

St. Joseph Catholic Community

4th Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018



Jesus,



the Good Shepherd.

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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 21

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Gloria Riveros by a Friend

Sunday, April 22

- Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Joe Smekens + by Ron & Kathy Marshall
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, April 23

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, April 24

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Joe Smekens + by Robert & Judy Grove
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates and Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of town on Wednesday, April 25 through Monday, April 30 to attend World Wide Seminarian Meetings. Adoration/Morning Prayer/Mass and Rosary will resume Tuesday, May 1 at 8:00 a.m. There will be not be weekday Mass here in our Parish; However, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away:

Wednesday, April 25– Jim Cole + by Diana Cole (rescheduled from April 21 Holy Land Trip)
Thursday, April 26– Jeanette Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault (rescheduled from April 22 Holy Land Trip)
Friday, April 27– Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Saturday, April 28– Deceased members of Gerald Beckman Family by Tom & Barb Ault
Sunday, April 29– Norma Bauman + by Robert & Bonnie Beam
Monday, April 30– Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey

Saturday, April 28

No 4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Michael & Christine Zadyak Family by Steve & Sherry Makowski Family

Sunday, April 29

- Fifth Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Villamil + by Ron & Kathy Marshall
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 22ND, 2018, YR. B

(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

JESUS CHRIST IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SO, BE ASSURED, THERE IS SALVATION IN HIS NAME.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. Today is the World Day of prayer for vocation. There are many kinds of vocation: Vocation to married Life, to Sisterhood, to Brotherhood and to Priesthood. We are praying for all these vocations but in a distinct way, we are praying for Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life. The Lord Jesus is the Priest per excellence. Brethren, it is in the name of the Good shepherd, the Lord Jesus that we can be saved, if we believe in him. **He is the “Corner Stone rejected by the builders which has become the Cornerstone, that carries the building.”** We are threatened by many conditions in life. The worst threat to our life is **“meaningless existence”**. It is in Christ, shall those threatened by meaningless existence or darkness, will find safety. Christ offers us something to prevent the tragedy of meaningless existence or darkness. Those of us who, faithfully live out our faith, will not break down easily, for we have re-serves, unknown of, somewhere, (IN OUR HEAVENLY BANK). Today’s Liturgy deals with our safety, our salvation. So, we need Priests and Religious.

In the 1st Reading; Acts 4:8-12: A crippled man from birth was restored to good health (**healed, saved, Salvation**), in the name of the Lord Jesus. The healed man is a sign onto all of us, who are saved in the name of Jesus. The Lord is shepherding us through his apostles and priests. And so, we must pray for vocation to Priesthood and to Religious Life, for we need them. The responsorial Psalm stated thus: “The stone rejected by the builders, has become the corner stone.” (Ps 118:22). It is wonderful. “Jesus who was rejected by the people is now our Savior”, (also Ps. 146:3-5). Isaiah the Prophet pronounced woes to those who put their trust in human beings, (Is 31:1, 8). So, ‘It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man’ the Psalmist told us. Where do you turn to, in times of difficulties and depression or when you are crippled because things do not go the way you want? We should turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel; Jn 10:11-18: (Jesus is the Good Shepherd). The safety and the salvation of the sheep is assured when the shepherd is with them. The Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we his sheep are saved by him. So, our salvation is assured when Christ is with us. He promised to be with us till the end of the world, so there is no need to be afraid, if we accept to be with him. He is always there for us, present, waiting for us to accept him. Thus, it is our responsibility to be with him, for, if we accept him, we cannot go astray. Everyone is invited to participate in the work of shepherding God’s creation. I want to call your attention to the fact that we need to protect, and nurture all God’s created things, thus shepherding them. Every husband will shepherd his family. So, will every wife/mother shepherd her family. And, every child will shepherd his/her parents, brothers and sisters. Even a six-month-old/young child is responsible to shepherd his/her toys. Everyone is called to be a shepherd, in different ways.

So, today we are praying for Vocation to Priesthood and to Religious Life for we need them to shepherd us, help us, direct us to the way of salvation. So young people you are challenged to come forward and offer yourselves to serve as Priests and Religious in the Church. Our Parish has nobody as a Priest, Sister, or Brother. Listen to the voice of God. He may be calling you to Priesthood or Religious Life. Please parents fan the fire of vocation in your children to flame to enable them answer God’s call. Young people, where are you? Do something.

