

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

St. James + St. Joseph

Cooperstown Kellnersville

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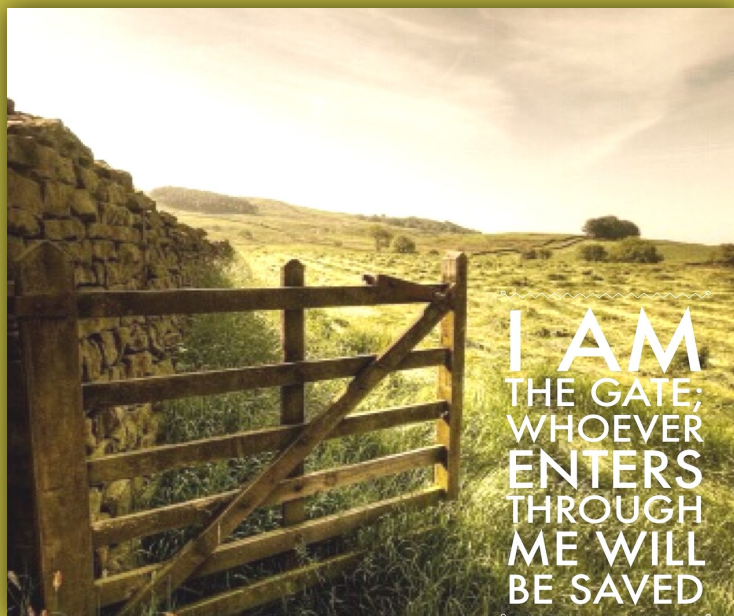
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The preaching of Jesus is full of illustrations from the ordinary lives of his neighbors who were farmers and fishermen. In this way he taught of his love for all God's children whom he came to save. But the most appealing image of all and one that stands out from the rest is the figure of Christ as the good shepherd.

In describing himself as the Good Shepherd he is painting a beautiful picture of his loving care for the human family while emphasizing how precious we are in the eyes of God.

He is our guardian and guide, constantly calling us home when we are inclined to wander and stray. His everlasting love never gives up on us and keeps knocking at the door of our hearts seeking an entrance until we open.

Above all, if we cling to him we will not go astray because he will never let us down. There can be no greater grounds for

hope than the consoling truth that we are loved by God in such a manner.

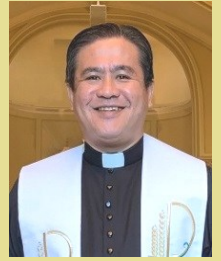
This story of the personal love of Jesus Christ for every individual and of his willingness to lay down his life for us, should prompt us to make some response in return for such lavish generosity. If we claim to be part of his family we should be eagerly following him with enthusiasm and generosity. The question for all of us to face is what return are we making as a response for his loving care. Life only becomes meaningful when we live with Christ. Our surest road to safety is to be alert and ready to answer his invitation to come and follow. The compassion of Jesus comes to people through hearts that are full of tenderness and love.

We need constant reminding that our calling is to be shepherds after the heart of God, making Christ's presence effective in our neighborhood.

This work is carried out effectively in our families and communities when we respond to the deepest needs of people under our care.

For all our shortcomings we can be the touch of human love for those who have no friends, the tower of strength for those who are helpless and the healer in times of hurt.

The caring acts of God are performed in hands that serve. Christ is calling us to be shepherds of his flock in a caring and loving service of others. There is no other way for the church to be a beacon of hope, a light in the darkness and a sign of salvation for those in need of help.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

St. James Church

Sat.	April 29	7:30 pm	+ Mary Beth Rezek
Sun.	April 30	8:00 am	+ Nels Lloyd & Sarah Rasmussen
Tue.	May 2	8:00 am	+ Tony, Madge & Matt Kerscher
Sat.	May 6	7:30 pm	+ Reggie VandeHei, Ray & Aurelia Coppens
Sun.	May 7	8:00 am	+ Eugene Ramesh
Fri.	May 12	1:00 pm	Wedding of Georgia Pantzlaff & Timothy Fels

St. Joseph Church

Sat.	April 29	4:00 pm	+ Leonard, Olive and Butch Skarda
Sun.	April 30	10:00am	1st Communicants and their Parents
Wed.	May 3	8:15 am	+ Charles Geiger
Sat.	May 6	4:00 pm	Good Health for Nick Krepline
Sun.	May 7	10:00am	+ Dolores, John and Bob Kupsh & Glen Anhalt

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NEW BULLETIN EMAIL

Please send all bulletin information to sjsbulletin@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR MAY 7, 2023

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 (52A)
Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

