

May 3, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Easter



"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." — Jn 10:16-17

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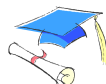
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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 3, World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Acts

4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Bob & Lou Kubena's 54th Anniversary (SHCS Baccalaureate)



Monday, May 4 (Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10)

7:00 am- Thelma Spies
10:00 am- Adela Pohl (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 5 (Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30)

7:00 am- V. L. & Rose Rainosek

Wednesday, May 6 (Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50)

7:00 am- Florian Tomsu
8:05 am- Dorothy Petru
6:15 pm- Deceased members of Christian Mothers (CCD)

Thursday, May 7 (Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20)

7:00 am- Leo, Minnie & Nick Hoffer
10:00 am- Josephine McCain (Stevens)

Friday, May 8 (Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6)

7:00 am- Stacey Rabel
8:05 am- Angeline Pustejovsky

Saturday, May 9 (Acts 14:42-52/Jn 14:7-14)

5:30 pm- Delaine Kolacny

Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day (Acts 9:26-31/

1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family
8:00 am- Alfred & Annie Hessler & Ronald Wayne
10:30 am- Mother's Day Novena



Bulletin Sponsors: Bob & Lou Kubena in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Radio Broadcast Sponsors: In memory of Matt Bozka by his family.

Vigil Light: Special intention for health.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,448.50; Loose-\$1,251; Children's-\$34; Manna Food Pantry-\$543.

Flowers last week at the Altar of Sacrifice were in memory of Patsy Steffek.

Promise of Marriage: Devin Kolacny & Karen Kazmir on May 16th.

Anniversaries:

Henry Joe & Marcella Henke	50 years	May 3
Tommy & Deborah Tumis	35 years	May 4
Richard & Rita Donnelly	63 years	May 5
Billy & Judy Mozisek	30 years	May 5
Clarence & Diana Wenske	30 years	May 5
Bob & Lou Kubena	54 years	May 7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 3

-Holy Rosary Church Picnic, Hostyn. Polka Mass 10 am.
-Holy Family Festival, Victoria Community Center.

MONDAY, MAY 4

-Blood Drive in front of Sacred Heart Daycare, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sponsored by SHCS Student Council.
-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Mary's House.
-Women's ACTS, 7:00 p.m., Sweet Home Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. (Closing Mass & May Crowning – 6:15 p.m.)
-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
-Divine Mercy prayer, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, Leonard Kubena, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, Lucille Etzler, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Welcome to the parish: Ryan & Amy Sevcik, Jacob & Callie; Jaro Krenek; and Bill & Irene Ainsworth.

Baptisms in April: Braxton Ty, son of Jeffery & Christina Baranowski; and Kinley Clare, daughter of Frankie & Laura Migl.



Calendar Membership: Apr.23: Madi Allen-\$100; Apr.24: Msgr. Juan Alfaro, San Antonio-\$100; Apr.27: Jennifer Golsch-\$50; Apr.28: Bill Hrcncir-\$50; Apr.29: Harry Hruzek-\$100.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Patsy Steffek*, mother of Christine Haas. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Donation for bingo machine (Hallettsville Rehab) & bingo cards (Stevens) in memory of Karol Holtorf by Bruce & Angela McConnell & Joseph - \$1,000.00.

Bulletin Bloopers: "For those of you who have children & don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

From the Desk of Father John

We are beginning the month of May. During May we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus and our spiritual mother. During May we also honor St. Joseph, the worker and the foster father of Jesus. Let us pray to them in a special way for their intercession for our families and for our country.

During May, we also have graduations, academic and sports activities. It is a very busy month. However, in all of the activities, let us always remember to keep God first and foremost.

We will also be doing a new pictorial directory beginning July 21st. It has been 5 years since our last one. We hope that everyone will participate.



The Youth ConneXion



Saturday, May 9: "Join Hands Day" with Catholic Life Insurance. Youth work day & lunch at the Youth House, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17: There will not be Firefall nor a youth gathering this evening. We will resume the regular schedule next month.

Sunday, May 24: Church Picnic (Pig Plop). Nachos & Lemonade Booth.

Sunday, June 7: BBQ cook-off & party (details to come).

Remember, all of the events "count" toward your trip to NCYC.....

Interested in worshiping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

May 6: Mass at 6:15 p.m. for students & parents. 5th Graders participate in Mass. May Crowning after Mass.

May 17: HHS Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.
8th Grade Recognition Mass at 2:00 p.m.

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***Spring Band Concert,** May 3, 6:00 p.m. in SHCS Gym.

