

April 26, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor's Notes:

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.

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/donation supports several diocesan ministries from which we benefit 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 \$16,995.66 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!

With every blessing! Fr. Michael

St. Mary's Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, 11:30-1 pm**. Be sure to mark your calendars! **Circle members** please plan to bring a salad that serves 12.

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage! Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their Parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are **May 1-3 or July 17-19 in Buffalo, MN**. For more information visit our website at: **northmnwwme.org** or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>ST. MARK</i>	04/25/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Dale & Larry Larson</i> ☩ Reader.....Rose Elam Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Mary Wright Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/26/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Gerry Bahar Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Lois Kaari Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Todd Curry Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	04/27/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. PETER CHANEL & ST. LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT</i>	04/28/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</i>	04/29/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer		
Thursday	<i>ST. PIUS V</i>	04/30/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Father Tim Wenzel</i> 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Friday	<i>ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER</i>	05/01/15
Saturday	<i>ST. ATHANASIUS</i>	05/02/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Father Glen Frerich</i> Reader.....Jessalyn Rowlee Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Michael Rowlee Chalices....Tara Shepersky Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/03/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Thomas Clifford Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Susan Frericks Chalices....Lanay Frericks Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Sue Bahar, Joanne Connor, Sharon Kelley, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Alma Ferris.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Kathleen Kokal passed away this last week, *may she rest in peace*. Ronny Morrison, Jody Reineccius, Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Emma Cavataio, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.



Announcing Diocesan Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families: Canterbury

Pilgrimages and Tours is coordinating the Diocese of Duluth's Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, from **September 22-28**. The week will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. Individuals and Families are encourage to attend and Bishop Paul Sirba will be there as well. Details and answers to questions regarding the pilgrimage can be found at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/qatuj3y> or call 1-800-653-0017.

The "World Meeting of Families" Family Scholarship:

The Diocese of Duluth will offer scholarships to assist families in financing their attendance at the World Meeting of Families The number of families winning scholarships are limited. Funds are available due to generous donations to the CREED fund. The "World Meeting for Families" Family scholarships will be for a minimum of \$600 per family member. Scholarship will be given to families that will only be traveling with the Canterbury Pilgrimage Group. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Friday, May 15, 2015. For additional information go to the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseduluth.org/> and click the World Meeting of Families icon or call Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.

Update Our Records. We would like to confirm and update our records to be sure we have current address, home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses for all of our members. Please call or email to give us your information at your earliest convenience.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1567.00
Building Fund.....	\$280.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$50.00