

May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

**NO ONE CAN TAKE THEM OUT
OF MY HAND.**



"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."

-John 10:27

*Good Shepherd,
let us hear you
in the beauty of the world,
in your poor, and in one another,
on the rocky and rough roads we travel.*

*Please pick us up
when our legs can walk no more.
Pull us from the brambles that snarl us.*

*Good Shepherd,
hold us close, in your arms.*

Speak to our hearts.

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SUNDAY REFLECTION

Some shepherds in biblical times kept their sheep in the safety of a common sheepfold at night. While the starry night sky wheeled above, the flocks would mingle together in the pen. In the morning, when shepherds returned to take their flocks back out onto the hillsides for a day of grazing, the sheep were all mixed up. When the animals heard the familiar voice of their shepherd, they recognized it. As he called them out, his own flock would emerge from the group and his sheep would follow the sound of his voice.

Jesus used this practical Gospel story to teach us to listen for his familiar voice so that when he calls us out we may be able to follow him. (Dick Folger)

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., May 15 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Fri., May 17 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 11 4 PM Richard Wagner
Sun., May 12 10 AM Ruth Gehl
Sat., May 18 4 PM Anthony Hilbert
Sun., May 19 10 AM Gary Stier

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – May 18 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Joe and Janet Wagner

Gary Wagner

Server: Kara Merkel

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Dottie Hellmich, Jane Pictor

Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Katy Schmidt

Gene Moorman, Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – May 19 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Daniel and Becca Harlemert - *back*

Lori Moberly Family - *back*

Mark Wagner - *side*

Servers: Seth Weisenbach, Brady Borgman

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Seniors

Euch. Ministers: Paige Simon, Katie Spreckelson

Cindy Weisenbach, Emma Spreckelson

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3364.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 236.50</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3605.50

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$170.00
+ Capital Improvement - \$50.00	
+ Home Mission - \$120.00	

Spread the Good News - Jesus Has Risen!

*"A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in
which the called person has to serve God in the way
and in the place God has called."*

~ St. Francis De Sales

STEWARDSHIP – Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn May 12-19 for Anna Walke.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Trey Preston Sutton**, son of Blake and Amanda (Harmeyer) Sutton, who was baptized on Sunday, May 5. May he enrich our parish life as he lives his baptismal commitment with the help of his parents!

ADDRESS – If you would like to send a card to Sister Shirley at the Motherhouse as she rehabilitates after her hip surgery, the address is P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036.

END-OF-YEAR MEETING – The elementary catechists will have their end-of-year meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 PM.

BANNER PARTY – The Banner Party for the First Communicants and their families is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 PM, in the parish hall.

GREETERS – We are being asked by the Archdiocese to do MASS COUNTS each weekend in May and June.

SUMMER RELIGION WEEK – Summer Religion will begin on Monday, June 3, through Friday, June 7, 6:00 to 8:30 PM. First Communion for the 6 students will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9, at the 10:00 Mass.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – A five-year-old boy was attending church services with his family. He was well-equipped, and was busy with his paper and crayons. The sanctuary fell quiet during the pastoral prayer when suddenly the boy piped up in a loud voice, "How do you spell Jesus?" (via Jeff W. Totten, Lake Charles, LA)

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Many speakers can rise to the occasion, but few know when to sit down.” (The Joyful Noiseletter via Apple Seeds)



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The themes of today's Scripture readings are that followers of Jesus are called to (a) listen to the Shepherd's voice, (b) receive His mercy with joy and the hope of heaven, and (c) proclaim His message to the world, despite of hardships.

Mother Teresa said, "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that He will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes *us* and *we* change things."

Rather than praying that God *calls* more men and women, we need to pray instead that more people ***answer!***

Why pray for vocations? It's simple: if we don't, we are failing to do something that Jesus told us to do. He said to "Beg the harvest master to send forth more laborers..."

On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, we pray for a new openness to priestly and religious vocations among all Catholic youth.



“Mary, she taught Jesus how to walk, how to talk, gave Him bath every day, how to take a spoon, held His hands, how to walk. We forget that. Let us be that little child in her hands.” ~ Mother Teresa