***Senior Scholarship Banquet,** May 5, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

***Booster Club Fried Chicken plates-to-go,** May 6, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. KC Hall. Tickets \$7 each.

***Senior Final Exams** May 11 – 13. Seniors dismissed at noon.

DWAYNE JANAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Douglas Bludau:

Guntram, Elaine & Janna Janak 20.00
Gary & Tracy Olivarez & family 10.00

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, Sunday, May 24

It's only 3 weeks to the picnic! If you have cattle, antiques or other interesting items to donate to the auction, please call the rectory as soon as possible so we can begin advertising the items. Picnic donations are also being accepted.

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 18 mon. cross-bred heifer.

Truck Raffle Tickets for a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (4 dr.) are available for purchase at \$100 each at the rectory. The vehicle is on display at Grafe Chevrolet GMC. The drawing for the truck will be held at the Spring Picnic on Sunday, May 24th.

4th Sunday of Easter

There is a phrase that has become popular if not over-used in the business world today. It is "thinking outside the box." What this means is to be more creative, to do away with traditional thinking. It is most often used in the world of advertising, where companies attempt to come up with new and innovative ways to get consumers to notice them. Unfortunately, this type of thinking all too often leads to being outside the boundaries of good taste, as well. Like a shepherd's fence, perhaps the box was created for a very good reason to begin with!

Today's Gospel reading from John relates Jesus' narrative of being the Good Shepherd. He states adamantly that He will lay down His life for His flock, but He also says He will think outside of the box when He says: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." The Good Shepherd fights for our very lives against the evils of the world, so much so that He sacrificed Himself so that we might be saved. It is the least we can do to call others who have strayed from the shepherd's flock.

A traditional shepherd keeps his flock close to him, builds a fence to keep them safe. Should one stray, he uses his crook to bring it home. The Good Shepherd provides us with the sacrament of penance, our way of returning to the flock. The priest is the sign and instrument of God's merciful love and forgiveness for our straying (CCC 1465). On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we would do well to listen to the Good Shepherd, who invites us to return the flock.



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Estate of Josephine McCain	500.00
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Lawrence & Gloria Kallus	20.00
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One Minute Meditations

Not so bad

Just when we feel overwhelmed by our burdens, God often shows us someone else who has peacefully accepted troubles even worse than our own. When you start to lose your balance, look around to see who is worse off and draw comfort and strength from God's gift of perspective.

Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28).



Are you one of the beautiful people?

Who doesn't want to be considered beautiful? We often imagine that life would be better if we were. Yet over time, physical beauty can fade. The beauty that comes from a loving heart, however, only improves with time. Try these ideas to become one of the truly beautiful people:

Beautiful people appreciate God's creation. "... all things were created through him and for him" (Colossians 1:16). All that God created came from his loving heart. Beautiful people notice God's creations and experience his love through them.

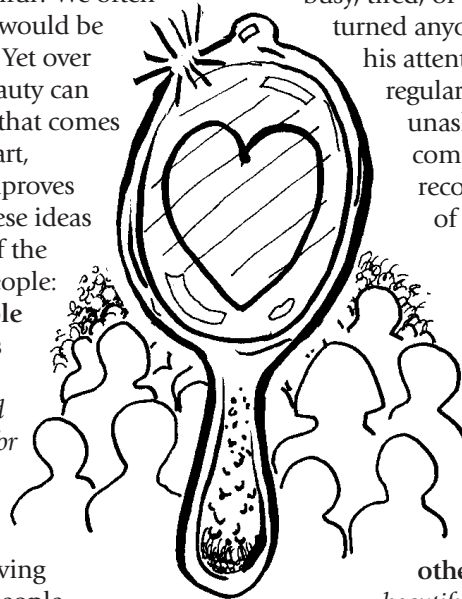
Beautiful people put others first. *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"*

(John 13:35). Sometimes Jesus was busy, tired, or worn out. Yet he never turned anyone away who asked for his attention. Beautiful people regularly help others – asked or unasked – without complaint or expecting recognition. They do it out of love like Jesus did.

Beautiful people accept others as they are. They don't judge because they know that God loves each of us equally. They find ways to love people others find unlovable.

Beautiful people build others up. *"Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely"* (Song of Solomon 3:16).

Loving people encourage, boost, and bolster those around them. Spending time with a truly beautiful person makes others feel beautiful, too.

