

May 3, 2020

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### Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM  
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM  
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

**Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.  
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.  
Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

### My Sheep Follow Me



In the Gospel reading for this fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus says that his sheep *follow* him. Those who belong to him know his voice and so they are willing to follow him and let him lead the way.

Of course, the sheep don't know the voice of the shepherd unless they know the shepherd. The difference, then, between being one of the lost sheep who have to be followed by the shepherd and being one of the faithful sheep who are led by the shepherd is a matter of knowing the shepherd. The shepherd is a person. And knowing a person is a matter of personal relationship, with all the risks and vulnerabilities that personal relationships entail.

So the faithful sheep are in a personal relationship with their shepherd and love him. They hear the voice of the shepherd and follow him. And here is the good news. Whether a person is faithful or lost, he will be surrounded by the love of the good shepherd. Either the shepherd will lead him, or the shepherd will follow after him to find him when he is astray. And so St. Patrick's prayer is right: *Christ before me, Christ behind me. And either way, Christ with me.* (Eleonore Stump, Used with permission)

### Lord of My Heart

**Lord of my heart**, give me vision to inspire me, that, working or resting, I may always think of you.

**Lord of my heart**, give me light to guide me, that at home or abroad, I may always walk in your way.

**Lord of my heart**, give me wisdom to direct me, that, thinking or acting, I may always discern right from wrong.

**Lord of my heart**, give me courage to strengthen me, that, amongst friends or enemies, I may always proclaim your justice.

**Lord of my heart**, give me trust to console me, that, hungry or well fed, I may always rely on your mercy.

**Lord of my heart**, save me from empty praise, that I may always boast of you.

**Lord of my heart**, save me from worldly wealth, that I may always look to riches of heaven.

**Lord of my heart**, save me from vain knowledge, that I may always study your word.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall me, rule over my thoughts and feelings, my words and actions.

### Lord, I Am Yours

Lord, I am yours and I must belong to no one but you.

My soul is yours, and must live only through you.

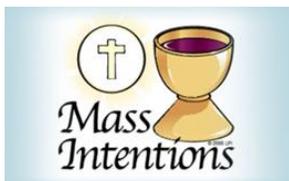
My will is yours, and must love only for you.

I must love you as my first cause, since I am from you.

I must love you as my goal and rest, since I am for you.

I must love you more than my own being, since my being comes from you.

I must love you more than myself, since I am all yours and all in you. Amen. (St. Francis de Sales)



### MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Fr John and Fr Bill are celebrating these Masses in their home for May.

2 Dale Young

3 Pat Schuman

9 Barbie Sloan

10 Ruth Wenning

16 Emily Mathes

17 Dale Young

23 Paul Miller

24 Diane Earls

30 Jeff/Gene Ogden

31 Pat Schuman

Dear Parishioners,



Many years ago, if a Sister wanted to give gifts to family or friends on any occasion, they had to "craft" them. If you weren't too creative, you just prayed the Holy Spirit was working overtime.

One day a few weeks before Christmas I found a picture of Jesus that I really liked. His face was bowed and cupped in his hands. The words "Do not burden your peace of mind with the unessential," were printed above and below his face.



As I reflect upon these past weeks of hearing of so much sickness and death, of people feeling isolated and disconnected I reflect upon those words. What is truly essential in my life, in our lives? For me, it is and hopefully will always be

*faith and family.* I yearn for Eucharist, for the sacraments, for liturgy and communal prayer. I also desire for the day when I am able to hug my family good-bye and continue our monthly get-togethers.

A couple years ago we were moving my brother and in the midst of this move I saw on his wall that plaque I had given him for Christmas thirty or more years ago. I smiled as God reminded me again, as he has during this Covid-19 there is very little that is essential in life.

Peaceful Blessings,  
*Sister Shirley*

REFLECTIONS FROM  
PARISHIONERS AT THIS TIME  
OF CRISIS

...People sincerely and thoughtfully telling us to be safe, and strangers wishing us well.

...The international connections of the coronavirus situation makes us realize how closely connected we are to the whole world.

Not only the spread of the virus across country boundaries, but also the need for supplies to be generously offered by one country to another, and one state to another.

...We have all taken on a new admiration for medical professionals. However, the situation has made us more mindful of the importance of every single human being, the people who clean hospital rooms, the truckers who transport urgently needed supplies and food, the people who deliver to our door, and the people who take care of the bodies and the families of the dead.

...We have been in touch with people through phone, letter and computer that we have not been able to physically gather with for a while.

...A perfect stranger became a good Samaritan when she came to my aid after she noticed me looking ill outside of a store. The stranger set in motion a chain of events that involved an ambulance, a hospital, my husband and six of my neighbors, in a story that had a happy ending.

...The response to the call for us to create an Easter Parade past Church to surprise Sister Shirley in turn created Easter joy for us all.

(Further comments in next bulletin)

FORGIVE: FOR  
HEAVEN'S SAKE



+ Forgiveness is every person's deepest need and the greatest quality of being like Jesus. (Franklin Graham)  
+ Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future. (Paul Boese)

+ The most important thing about being a father is being able to forgive yourself. If you don't forgive yourself, you're not going to forgive your kids either. (Evander Holyfield)

+ Letting go doesn't mean that you don't care about someone anymore. It's just realizing that the only person you really have control over is yourself. (Deborah Reber)

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



## A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late

nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, baking, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, or moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that your big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mothers who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of love and forgiveness shape every home.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Savior of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have nurtured us and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

- Daniel Darling

**FATHER JOHN** I spoke with Father John on Monday and he sounded cheerful, positive and ready to begin his daily walks. He feels a little stronger but has a way to go.

**FATHER BILL** Fr. Bill remains healthy. He said that he has appreciated your cards and misses you. His address is: 7972 W. Co. Rd. 350 N, St. Paul, IN 47272.

**COLLECTIONS 3/31/20 - 4/23/20**

**TOTAL - \$7,960.00** Thanks to all who continue to mail in your collection.

**PROJECT** The rectory shed which was damaged by inclement weather was repaired by Patrick Construction for the amount of \$2,674. He removed and replaced the shed roof metal and wood siding. This price also included gutters and waste removal.

