Saint Ferdinand Church

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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

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Pastor	Rev. Michael Murphy	Director of Music	Mary Krummey
Associate Pastor	Rev. Nicholas Muenks	School Principal	Anna Davis
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Phil Hutsler	Office Manager	Dana Wiele
Retired Deacon	Deacon Peter Gounis	Parish Secretary	Jan Keenoy

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday
6:00 AM, 8:00 AM
Saturday 8 AM

Holy/Holiday Day Mass
Check bulletin for details

Confessions
Saturday, **3:30 to 4:30 PM** or by appointment

Adoration Chapel
Daily from 9 AM-6PM;
Tuesdays 9 AM—10 PM
Thursdays 9 AM—9 PM

Famous Fish Fry
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Carry Out Only
314-839-5312

Join Us

FOR MASS

During this challenging time, we turn to our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother in prayer, especially for those who are sick or vulnerable, and for those who care for them. As faithful, we are called to encourage our community to pray.

The general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place for all Catholics of the archdiocese until further notice, as many individuals continue to have concerns for the health and safety of themselves and their loved ones.

- The dispensation for public Mass attendance includes the Sunday obligation and the Holy Days of Obligation

- All mandates and directives regarding COVID-19 from the Archdiocese of St. Louis can be found archstl.org/coronavirus

Caring for both our physical and spiritual health go hand-in-hand, and the health, safety and overall well-being of the people of the archdiocese is Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski's first priority.

We will continue to LIVE STREAM and post a recorded Mass.

Guidelines for Attendance

- To assist in keeping social distance from one another when going to, or coming from communion, we have placed markers in the aisles that are 6 feet apart. Please use them to help properly space yourself from the person you are following.
- Thank you for wearing your facemasks and using hand sanitizer at the entrances to church!
- Also, when entering church, you will notice that every other pew is closed. When entering a pew, please try to sit so that you are at least 6 feet on all sides from the nearest person (this may mean moving further into a pew and leaving space on the end). Family members that reside in the same household may be seated closer to each other, but must maintain 6 feet between them and the nearest person.
- **Please remember to leave kneelers down when leaving.**

Thank you for your loving concern for the safety of others

Church is Open Daily For Prayer!

The church remains open for prayer during the day Monday thru Saturday. Feel free to drop by and make a visit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Please use common sense!

† Wash hands
† Use the hand sanitizer coming and going
† Keep your distance
† Wear a facemask
† Wipe down the pew and the area you sit in with sanitary wipes.

Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal

Now available for download!

We're excited to introduce our new, USCCB-approved ***Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal*** app! With music, readings, prayers and the Order of Mass, this digital resource helps you fully participate in the liturgy — whether at home or in church. You can also prepare for each celebration by selecting songs, psalm settings and Gospel Acclamations for every Sunday and holy day.

The *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app is available for iOS and Android users at only $4.99 for the entire year.

**The* Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal *app is only intended for use during the 2021 liturgical year. A new app will be released for each of the following years.*

Adoration Chapel

Open Chapel Hours

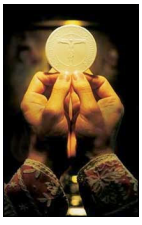
Monday 12-1 PM
Wednesday 1-2 PM
Friday 11-Noon, Noon-1 PM
Saturday 2-3 PM

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus

Catholic Radio

Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of rejoicing in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can always count on Covenant Network to present the very best in Catholic programming to keep you focused. Tune in to KHOJ (**AM 1460**) on the radio. Listen on the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website: OurCatholicRadio.org.

Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Sacramental

Wedding Banns

Nick Legamaro & Joy Fowler II

Recent Baptism

Shay Alexis Alcorn, son of David and Catherine (Towner) Alcorn

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

PAUL HARMANN, son of Virginia Harmann, brother of Chris Harmann

May God welcome him home and comfort his family and friends in their time of sorrow. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Feed Your Soul Gospel Reflections

A good meal will get you out of a hangry (hungry + angry) mood, but it takes more than a basket of chicken tenders to get you back to truly being the-best-version-of-yourself.
The truth is — the next meal or purchase or thing isn't going to solve the problems that keep you up at night. So maybe it's time to switch your focus. Maybe it's time to start feeding your soul instead...
Introducing: *Feed Your Soul* Gospel Reflection Program from Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt.
When you sign up, you'll receive more than just a weekly email. You'll receive:

- † Relatable wisdom from Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt
- † Soul food that will finally satisfy your desire for something deeper
- † A fresh, new perspective on the Gospels
- † Preparation for Sunday Mass unlike any you've ever had
- † The chance to say goodbye to the spiritual hunger that's been plaguing you

Sign up at: www.dynamiccatholic.com/feed-your-soul.html

ONLINE GIVING

Our Online Giving has been upgraded to a newer, easier-to-use platform!

If you currently give online, you should have received an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Your user name is now the email address you used to set up your account. Check out the new site at www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl/funds

Vacation Bible School

June 14-18 or June 21-25

Registrations coming soon. ***Only 33 openings per week.*** *Spots to attend both weeks will only be* if there are openings after initial registration closes.

St. Ferdinand Vacation Bible School is back and we need your help! We are looking for Adult Leaders and Student Assistants.

STUDENTS entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade in 2021-22 school year are eligible to help. Contact Kathryn Messner for more information and to sign up to help at 314-724-6869 or by email at kasmezz@gmail.com

ADULTS should contact Mary Jane Ebersohl at 314-920-9608 or email ebersohlmj@gmail.
All adults must be in compliance with the new Archdiocesan Prevent and Protect Program.

April 18, 2021

Envelopes	$	5,824
Loose	$	428
On-line	$	3,541
Total	$	9,793

Catholic Home Missions	$	40
Catholic Relief	$	5
Chapel	$	45
Easter for Retired Priests	$	132
Easter Flower	$	25
Gathering for God	$	20
Holy Land/Good Friday	$	55
St. Vincent de Paul	$	211
Tuition Assistance	$	128
World Mission	$	30

THANK YOU *to the 154 parishioners who made their contributions.*

Place your envelopes in the collection box at the entrance to church by the baptismal font or through the door slot at the Rectory.

Our weekly collections remain essential to the continued operation of our parish. Please continue to make your contributions to the church by dropping your envelope off through the slot in the rectory door, by mailing your envelopes to us, using your bill-pay through your bank or signing up for Online Giving through our website.

ONLINE GIVING

It's Easy To Sign Up!

Go to www.steferdinandstl.org and sign up for **online giving.** Simply click on "create an account". Then, enter the needed information, and submit. You will get an email with a verification link to finish setting up your account. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, Smartphone or tablet.

Check out the updated site!

All Saints Academy—St. Ferdinand

April 26-30, 2021

Monday-Friday, April 26-30—Normal schedule

Monday, April 26—*Board of Directors*

***Tentative Start Date for 2021-2022 School Year:**
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
***Tentative End Date for 2021-2022 School Year:**
Friday, May 27, 2022

Do you have questions or want more information about our school? Please contact Mrs. Anna Davis at the school office at (314) 921-2201.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

While the deadline to return re-registration without a late fee has passed, we ARE still accepting both current family and NEW FAMILY registration! Please return re-registration ASAP, and continue to let friends, family and neighbors know that registration for new families is just one call away!

Spring has SPRUNG! While the weather is still trying to decide if we are in April or March, our teachers and students are ready for spring! Our 2nd and 8th grade students are anxiously awaiting receiving both Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of First Eucharist this weekend, and confirmation on May 13. The upper grade classes have begun Archery lessons in PE, and more classes are trying to enjoy afternoon lessons outside in the sunshine! I remember as a child, my parents "shooing" us outside after homework on these nice days, whether we wanted to or not. As a parent myself, I find that my children may grumble about my "shooing" them, too, but they end up coming home with many stories, some new friends (human and animal!) and at least two "untouchable" benefits: a little more confidence in themselves and their independence, and a good night's sleep! And while it may be a difficult task to pry a tablet or game controller out of their hands, eventually, this will pay off for both you and your child. Whether our children are 6 or 12, or they are an only child or have a sibling or two, allowing our kids time to explore our backyard or a limited section of the neighborhood for even a short period of time, allows them to grow and develop beyond measure!
Blessings, Mrs. Anna Davis

St. Ferdinand Summer Camp!