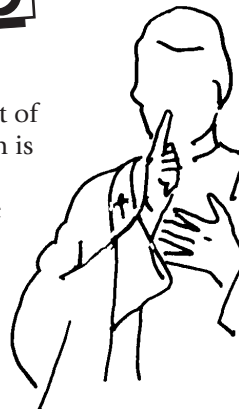


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Confessing our sins to a priest during the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is essential to healing our relationship with God. The Church created the Seal of Confession to help us confidently reveal all our sins so maximum healing can take place.

What is the Seal of Confession?

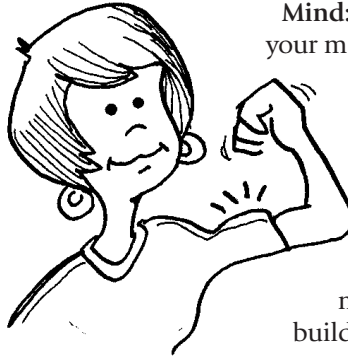
The Seal of Confession means that the priest to whom we confess must keep our sins secret. He cannot reveal what has been confessed during the Sacrament in any way or for any reason without the penitent's permission.



Take good care of yourself - You belong to God

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up his kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Consider taking steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid excessive alcohol. Don't forget to add exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



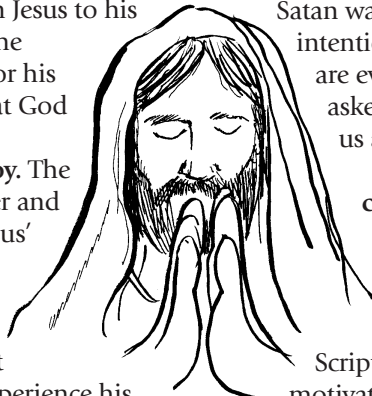
Mind: It's important to be picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to shapes the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Television programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you.

from Scripture **John 17:11-17; Jesus' Prayer**

The entire 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel is a prayer from Jesus to his Father. In this part of the chapter, Jesus prayed for his disciples and asked that God watch over them (us).

He prayed for our joy. The love between the Father and Son is the source of Jesus' joy and he wants to share it with all of his disciples. The key is to live in intimate contact with God so we can experience his special care and protection.

He prayed for our protection. Christ's followers refuse to cooperate



with the world by joining in its sin. Satan wants to change that and his intentions for Christ's followers are evil and energetic. Jesus asked the Father to strengthen us against Satan's efforts.

He prayed for our consecration. A follower of Jesus becomes consecrated (set apart for sacred use) by believing and obeying the word of God.

Scripture points out sin, motivates us to confess, renews our relationship with Christ, and keeps us on the right path. That's what Jesus wants for us all.

Q & A How can I avoid wasting the price of a movie ticket or rental?

It is frustrating to waste the price of a ticket on a movie you find offensive. Even as a practical matter, movie tickets have gotten so expensive, it's disappointing to pay for a movie that isn't what you thought it would be.



Fortunately, there is help. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for

Film and Broadcasting has an excellent service that reviews and describes movies, films, and theater from a Catholic perspective. Reviews even cover DVDs and other classics. In addition to detailed descriptions, the service also classifies each piece of entertainment to reflect the moral suitability of using Catholic principles. You can access this service on the website: www.usccb.org/movies.

Another service that compiles reviews of movies and films is offered by St. Anthony Messenger Press. Sources include St. Anthony Messenger magazine, *Every Day Catholic* and *Catholic News Service*. You can access this information at www.americancatholic.org/movies.

If you don't have access to the internet, look to your diocesan newspaper. Many bishops offer information and guidance about movies to their diocese.

Feasts & Celebrations

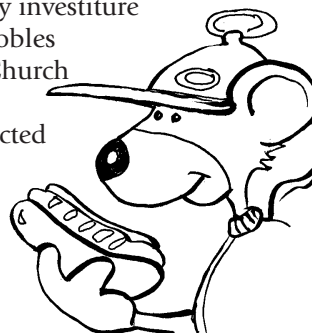
May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Husband of the Blessed Mother and Jesus' earthly father, Joseph was a carpenter devoted to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin appeared to three children near Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked them to pray the Rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

May 20 – St. Bernadine of Siena (1444). Bernadine was ordained a Franciscan at 24. After years in solitude,

he journeyed across Italy preaching. The symbol of the sun with IHS, the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek, is attributed to him.

May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085). In a difficult time for the Church, St. Gregory fought simony (the buying and selling of sacred offices), unlawful marriages of the clergy, and lay investiture (kings and nobles appointing Church officials). He fiercely protected the authority of the Church but suffered and died in exile.



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