jackson DeJonghe
Zachary Jennings
Tessa Miller
Emily Morris
Eli Pettry
Beau Pudlowski
Tia Shikwana

For your protection!

We continue to require face masks during Mass. This is for your protection as well as others around you.

Please remember in prayer all who have been affected by the pandemic.

(LaCuesta's Quest Continued...)

unconditional, unquestionable. And understandably, this makes us feel really good inside. This image of God is in stark contrast to how most people viewed God for much of human history (and how some still view God today). God was simply to be feared, is untrustworthy and unpredictable. But the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is something altogether different. This is a God who can be trusted, who will protect us, who is on our side (not just when we do the right thing but when we mess up too). The love God has for us is non-negotiable. And that is really Good News.

Yet, there is a trap we can fall into if we are not careful. You see, it is one thing to believe that God will help us, protect us, and love us. But it is something altogether different to buy into what the image of the Good Shepherd implies. And what is that? Well, it implies that we can't simply turn to the Good Shepherd when it suits our purposes, when we feel we need him. Rather it means that we are expected also to listen and follow not just when it is convenient but always. Turning to and relying on the Good Shepherd is not a once-in a-while thing. It's who we are in the deepest recesses of our being. It means that we have to accept that God knows better, that God's way is better, that following his lead is the only way that makes any sense. And that means we are invited to resist the temptation to be in charge, to make our own way in this world. There is a better way—God's way—the voice of the Good Shepherd leading us to precisely where we need to be. And that takes humility and trust and faith.

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

Knight's Corner



The Knight's would like to congratulate Sarah Przyojski, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

She was the 12th grade state runner up for Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.

FILL THE CRIB: During May the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations of new clothes, diapers, and other baby items for Heartbeat of Monroe. Donations can be left at the Parish Office between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks should be payable to: K of C 8902.



Masses for the Week

Monday, April 26

9:00 AM † Evelyn McClure

Tuesday, April 27

9:00 AM Intentions of Helen Stanton

Wednesday, April 28

9:00 AM † Richard MacAdams

Thursday, April 29

NO Mass

Friday, April 30

9:00 AM † Loretta Spotts

Saturday, May 1

9:00 AM † Deceased of Maruk Family

4:30 PM † Madonna Hoffman

† Hattie Wlodarski

† Joseph Wlodarski

Sunday, May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM

† Joe Babiak

† Janet Nusbaum

† Joe & Del Urbaniak

11:00 AM

† Marcia Marie Destatte, SND

† Gilbert Hebert

† Barb Polek



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[OLMC-Temperance, MI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Readings for the week

Week of April 26

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30


Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8



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