

April 26, 2015

4th Sunday of Easter



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Pastor's Note(s):

United Catholic Appeal: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116) In the spirit of this psalm and celebrating 125 years as a diocese, I join Bishop Sirba in asking you to make a generous pledge and donation to this year's United Catholic Appeal. Your pledge/donations support diocesan ministries which benefit us directly as a parish.

The income received from all parishes in the United Catholic Appeal accounts for only 64% of the total diocesan budget. And 51% of the total budget will be spent on Diocesan Ministries and 23% on Clergy-Related Expenses. All in all, I believe this represents a well-managed stewardship in behalf of the diocese as a whole.

Our parish assessment this year is \$24,897.72 or 18.58% of Income from Envelopes and Plate during the past fiscal year, ending June 30, 2014. It's important to note that no other source of parish income was included in the assessment.

Please look for your UCA mailing during the coming week! Thank you for your generosity in the past and for your support again this year!

Baptized in Christ: Taylor Jesse Wartman (parents: Jesse Wartman and Jessica Campbell). We congratulate her parents on this happy occasion and pray they will be best of teachers of their child in the ways of Christian faith!

Teacher Appreciation: We are deeply indebted to the following parishioners who provided continuous and dedicated service to the faith formation of our children and youth during the past School year: Dennis Burke, Judy Fleischer, Abigail Hefter, Heather Hefter, Carey Hogenson, Katie Klessig, Chris & Gina Lemke, Cheryl Oling, Sarah Oling, Meghan Ulanowski, Vicky White. And to Connie Koss as Coordinator and Treasaigh Anderson (Admin Assistant). We ask the Lord's richest blessings on them. Thank you everyone! *Fr. Michael*

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

Friday Morning Discussion Group: The Friday morning discussion group will meet again after Mass on Friday, May 1st. Our topic will be Morning and Evening Prayer, plus future plans and topics for our group. Hope to see you there!

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Saturday	SAINT MARK	04/25/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Special Intention	
	Reader: Liz Scheidt	
	Plate: Beth Egan	
	Chalice: Jeannie Shaw & Kathy McMahon	
	Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson	
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	04/26/15
9:45 a.m.	Religious Education Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Michelle Thewis	
	Plate: Dave Hendren	
	Chalice: Shari Hendren & Laura Lien	
	Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
12:00 p.m.	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	
Monday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/27/15
Tuesday	SAINT PETER CHANEL & ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT	04/28/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Jim Buske	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA	04/29/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Delores Burger	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education Grades 5-10	
Thursday	SAINT PIUS V	04/30/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
Friday	SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER	05/01/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Ralph Walsberg	
Saturday	SAINT ATHANASIUS	05/02/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Howard Pitzen	
	Reader: Gloria Uremovich	
	Plate: Liz Scheidt	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & Judy Fleischer	
	Servers: Hayley Larson & Megan Larson	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	05/03/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Michelle Thewis	
	Plate: Laura Lien	
	Chalice: Dave Hendren & Nancy Olsen	
	Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	

Thank you: The family of Dewey Morsette would like to thank everyone who brought food and/or worked at Dewey's funeral luncheon. It was wonderful and greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Funeral Dish Reminder: Please remember to pick up your dish outside the parish office. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with this very important ministry!

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Toni Johnson, Ron Kor, Joann Ostendorf, and Ron Ostendorf.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Ray Weeks and Betty Westaby .

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your Calendars!!!

Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon:

All Religious Ed. teachers are invited to the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled for Sunday, April 26th following Mass. Please RSVP Treas in the Parish office 834-4659.

V.B.S. : We are looking for parents and kids (7th & up) to assist in teaching Vacation Bible School June 21st-25th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Connie, 834-4433 or Cheryl, 830-0578. We are also in need of adults to serve a light meal each of these nights.

V.B.S. sign-up will be on Sunday May 3rd & Sunday May 10th.

Mass to honor Graduates Sunday, May 10th: Seniors, please let Connie know if you will be attending by April 30th. Fellowship to follow Mass in the parish hall.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,304.92
Bldg. Fund.....	\$105.00
UCA	\$55.00