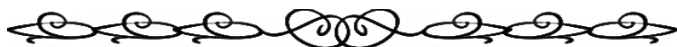


April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



**JESUS WALKS AHEAD OF THEM
AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM.**

The Shepherd knows his sheep.
And the sheep know him.
He calls each of them by name.

O Christ, we cry out for you to shepherd us right now.
We long to hear you call our names,
to listen to your gentle voice,
and follow you out of this violent world to a safe place.

Please, walk ahead of us and we will follow.
Let us offer to one another your abounding life and love.

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We Are Part of the Flock That Gathers

Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, we are the people he shepherds, the sheep in his hands. Oh, that today you would hear his voice. (Psalm 95:6-7)

It is nice to belong. The prayer of this psalm alludes to the communal reality of our faith: we are not alone in our relationship with God but part of a larger flock. Too often the messages we receive from the cultures and society around us lead us to believe that what is most important is the fulfillment of our individual desires or wants; that we should look out for ourselves first and then maybe consider others; and that it is even foolish to put the needs or interests of others before our own. Sometimes a culture of individualism and self-centeredness creeps into the practice of our faith and views of the world.

People who focus on their “personal relationship with Jesus” to the exclusion of what that relationship means for how they relate to others have succumbed to this temptation to individualism. In Christianity, there is no such thing as an “independent” Christian or a “sole proprietor” Christian or a “rogue” Christian. Christianity has one flock, one vine, one kingdom where all can gather.

As we continue our journey of faith, may we join the psalmist in giving praise and worship to the God who loves us all, who loves us together, and who guides us by means of the Holy Spirit. May we recognize that what I do for my sisters and brothers is, as Jesus says in Matthew 25, worth far more than what I say with my words or claim to believe in my heart. God remains steadfast as our Good Shepherd. We—God’s people—must remember we are first and foremost a flock with others in this life. (Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 30 – Gene Simon
May 7 – Allie Walke
May 14 – Carl and Bertha Mistler

MASS INTENTIONS

April 29 – Allie Walke
April 30 – Gene Simon
May 6 – Jim Schuler
May 7 – Dan Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – May 6 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ava Wagner
Lector: Tara Johannigman
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Beth Simon, Judy Steuri

Sunday – May 7 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
EM: Dana Newhart (Hall), Amanda Schutte, Leslie Hicks

Saturday – May 13 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Ella Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner
EM: Terry Harmeyer (Hall), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – May 14 at 10:00 AM

Lector: Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Graduates
EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Kevin Tunny, Katie Spreckelson

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2394.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 36.45
Loose Collection	\$ 515.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2945.45
Capital Improvement	\$40.00
Easter	\$15.00
Holy Land	\$25.00
Smorgasbord Donation	\$35.00

MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH

Electronic Giving for March	\$2,255.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/22 - 3/31/23)	\$154,311.81
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/22 - 3/31/23)	\$141,520.00

WELCOME – We are happy to welcome **Ken** and **Cindy Powaga** to the parish. May they experience the presence of Christ in our midst!

RUMMAGE SALE – The Mary & Martha Circle Spring Rummage Sale is coming up on Friday, May 5, 8:00–6:00, and Saturday, May 6, 8:00–Noon. You can bring your donations to the parish hall starting Monday, May 1, through Wednesday, May 3. **NOTE:** If you are donating bed linens, curtains, or similar items, we ask that you label what they are, the size, and how many pieces are included in a set.

If you have any questions or you are able to help set up prior to the sale, work at the sale, or clean up afterward, please contact Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191.

Everybody, tell your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about what a marvelous shopping opportunity our Rummage Sale is!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Classes on May 3 begin at 6:45 PM. At 7:00 PM, the children will attend Mass and participate in the Crowning of Mary. **Parents:** join your children for this time of prayer.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 10 next week, May 7, 8:30 AM. Last class for the year!

175 YEARS – Fr. John Rager was pastor at St. Maurice beginning in 1909 and served the congregation for ten years. He is remembered for building the new brick parochial school. He wrote, “In a Congregational meeting today (May 1, 1910), it was decided to build a new School Building, providing sufficient funds be raised.” Accordingly, the pastor was asked to visit each family of the congregation in order to ascertain what contribution each family would make in cash or labor. Bishop Chartrand blessed the new school amid an assembly of visiting priests on October 11, 1911.

Following Fr. Rager, Fr. Henry Hunger was pastor from 1920 until 1927, and then Fr. Aloysius Duffy until 1934. The parochial school was closed in 1927, but from 1929 until at least 1939, the building was leased by the Jackson township trustees for public school use. In exchange, the trustees installed indoor plumbing and a steam boiler, which heated the church as well as the school.

PARISH PROJECTS

- The Cemetery Fencing will be completed by Vinyl Solutions of Greensburg for a cost of \$10,600.00 in either May or the first of June. Donations are being sought for this project, and if necessary, the remaining cost will come from our Cemetery Fund. At this time, I have received \$1,500 in donations.
- The protective glass on the church windows is definitely in need of repair. This keeps the protective glass in place. We have obtained one estimate and will be seeking a second one. This expense will come from this year's Maintenance budget.
- Microphone System for the Parish Hall: Designed Sound and Video has given us an estimate, but at this time, we are still in the discussion phase. It would be my hope that the expense of this project would come from donations.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

May 6 – Paul Simon, Steve Gilland
May 13 – Brian Horan, Gary Wagner
May 20 – Joe Wagner, Ken Hellmich
May 27 – Dennis Wagner, Eric Busch

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

May 7 – George and Mary Bultman
May 14 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
May 21 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
May 28 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny






BLOOD PRESSURE – Next weekend, May 7, you can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Roseann Wirth and Vicki Wagner will be there to assist you.

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #5 with Molly Wagner as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of May. We appreciate the ladies for all they do.

FR. JOHN GEIS – Did you send a “thinking of you” card to Fr. John Geis for his service to us these last several years? His address is: **853 N. Co. Rd. 950 E., Greensburg, IN 47240.** Thank you!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Fate is like a strange, unpopular restaurant filled with odd little waiters who bring you things you never asked for and don't always like. (Lemony Snicket)

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Preparing for Rummage Sale RE Classes 6:45 PM Mass and May Crowning 7:00 PM	Preparing for Rummage Sale	 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - Noon Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon Mass 4:00 PM Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM Last RE Class 8:30 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pick Pockets BP Checks Donuts & Coffee			Last RE Class 6:45 PM Attendance Awards Program in Church 7:20 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sixth Sunday of Easter SENIOR GRADUATION MASS 10:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY Donuts & Coffee			Catechist Meeting 7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Missionary Priest ARMED FORCES DAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Mass - 10:00 AM Missionary Priest Donuts & Coffee		Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM				VIGIL OF PENTECOST Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass - 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee	 Memorial DAY		VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<u>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u>  For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.		