



I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life
for the sheep.

JOHN 10.14-15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are “at home” in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God’s children, precious in God’s sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us.

Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 17, 2021- 5:45 pm

+Mary Jane Keigher req. by Mike & Katie Horath Family

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, NO MASS

Thursday, April 22, 2021 - 9:00 am

Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 23, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration until 10:00am

Saturday, April 24, 2021 – 5:45pm

+Frank Quigley req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella

Sunday, April 25, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

DATE	LECTOR	USHER/GREETER
SATURDAY, April 24 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	Roberta Stauffenberg & Ed Horath
SUNDAY, April 25 - 9:00am	Grace Niemiec	Dan & Cathy Gesell

COUNTERS FOR APRIL 25, 2021 – Hoehn



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
JANIS NUGENT
Requested by Don & Sue Nugent

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, April 3, 2021.....\$1,484.00

Easter, 2021.....\$1,620.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online giving link. *Thank you*



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$ 9,600.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 8,470.00

Amount Paid: \$ 8,080.00

Balance Due: \$ 390.00

Thank you for your generous response.



On the go

DONUT DAY ON THE GO

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR
SPRING SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE
WILL BE DOING A

DONUT DAY ON THE GO

A PRE-PACKAGED DONUT WILL BE HANDED TO EVERYONE AFTER THE 9AM MASS ON SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO REGISTERED FAMILIES THIS WEEK AND CAN BE RETURNED ANYTIME TO THE PARISH. TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON MAY 2 WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH AFTER EVERYONE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.



St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL is seeking to hire a Part-time Coordinator of Youth Discipleship (primarily grades 7 & 8 and their families). Our Junior High Youth Ministry program goals are to engage junior high teens and their parents, to evangelize and inspire a renewed understanding of the Catholic faith, and to invite teens and parents into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Our high-energy and dynamic program is built on these three cornerstones: Relationship, Discipleship & Mission. The person who fills this position will serve as a collaborative partner on the parish faith formation team. Must possess a comprehensive understanding and comfort with Catholic theology, including scripture, creed, morality, and the sacraments and be fully initiated and an active member of a Roman Catholic faith community. A Bachelor or Master's Degree in Religious Studies, Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Education or related field required.

1-3 years' experience in the field of Catholic faith formation necessary. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#).

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and contact information for two persons of reference to the attention of the St. Jude Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Katie Neu at kneu@stjudes.org or mail to 241 West Second Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451. Interviews will begin immediately.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation – "A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where – or when – we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal Set for Weekend of April 25

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. bishops established the Catholic Home Missions Appeal in 1998 to support the missions here in America. The appeal is taken up in most parishes on the last weekend in April, which falls on the 25th this year.



The appeal funds a range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on evangelization activities; religious education; ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; and support of poor parishes across the country.

Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we have several mission parishes, including Sacred Heart Mission in Pembroke Township. Sr. Nancy Schramm, OSF, serves as both the lay administrator and mission life coordinator for Sacred Heart, while Rev. Ray Lescher serves as the sacramental minister.

While the surrounding area may be considered low-income, Sacred Heart offers a rich experience for its mostly Black and Hispanic parishioners – even during a pandemic.

“Our mission is to be present to the people when they come for Sunday Mass,” Schramm said.

But her pastoral care also includes a small food pantry, as well as donated gift cards distributed at Easter and phone calls made to parishioners just to chat.

Her post-pandemic plans include partnering with other Black parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago in order to bolster the mission’s ministry efforts, and developing small groups to share faith and collaborate on social action with local government.

As you can see, your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal is at work in the Diocese of Joliet, as well as across the United States. Thank you for encouraging your parishioners to be generous, either by donating on the weekend of April 25 [or online](#). You can find [helpful resources](#) to promote this appeal from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet



St. Rose Parish to host Community COVID Vaccination Clinic

We are pleased to announce that beginning the week of March 22, 2021, St. Rose Parish will serve as a Community Vaccination Clinic to provide access to vaccinations for residents and workers in Will County who qualify under Phase1B.

The clinic will provide vaccinations by **appointment only**. In order to protect the health of all attending the clinic, there will be **no walk-ins accepted**. **Those seeking to schedule an appointment must pre-register at: WillCountyHealth.org for an appointment and receive an invitation to schedule their appointment.**

Will County residents who qualify for Phase 1B and are registered and live in southern or eastern Will County will receive an email, text or phone call with an invitation to schedule their appointment after registering.

Phase 1B includes residents 65 or older and essential frontline workers. This includes first responders, teachers, postal service workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, manufacturing workers, food and agriculture workers, shelter/adult day care staff and residents. Please visit: WillCountyHealth.org for a complete list of eligible people.

Residents with questions about vaccinations at St. Rose should call the Will County COVID-19 Hotline at 815-740-8977, not the church.

Although we are grateful for the opportunity to help our community, St. Rose Parish does not have the ability to schedule, change or register any individuals for appointments at any location.

Thank you again for your understanding and for all you are continuing to do to stay safe. We will continue to update you on any new information regarding COVID vaccinations at our location.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,
Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim
Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp;
Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Frank Steve
Niemic; Mike Phelan

**Please call the office to be included on
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF APRIL**

- We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1 (815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
APRIL 18, 2021**



- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
- Wednesday: St. Anselm;
Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



*Everything written
about me
must be fulfilled*



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:8–12; Ps 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1–2; Jn 10:11–18

4/25/2021