Every one of us here must have directly or indirectly benefited from the ministry of a Priest or a Religious. Think about it!!! Who baptized you? It is a Priest. Who hears your Confessions, blesses you, celebrates the Holy Mass for you? It is always a Priest. So, we need Priests and Religious, because their services are necessary for our salvation. Support vocation to priesthood. You can help train Priests, Sisters and Brothers. Our Bishop Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades needs your help to train Seminarians for the Priesthood. If your Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu is not here, you will have no one to minister to your Sacraments and sacramental needs. Myself standing here before you, I was trained by the financial help of an Austrian **Blind Woman, Anna Schunher, may she rest in peace.** As a blind woman she used to knit socks, table cloths and other things and sold them and gave money to my Archbishop. She died on August 24, 2006. May she rest in the peace of Christ! Amen. She was not a rich woman, but she helped a lot. And here I am among you. The Church in USA is now benefiting from the generosity of an Austrian blind woman. You can see that the Catholic Church is **“One Family of Jesus Christ”**. Wherever we are or wherever we work in the Church it is in the same **“One Family of Jesus Christ”**. So, let us work together to build up the Church the body of Christ.



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy ‘Dottie’ Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, and Carol Lochtefeld.

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- N.B.** 1. Please mark your calendar, June 3, is Eucharistic Procession. It starts by 8:30 a.m. and ends about 9:05 a.m. Let's show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.
2. We will soon tell you the plans we have to fix the parking lot that is gradually crumbling.
3. The Stewardship Team displayed at the Narthex ways we can use our Time and Talent to serve God by serving our brothers and sisters: our neighbors

God bless you. Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Did you know: Feeling heard towards healing
Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's appropriate sense of rage and indignation are acknowledged. Not being acknowledged contributes to a victim's sense of being invisible, unimportant and unworthy; they are in some way revictimized.

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Forming Saints and Scholars in Christ - this is the work of the faculty, staff, and families at St. Aloysius Catholic School. My vision is to allow students to grow unimpeded: in their faith journey, academically, and in their moral and social development. As principal, I want to invite you to consider partnering with our school family to form your child in the Catholic faith and to stir up the gifts, skills, and abilities God has given him or her.



Please contact Principal Tina Voors at 260-622-7151 or by email at tvoors@saintaloyusvoder.info to schedule a tour! I look forward to learning about your child and discerning our work together!

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK


- Mon., April 23 - Easter Weekday - St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr** - Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10
- Tues., April 24 - Easter Weekday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr** - Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
- Wed., April 25 - Easter Weekday - St. Mark, Evangelist** - 1 pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
- Thurs., April 26 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20
- Fri., April 27 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
- Sat., April 28 - Easter Weekday - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest** - Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
- Sun., April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter** - Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL/MAY 2018


- Mon., Apr. 23- Psi Iota Xi Basket Bingo in social hall doors open at 5:45 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 26- Visitation of the Sick and Homebound.
- Thurs., Apr. 26- Alpha Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Sun., Apr. 29- Last Religious Ed. Class of the year 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- Sun., May 6- First Communion Mass- 10:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 19- Parish Appreciation Dinner following 5:00 Mass

WEEKEND OF April 28/29, 2018


CANTORS:

-  **5:00** Larry Leitz
7:30 Tammy Horn
10:00 Nichole Decker


LECTORS:

-  **5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Michelle Paxton


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

-  **5:00** Janette Minch, Linda Huseman, Joe Baur
7:30 Jill Morrissey, John Horn, Donna Geisel
10:00 Monica Harris, Kathy Marshall, Ann Reifsteck, Jeff Miller, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

-  **5:00** Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

-  **5:00** Corey/Brooklynn Huss, Alex Mechling
7:30 Clayton Vachon, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Sophie Emrah, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of April 14/15, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,556.00
Child Envelopes- \$21.40
Loose- \$228.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$614.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$93.00
Total- \$4,512.40

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$604.00 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish-

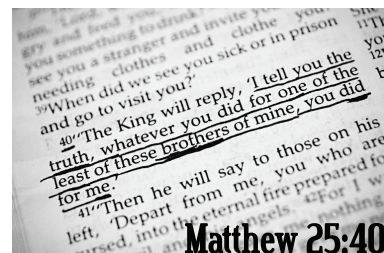
St. Vincent de Paul- \$140.00
Bolivian Mission- \$100.00
Diocesan Special Collections:

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, May 3, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Evening Prayer- 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/
Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /Mass- 7:00 p.m.
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex Thank you!

THANK YOU! Thank you so much for your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Fund here at St. Joseph's. With your generous donations, we are able to assist families with their electric or heat bills. Please know 100% of your donations stays right here at St. Joseph's so that we can help those in our community. Thank you again for generosity!



Matthew 25:40

Faith Hope Love

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

One of the best things we can do with our time is to spend time alone each day with God.

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