

# 4th Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

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### The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me."*

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfills

Ezekiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls.

The 4th Sunday of Easter marks the 59th Anniversary of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Parishes are especially encouraged to include prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the general intercessions on that day and the homily may focus on vocations. Pope Francis' messages **for each year** should be read and taken to heart.

The **Gospel** is from John 10:27-30. This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present-day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	09	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	10	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	11	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Thu	12	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton
Fri	13	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Sat	14	5:00 PM	HC	+ Ronald Ruskamp
Sun	15	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	15	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Cliff Bethune

SJ—St. Joseph's                      HC—Holy Cross  
WCC—Wisner Care Center      CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of prayer for vocations will be observed today, which is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instructions to, Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest (Mt. 9:38, Lk. 10:2). Please pray that young men and women will continue to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes or participation in the church ministries such as choir, lector and EMHC (Extra ordinary eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion).



#### Congratulations to all the

#### 2022 Graduates for upcoming Graduation

Congratulations to our high school seniors, college and university graduates of 2022. It takes so much hard work, sacrifice to be at school for all those years and more do the exams and pass. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to recognize and appreciate you on your coming graduation. The joy fruit of your hard-earned academic work is graduation and enjoy as you look forward for the next step in life. May you all have a bright and successful future full of God's blessings.

#### Reminder: Make use of Online Giving

Just a reminder that our parishes have an online giving option and you can set it up by visiting your parish website and click on donate to set it up. We use "Tithely.ly" as our carrier. Consider using this system since it provides many benefits to our parish and makes giving easier and more convenient for you as an individual parishioner. For summary on this online giving, please take a brochure that can be found on the vestibule announcement tables.

#### Are you registered in your parish? Why is it important?

Registering in your parish is an important step to becoming an active member in your local parish. Church community brings with it many benefits that can help you to become fully engaged in our local parish. We do not share the registration information you give us with anyone, not even government or law enforcement officers. Registration in your parish has the following benefits:

- ◆ It provides proof of sacramental participation if you would move to another parish. We can send your sacramental proof to that parish.
- ◆ Registering offers spiritual benefits and you feel more fully connected to the rest of the parish family. The priest can use your contact information to reach out to you, especially in the times of need, either spiritually or financially.
- ◆ It demonstrates community involvement. You become acquainted with other parishioners and your pastor through volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ Demonstrates financial commitment. You will be able to provide regular offerings at the weekly Mass by using the offering envelopes provided.



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of May 14th & 15th**

**WORD:** Shelly Wellman, Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Jeanie McTaggart, Sue Niewohner  
**SERVER:** Sat: Gus & Bryn Harrison  
 Sun: Will Robertson

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of May 15th**

**LEC:** Joyce Stalp  
**EMHC:** Capri McGuire  
**EMHC 2:** Linda Hansen  
**SERV:** Averi Buhrman, Hayden Schroeder  
**OFF:** Todd Schroeder  
**USHER:** May Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**  
**Holy Cross—May 1, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$640.00
Plate:	25.00
Children:	12.00
Total:	\$677.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, May 8th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, May 15th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2022**

**Chair:** Ken Knust  
**Co-Chair:** Mark Porter  
**Members:** Tony Wemhoff, Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerdemann, Eric VonSeggern, Jeff Phillips, Jack Knust

**MAY MOWING GROUP-- CHAIR:** Mike Gentrup  
**Members:** Sam Steffensmeier, Scott Ortmeier, Ethan Ortmeier, Brian Gentrup, Jeff Robertson

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY OLIGMUELLER AND EDWARD PENA** as they graduate this year. We will honor them at Mass today and after with coffee and rolls in the basement. Please join us!

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**  
**St. Joseph—May 1, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,865.00
Plate:	241.00
Children:	156.00
Works of Mercy:	260.00
Cemetery:	210.00



**Celebrations:**

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

**Birthdays:**

Bev Francis May 8  
 Stella Guenther May 9

**Anniversaries:**

Joe and Robin Hansen May 12

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION...** is this weekend, May 7th & 8th. Ballots are in the pews, and adult parish members will choose two men and two women to replace outgoing members. Ushers will collect ballots in a separate collection following communion.



**SENIOR SUNDAY – TODAY!!**

Today is Senior Sunday and we have 7 members of the parish that will be graduating from Wisner-Pilger High School on May 14th. This year's Seniors are: Zackery Anderson, Spencer Batenhorst, Shelby Braun, Joslyn Jacobs, Lindsey Kneifl, Kristian Overjordet and Beau Ruskamp. Please congratulate them and wish them good luck with their future endeavors. May God bless you and congratulations to all of you!

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** When you see them, please thank these parishioners for delivering Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of our parish last month: Helen Feller, Jeanette Marx, Tammie Batenhorst, Kris Brahmer, and Anne Ausdemore.



**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade did a field trip to West Point and visited St. Mary's Catholic Church and Convent. They also took with them the backpacks, filled with necessities, to be taken to The Bridge.

Since it was the final class this Spring, Sarah and Capri handed out awards for attendance, prayers, and for those that came to the Youth Mass. There was also a special present given to each student. Enjoy your summer and we will see again this fall.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)**

**Grades 7-9:** We ended our classes with pizza, sweets, and ice cream. We encourage the Confirmation candidates to continue their service hours and get them documented through the summer. We will be checking on those and your sponsor choices with info for your conversations with them. Please remember to attend Mass every possible weekend as Confirmation is your affirmation that Mass and the Catholic faith is important to you. God bless and stay safe!

**Grades 10-12:** Missy Johnson took the students to have ice cream at Dairy Keen to end the year. Enjoy the summer break.



**ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MASS** had a wonderful turnout last week. Thank you to all the families and students that were able to join us and participate. What a tremendous job of singing by this group!!



**The 4th Grade CCD Class** thanks everyone who donated items for their Kids-in-Crisis Backpack project. A carload of bags and other necessities was delivered to a representative of The Bridge, the domestic violence shelter that serves our county. While in West Point, the 4th graders also spent an hour at the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity who work at the school and hospital there. The kids had lots of questions for the sisters. Each student received a warm cookie and a Rosary when we left.