

Church of the Assumption

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

*I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord,
I know my sheep,
and mine know me.*

JOHN 10:14



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately, some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior, he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do we know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ? Do we listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence.

Readings for Sunday, May 2, 2021

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



Saint of the Week ... St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was born in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Her father was a cloth dyer.

She grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She disappointed her parents by cutting off her hair in protest to being encouraged to improve her appearance to attract a husband. They relented and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditations.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at age 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring, and she often claimed that it was invisible.

Such mystical experiences change people, and St. Catherine was no exception. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need.

Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to her. She established a monastery for women, and is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue. These works were so influential that she would later be declared a Doctor of the Church.

At age 33 Catherine became ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her illness accelerated, leading to a stroke and death a week later on April 29 which is now her feast day.

St. Catherine is the patron saint of Italy, fire prevention and miscarriages.



Feast Day: April 29

Planning for First Communion and Confirmation

Our parish will be celebrating both First Holy Communion and Confirmation next month. So that we can accommodate the families of all the candidates and still maintain appropriate social distancing, both of these celebrations will be private.

The First Communion Mass will be held on Sunday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. Each of the eight candidates will have two pews for their family, including the candidate. The normal 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will take place as scheduled.

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Each of the 16 candidates will have one pew for their family, including the candidate and sponsor. There will be no daily Mass that day.

Online registration for the First Communion and Confirmation Masses is not necessary.

Please keep our First Communion and Confirmation candidates, their families, and their catechists in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their sacramental gifts.



Bonnie Louise Whetzel

Born into Life
July 25, 1951

Born into Eternal Life
April 14, 2021

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon her.
May Bonnie's soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*A Mass of Christian Burial was held at our church on
Monday, April 19.*



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 24	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Rosemarie Myers	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Sunday, April 25	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Daskal Family	Jim Daskal
Monday, April 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 28	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Brian Dorsey	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, April 29	12 noon	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody family	Sharon Melody
Friday, April 30	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean Alt
Saturday, May 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Larry DeMasi	Dena Turner
Sunday, May 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bonnie Whetzel	The DeMasi family

Collections & Attendance

April 17-18, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,199
Loose Donations.....	\$384
Votive Candles	\$134
Poor Box.....	\$304
Total	\$4,021

Attendance

Saturday 4/17	59
Sunday 4/18.....	69
Total	128

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend to benefit Catholic Home Missions. There is a separate basket next to the bulletins for this collection.



Parish Council Nominees Needed

A parish is a group of Christians called together by God through baptism to share in the mission of Jesus.

A parish council is made up of a group of people, also called by God, who use their gifts for the good of parish, ultimately accomplishing the Church's mission to spread the message of Christ.

We are currently accepting nominations for three (3) new members of our Parish Council, each of which will carry a three-year term. The council meets approximately four times a year for an hour. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated.

The objectives of our Parish Council:

1. To recognize the varied gifts of the parish members and invite them to an active leadership role in the parish.
2. To be an effective means by which the Pastor will hear the voice of the parish.
3. To assess adequately the needs of the whole parish and its members, and to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the parish.
4. To foster unity and community in the parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interest of the parish.
5. To promote programs and activities recommended by the Bishop, his office and agencies, as well as the council itself.

If you or someone you know would like to serve God and our parish by serving on the Parish Council, please submit the name(s) to the Parish Office by phone, email, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket.

Current members of the Parish Council are Kenny Brant, Janet Corley, Denny Dolechek, Lauren Ellifritz, Jean Harber, Charlie Junkins, Shawn McGann, Jane Placka and Nancy Starcher.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 1.....	Alan Taylor (L) Linda Marsh (C) Dena Turner (U) Mary Shannon (U)
Sunday, May 2	Pam Williams (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Mike & Rosie Landis (U)
Saturday, May 8.....	Celia Cole (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Sue & Jean Harber (U)
Sunday, May 9	Geoff Newlin (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Jeff & Kelley Kuhn (U)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.