We are thrilled to be able to announce that we WILL be able to host our St. Ferdinand Summer Camp after our 2020 year off! Summer Camp is limited to children enrolled in a Catholic School, ages 4-10, and will be held for 9 weeks from June 1-July 30. If you are interested, please contact Angela Wolverton via FastDirect.

First Communion

Congratulations to all of the Second Graders who received Christ in the Eucharist for the first time on April 18, 2021. It was a beautiful day outside, and an even more beautiful day in the Mass! We wish all First Communicants Christ's many blessings!

Thank you to all who have been praying for and sending cards and gifts to those receiving Sacraments this year.

Eli Anthony Asadorian
Quincy Charles Berendzen
Hunter Michael Boyle
Logan Christopher Boyle
Logan James Donnelly
Cassandra Lynn Hardesty
Jayme Lynn Hitchcock
Lucas Allen Killian
Konner Michael Nord
George Anthony Reddy
Nicholas David Waller
Daniel Francis Willen III

Archery

We have begun an ARCHERY unit with the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The unit will be taught during the next several weeks.

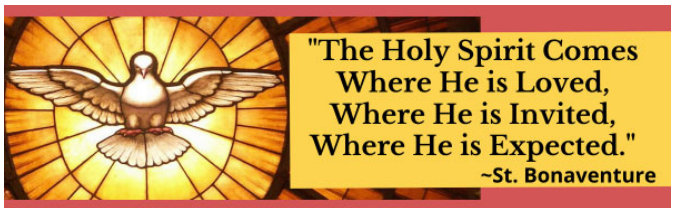
In order to ensure the SAFETY of ALL community members, there will be a section of the campus that will be completely blocked off during specific times and days, on top of the scheduled recess times. There will be cones and signs at the entrance to this section that indicate that Archery will be in progress.

The space that will be used is a portion of the parking lot behind the Duchesne Center and chapel buildings, and the soccer field and parking lot behind the main school building.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of the activity to engage students in learning to live a healthy, active lifestyle!

Thank You

Thank you very much to everyone who came and donated blood on Friday and to those who tried to donate. Once again our parish surpassed our goal by donating 33 units of blood! Your blood will help many patients live healthier lives. May God bless you all! Also, a special note of thanks to Kristina Palliser for her help in recruiting donors! Your help is much appreciated!!! Our next blood drive will probably be in the fall.



2021 ACA Appeal

When those in the world see us, see the Church, what do they see? How do they define us? Through our deeds and our actions, through the impact we make on others' lives. And so, when Jesus announces to the world that He is risen, he does not do it through pomp, through seeking attention. No, he does it through an act of charity. Through the healing of someone in need, giving of Himself and His gifts so that those who need it most may receive God's grace and mercy.

That leads Peter to proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:8-12) When we show God's love to others, the joy is contagious. The Good Shepherd knows to lead His flock to where they will prosper, and all He asks is that we follow His holy will. We give of ourselves because He provided the ultimate sacrifice, we love others because His boundless love fills our cups until they are overflowing.

Through our collective support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done. The past year has brought considerable challenge and hardship to so many, but your generous support of the Appeal helped provide hope and support for our parishes and our entire community. Please, help our Church continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. Please return your cards to the Rectory or drop in the collection box. If you did not receive your pledge card by mail, you may pick yours up in the rectory.

Visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve

Parish Goal	**$80,975**
Challenge Goal	**$87,989**
New Donor Goal	**68**

Homebound Ministers Needed

We are looking for some parishioners who would be willing to take Communion to a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass on the weekend. It only takes 10-15 minutes after Mass and you will have brought them the best gift you could ever give them - Jesus. If you interested, please call Debbie Henderson (314)258-4112 for more information. This is a very beautiful Ministry that you will enjoy!

Gardeners Needed

If you enjoy gardening and could donate a some of your time gardening at church we would love to hear from you. Please call Debbie Henderson (314)258-4112. This is something you can do whenever you have time. We appreciate any help that you may be able to give to the parish. Thank You.

Council of Catholic Men's Meeting on Cinco de Mayo

All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Club meeting on May 5 at 7:30. We will meet outside the Duchesne Center but if the weather prevents this, we will meet inside the Duchesne Center. After a short business meeting, we will have an excellent dinner prepared by our renowned North County chef, Donnie C. He will be serving his famous roasted German sausage garnished with fermented cabbage, and crispy potatoes. Appropriate beverages will be served as well. Please consider joining us and enjoying some fellowship with other men of the parish.

THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.
—St. Irenaeus

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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The Daily Mass Readings And Reflections

For those of you who would like to follow along with the daily readings, click on this link and then choose the specific day.
http://www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.
—English proverb

If you have not registered with Prevent and Protect, *and completed ALL THE STEPS*, you are NO LONGER IN COMPLIANCE with the Safe Environment Program.

There is a background check, videos to watch with questions to answer and signing the updated Code of Conduct.

Contact Mary Jane Ebersohl, our parish Child Safety Coordinator, at 314-921-1786 or 314-837-3165. with any questions or for further assistance.

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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.

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.
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Prevent and Protect STL

For EVERY employee, Clergy and volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called ***Prevent and Protect STL*** . Everyone in the Archdiocese (clergy, employees and volunteers) ministering to minors and vulnerable adults are required and asked to **register in the new system AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system, ***but you still need to register with the new program and complete the steps as soon as possible.*** In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register. Passcode: stlprotect

In 2020, the Roman Catholic Foundation hosted two separate series of live, educational webinars on important end-of-life topics to help you develop your end-of-life plans: Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Catholic Funeral Planning, and Legacy Planning.
The webinars were overwhelmingly received by the Catholic community with over 1,400 total individuals that registered, which indicates an eagerness to learn about end-of-life issues!
Due to the tremendous success and positive feedback, the Roman Catholic Foundation is hosting another **FREE webinar series with three new LIVE sessions** in April.
Register at: https://rcfstl.org/event-info/end-of-life-planning-education-series-april-2021/

Principles of Catholic Bioethics Webinar
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
7:00 PM
with
Fr. Peter Fonseca
Director of Continuing Formation for Priests, Pastor and Bioethicist
Learn about the Church's teaching on medical end-of-life decision making, ordinary & extraordinary means of preserving human life and quality of life & the dignity of the human person

Preparing Yourself and Your Family
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
7:00 PM
with
Msgr. Henry Breier
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Learn about the Church's teaching on cremation, Last Rites & Viaticum, Catholic funerals and other end-of-life preparations.

Legacy Planning Webinar
Thursday, April 29, 2021
7:00 PM
with
Mr. Ray Kreienkamp
Attorney, Partner – Husch Blackwell
Mr. Michael Weisbrod
Senior Gift Planning Officer – Roman Catholic Foundation
Learn about the basics of Estate Planning, Advanced Directives, and Charitable Gift Planning.

St. Norbert's RESPECT LIFE PLANT SALE IS BACK!!
APRIL 24 from 8 - 6
APRIL 25 from 8-12

And so are the great quality plants we have always provided.

We missed you last year and we hope you missed us, too!! It has been a tough year but we hope this is the beginning of LIFE in our Northeast Deanery again.

The gym will be filled with nursery quality annuals, perennials, and a good variety of vegetable plants along with outstanding hanging baskets, and the popular Wave Petunias.