WALK TO MARY SAT. MAY 6

Please join in this important pilgrimage.
Contact Traci for more information.
(920)863-2585.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Wed. May 3, 2023 - Noon
Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner with
Garlic Bread and Desserts.
All are welcome to attend.
Free will offering
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Denmark
Reflection by: Father Santy



PRAYER AND SUPPORT

At one time or another, we could all use a little extra care, whether grieving a loved one, suffering from an illness, preparing for surgery, or needing support in a difficult situation. We want you to remember that we are your parish family, and that if you need anything - prayers, a listening ear, or other support, that you

can always contact us. Father Santy can be reached by calling his cell, (920)604-4090 or Deacon Dan by calling (920)246-4155. You could also visit our website, www.stjamesandstjoseph.org to communicate a prayer need. If you are aware of a person, a family, or a situation where we can offer support, please let us know.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please let your parish office know if you, a family member, or a friend is in need of a visit in the hospital or nursing home. With healthcare privacy laws, we are not made aware of our parishioners' needs unless someone shares it with us. We would like to share our support.

DONATE TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

Your stewardship offerings continue to help fund the day-to-day operations of our parishes. Your support for the Bishop's Appeal, similarly, funds the day-to-day operations of the Diocese. Our parishes have traditionally responded to God's call to serve with extraordinary generosity. We are asking for your help once again in the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal is the largest source of funding for Catholic Charities. It funds faith formation programs and leadership training for folks right here in our parishes.

Your gift brings hope to people who desperately need it.

Here are three ways you can donate:

- 1) Scan the QR code below, or give online at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.
- 2) Mail back your pledge in the blue envelope that you received in the mail.
- 3) Drop a check in the collection basket made out to the Catholic Foundation with "Bishop's Appeal" written on your envelope.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023

St. James Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$1,668.00
Loose	\$ 204.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$24,266.00

St. Joseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$ 935.00
Loose	\$ 312.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$9,010.00

ST. JAMES PARISH

175 YEAR CELEBRATION

St. James Parish will observe 175 years in existence in the year 2025. In *anticipation* of this significant occasion, we would like to form a group now to spearhead plans for the celebration.

If you have ideas or would like to be part of this group, please talk to Jane Hertel, (920)863-6214 or Joyce Cisler (920)905-1912.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS

Flowers that were ordered in April will be available for pick-up on Fri. May 5 from Noon-7pm and Sat. May 6 from 8-11am at the home of Patty Bekkers, 6131 Scenic Ct. Denmark. Thank you to all who supported the Youth Ministry flower Sales. If you have any questions, please call Patty at (920)660-8064.

CHURCHTIME

8:00am Mass: April 30, May 7

CROWNING OF MARY

Sunday May 14

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join in the entrance procession carrying flowers for Mary. Contact Traci if your children can participate.



PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING

All skill levels are welcome to join the prayer shawl group on May 1st at 1pm in the parish hall. Prayer Shawls are created by loving hands that pray for all those who use their blankets. They are given to someone who is recovering from health problems or to those who have lost a loved one.

NOMINEES SOUGHT

We are seeking candidates for the Pastoral and Finance councils and for Secretary Trustee. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and a Confirmed practicing parish member with time to attend meetings. The trustee, elected by ballot, serves a two-year term, while council members are selected and serve for three years. For more information, or to place your name on the ballot or nominate someone else, please contact the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

CHURCH TIME

May 7 & 14

MAY CROWNING

Sunday May 14

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in our May Crowning on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14 at the 10am

Mass. We will celebrate and honor our Blessed Mother. Please meet in the back of church before Mass to receive a flower and join in the opening procession to place the flowers by the statue of Mary. We welcome First Communicants to join in the procession and wear their dresses and suits that they wore for their First Communion.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Mon. May 1st - 6pm

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday April 30 - 10am Mass

Congratulations and Blessings to the following students who are receiving their First Communion this Sunday: Parker Denor, Brantley Ebert, Vayda Landwehr, Bernadette Langer, Blake Mangin, Nolan Pahnke, Seth Ubersox.

CLEANING TEAMS

May 13 Team Langer
May 27 Team Rabas/Kuik

SANCTUARY LIGHT AND HOSTS & WINE

WEEK OF APRIL 30

Deceased of Yohanek and Slager Families

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Brian Portzen of Painting Pathways will speak at the end of Mass on May 20 & 21 regarding the importance of mental health and how they can help our community.

THANK YOU

Faith Formation would like to thank everyone for donating cans to the aluminum can collection. Thank you also to Tisler Salvage and the volunteers that take time to crush cans and deliver them to Tislers. The money raised purchased special projects for our youth and helped our friends in Fr. Santy's home town with school supplies. Please remember do not put any garbage in with your bag of cans that you drop off.