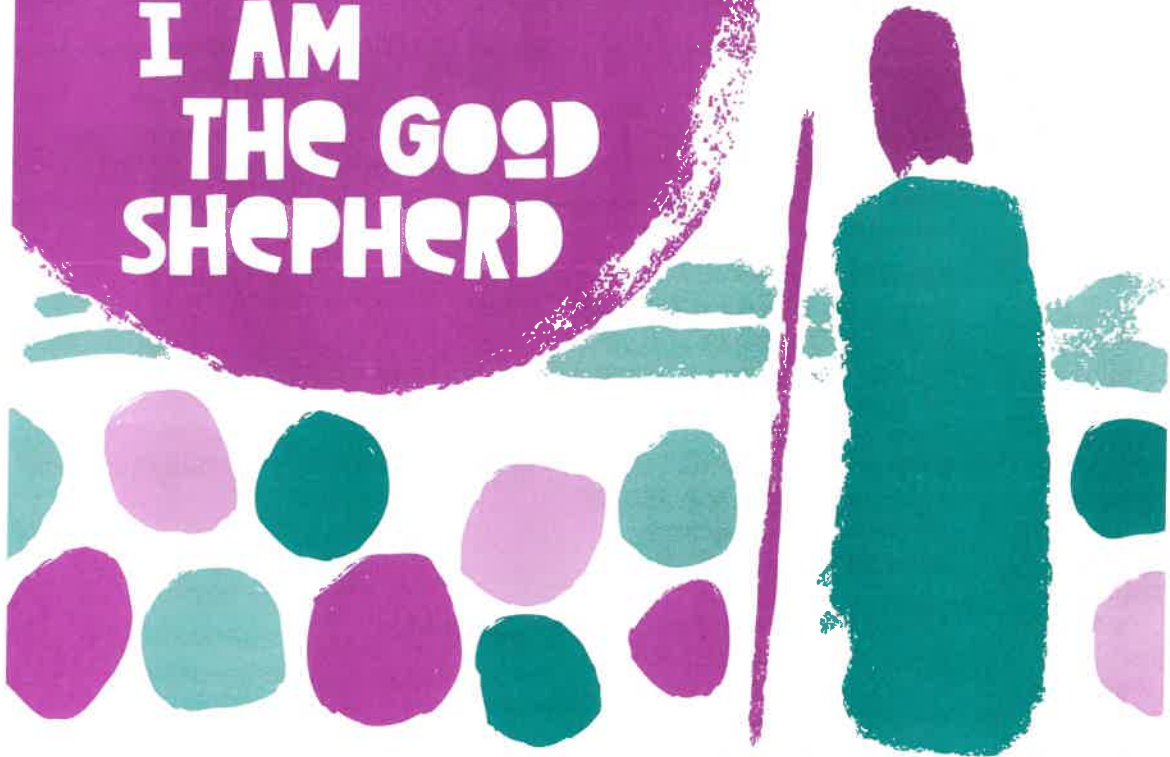


# I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD



© 2018, J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

**April 22, 2018 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**

On this fourth Sunday of the Easter season, the focus shifts from recalling the appearances of the resurrected Jesus toward considering Jesus in light of primary images in scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the intimate bond between the Good Shepherd and the flock and how they know and recognize each other. The Letter of John describes the intimacy of God as Father and humanity as God's children, who recognize and love each other. In our

reading from Acts, Peter tells of the religious leaders who didn't know or recognize their God when they encountered Jesus, and so crucified him. Our readings invite us to listen for our God, active in our daily lives, and to open ourselves to the intimacy that our Good Shepherd seeks with us. God also empowers us to then extend this intimacy out into the world, through our care for others.

SAINT PATRICK  
CHURCH  
14936 W. PEOTONE RD.  
MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS 60442



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
APRIL 22 , 2018

**FR. SEBASTIAN GARGOL PASTOR**  
Email: [fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com)  
Rev. Mr. Milt Leppert, Permanent Deacon

**PHONE: RECTORY 478-3440**  
**FAX: 478-4186**  
Website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org)  
Facebook: St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center

Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 21 , 2018</b> †Rose Smith req. by Rita McGrath
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 22 , 2018</b> †Al Robbins req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn / Parish Family of St. Patrick
<b>Monday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 23 , 2018</b> Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert - Special Intention req. by Paul Pruchnicki
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:00 pm	<b>April 24 , 2018—NO MASS</b> ADORATION until 9pm
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 25 , 2018—NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 26 , 2018</b> †Rose Smith req. by Ken Mitchell Family
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 27 , 2018—NO MASS</b> Adoration until 11:00 am
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 28 , 2018</b> †John & Ann Shields
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 29 , 2018</b> †Jerry Robbins req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