Please share the good news with your neighbors and shop the sale.

The sale will be held in the gym with limitations set by St. Louis County. Not sure what limitations will be at that time, but as we know, we will let you know. **Check out our facebook page for updates: St. Norbert Respect Life Plant Sale.** Or email plantsale@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE!
Benefiting Birthright STL

Join us for the in-person, socially-distanced event at Creve Coeur Lake on June 5. Or participate on your own anywhere, any time from June 1 through June 6. To register or donate, visit runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning Please contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education.

Date		Mass Intentions	Readings	In Our Parish	
Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Susan Fleming For the People Mary Keeven	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18		
Monday, April 26	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Mary Hackmeister Patsy Naumann	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10	7:00 PM	Adult Faith, Duchesne Hall
Tuesday, April 27	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Bea Pezold Kathy Berry	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30	8:00 PM	AA, Duchesne # 10
Wednesday, April 28 Saint Peter Chanel Saint Louis Grignion de Monfort	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Deacon Phil Hutsler, Sp. Int. Tom & Mary Ann Schmidt	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50	6:00 PM	Baptism Prep, Duchesne Hall
Thursday, April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Florence Koester Janet Marxkors	Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20	6:30 PM	Light Weigh, Duchesne #10
Friday, April 30 Saint Pius V	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Rev. Donald Molitor Millie & Edwin Malawey	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6	3:00 PM	FISH FRY 314-839-5312
Saturday, May 1 Saint Joseph the Worker	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory Laura Pezold	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14		
Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the People George & Florence Koester Margaret Doyle	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8		

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Meals on Wheels—April 26-30, 2021

Team 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SP	Kathy Self	Lynn Segura	**Volunteer Needed**	Barb Meyer	Carol Baronowsky
SM	—	Stan Horton	—	Steve Seibel	—
#3	Bob Samuelson	**Volunteer Needed**	Osborne Shannon	Emma Strickland	Emma Strickland
#4	Nick Buchheit	Mary Koch	Rhonda Lakin	Debbie Henderson	Eileen Weitkemper
6/8	Robert Schutzius	Jim Stewart	Debbie Hessell	Deneen Garza	**Volunteer Needed**

VOUNTEERS NEEDED! *Call Jan at 837-3444* ***TO ORDER MEALS,*** *Call 953-6800 and leave a message*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for "Shepherds" in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize "Good Shepherd" as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd's walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God's Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God's call.

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Liturgical Ministers

May 1 & 2	Greeters	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
		Team E		Team 2
5:00 PM	A new schedule will be distributed once we are allowed to resume this ministry.	Jaime Garza	Leader 1	**Monday, April 26**
7:00 AM		Debbie Henderson	Leader 1	Eileen Weitkemper
9:00 AM		Dan Sovar	Leader 1	**Friday, April 30**
11:00 AM		Elaine Sweeney	Leader 1	Lori Geerling, Rich Stoving, Doug Kline

Nancy from TEAM asks that we ***suspend our food collection during April.*** Due to your generosity and a lack of people coming at present they have a large supply of food. She will let us know Thank you for all when we should resume our collections. you have donated to TEAM. Your generosity is appreciated very much!

ON WEALTH

Nothing is more fallacious than wealth. It is a hostile comrade, a domestic enemy.
—St. John Chrysostom

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2021 North District Golf Tournament

We appreciate the incredible support from golfers from across the area, many of whom have doubled down with sponsorships.

We are continuing to raise funds for our North District Emergency Fund and in need of additional Hole Sponsors, please consider contributing. We will proudly display your family name or business with signage that shows your support for SVDP. 100% of these funds are used by local conferences in assisting efforts to help our neighbors in need.

COST TO SPONSOR SINGLE HOLE: $100 (tax deductible)
CONTACT: Pat Bettis @ 314-372-1780 or email pjbettis@aol.com
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VITAL MINISTRY!! THANK YOU!!

DID YOU KNOW?

"To one what has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible."
St. Thomas Aquinas

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*
Abundance of Life

How comforting it is to know that Jesus came that we may have life more abundantly. The spring is a wonderful time to observe the beauty of life present in God's creation. Plants are blooming, birds are singing, and people are more visible outdoors because of the warm weather. What does it mean to live more abundantly though? It means living as a person whom God has destined for greatness. It means that Jesus has justified us by His precious blood and called to be people of great sanctity to deposit the scent of holiness everywhere we go. The grace of justification transforms us to live more fully with hope, joy, and zealous charity for God and neighbor. Because of the life Christ gives us, we are a new creation destined for eternal glory in heaven with the Triune God.

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BLOOD DRIVE

St. Norbert Catholic Church

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8 AM Mass followed by Coffee break and fellowship
Followed by speaker

Our speaker will be Peter Karutz from Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield, a seasoned radio host and Lenten Speaker for SJEN -St. Joseph Radio. Peter has also helped teens preparing for the March for Life and, for many years, helped prepare youngster for Confirmation. He is a Knight of Columbus and a past president of St. Louis Legatus. In recent years, Peter has been very involved with the Catholic Men for Christ Conference. Peter will provide insights on how May We All Be One.

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For more information call SJEN.TV-St. Joseph Radio
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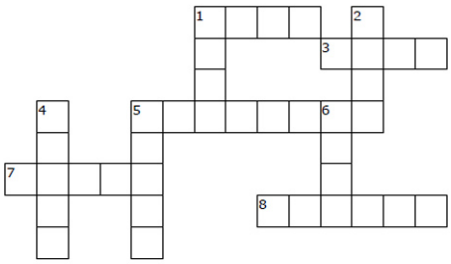
The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



ACROSS
1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

DOWN
1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Wooly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

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FEAST OF FAITH
The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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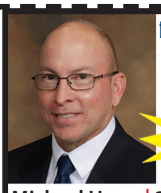

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Kenny Cleary
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...and those who have come home from service and still need our prayers!

Adoration Chapel is OPEN

The hours are 9 AM thru 6 PM, 7 days a week and until10 PM on ***Tuesdays*** and 9 PM on ***Thursdays***

Please contact one of the following coordinators:
Debbie Henderson 314-258-4112
Monday thru Friday Hours
Ann Linkul 314-838-4676
Monday thru Friday Hours
Stephanie Koenig 314-330-3239
Weekend Hours

Due to COVID-19, there are requirements that **must occur** to provide a safe environment for all Adorers

- Please do not come to the chapel if you are sick – arrange for a Sub to cover your hour.
- A **mask must always be worn**
- Hand sanitizer must be used upon entry.
- There is a limit of **3 individual Adorers at the same time.**
  - **EXCEPTION**: Members of the same family must stay together and must be able to social distance by 6 feet from other Adorers.
  - If you or your family make the 3rd person or group; lock the chapel door and put the sign out the chapel is at maximum capacity.
  - If it is your Adoration Hour and the door is locked – knock and the person due to leave should come and unlock the door.
  - **Areas allowed for adoration are designated and marked.**
- Bring your own books, rosary and/or pillow cushion.
- Use cleaning spray & cloth or disinfecting wipes to sanitize the area you occupied **before you leave the chapel.**

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Victor Barbero
Robert Bohn, Jr.
Sharon Branstetter
Fred Brown
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Leo Casper
Mike Findall
Mike Grieshaber
Jimmy Heller
Virginia Garrison Heller
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Marvis Spies
Rich Stoving
Bert Tamborski
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Mike Busken
Debbie Elfrink
Tommy Elfrink
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Mary Alice Griffith
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...and all those on the Prayer List

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Please call the rectory for an appointment at least six month prior to the wedding.

Baptism

Please call the rectory to schedule required parent baptism preparation meeting. Baptisms are on the second and fourth Sunday.

Anointing of the Sick

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If interested, please call the rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Contact the rectory for more information. The process runs from September through May.

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