**Saturday, April 28 - 5:00 pm**  
Natalie Gabriel, Brent Bieschke  
**Sunday, April 29 - 9:00 am**  
Ian & Lily Kreske

Lector

**Saturday, April 28 - 5:00 pm**  
Jerry Kinsella  
**Sunday, April 29 - 9:00 am**  
Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

**Saturday, April 28 - 5:00 pm**  
Roberta Stauffenberg, Carmen Kinsella  
**Sunday, April 29 - 9:00 am**  
Steve Hoehn

Usher:

**Saturday, April 28 - 5:00 pm**  
Eddie Horath, John Meyer  
**Sunday, April 29 - 9:00 am**  
Bruce Boyle, Dennis Skolasinski

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn, Cakora

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

**Sunday, April 15 .....\$2,144.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

***Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,240.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 5,405.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Thank you for your generous response.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient! to sign up.

This week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



## 24 Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, May 4

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN**

**AFTER THE**

**9AM MASS UNTIL SATURDAY**

**MORNING**

**SATURDAY, May 5 IS THE**

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT**

**9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

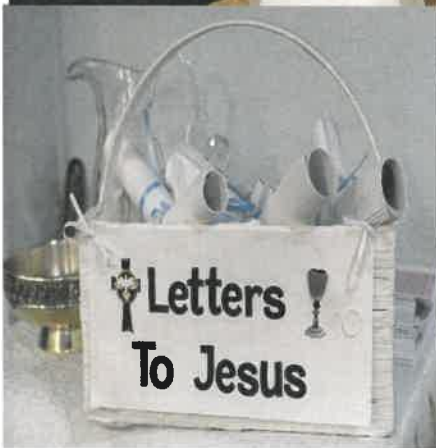
**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD**

**SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS**

**CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**







APRIL 15, 2018





St. Rose C.C.W.



# ANNUAL CARD, BUNCO & GAME PARTY



*Sunday, May 6th, 2018*  
at 12 noon



St. Rose School  
South Kankakee Street  
Wilmington



Light Lunch Served  
Door Prizes Table Prizes  
Raffles



Cards and Dice Provided or  
Bring Your Own Games



Ladies, Gents, Families Welcome!

*Donation: \$7.00*

Tickets Available at Door



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.**

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

- THAT ECONOMISTS MAY HAVE THE COURAGE TO REJECT ANY ECONOMY OF EXCLUSION, AND KNOW HOW TO OPEN NEW PATHS.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
April 22, 2018**



- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
- Friday: Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

*"Ghost Card Party" with Split - the - Pot Raffle on May 6, 2018 after the 9:00 am Mass. Returns can be made next weekend or during our Donut and Coffee Fellowship. ....If you would like more tickets, please contact Carmen Kinsella or Cathy Engler.*





## LAY DOWN MY LIFE

In the Old Testament, God is described many times as the shepherd of the people of Israel. So when Jesus claims this image of God to describe himself, it is startling even to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he takes the image one step beyond the Old Testament: as the Good Shepherd, he is to "lay down his life." This phrase is stated, with slight variation, five times in today's short passage. Jesus is describing the meaning of his life and of his death.

With firm roots in the story of Israel and their God, Jesus is now starting a new chapter. He is helping his disciples make sense of his death on the cross, and to describe how to follow this particular shepherd. When Jesus lays down his life, he is revealing the infinite love that he and the Father have for the flock. To follow Jesus, to be a part of Jesus' flock, means participating in that same sacrificial love.

## ONE FLOCK

Jesus adds another feature to the shepherd imagery, which was also disturbing to his disciples. He refers to "other sheep which do not belong to this fold," who will become part of the same flock. This likely refers to the Gentiles, to all peoples beyond Israel. The Shepherd extends his flock, but emphasizes that there is still only one flock. Jesus spoke forcefully and frequently, especially in the Gospel of John, of the importance of unity among those who follow him.

We who follow Jesus are expected to embrace the "other sheep," to respect and celebrate differences among Christians. We are expected to learn from one another. All those things that seem to divide Jesus's followers in culture, ethnicity, or history of conflict fade in comparison with the deeper unity of the one flock under one Shepherd. Living in unity is essential for us to be faithful and credible witnesses of Christ to the world.

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

4/22/2018