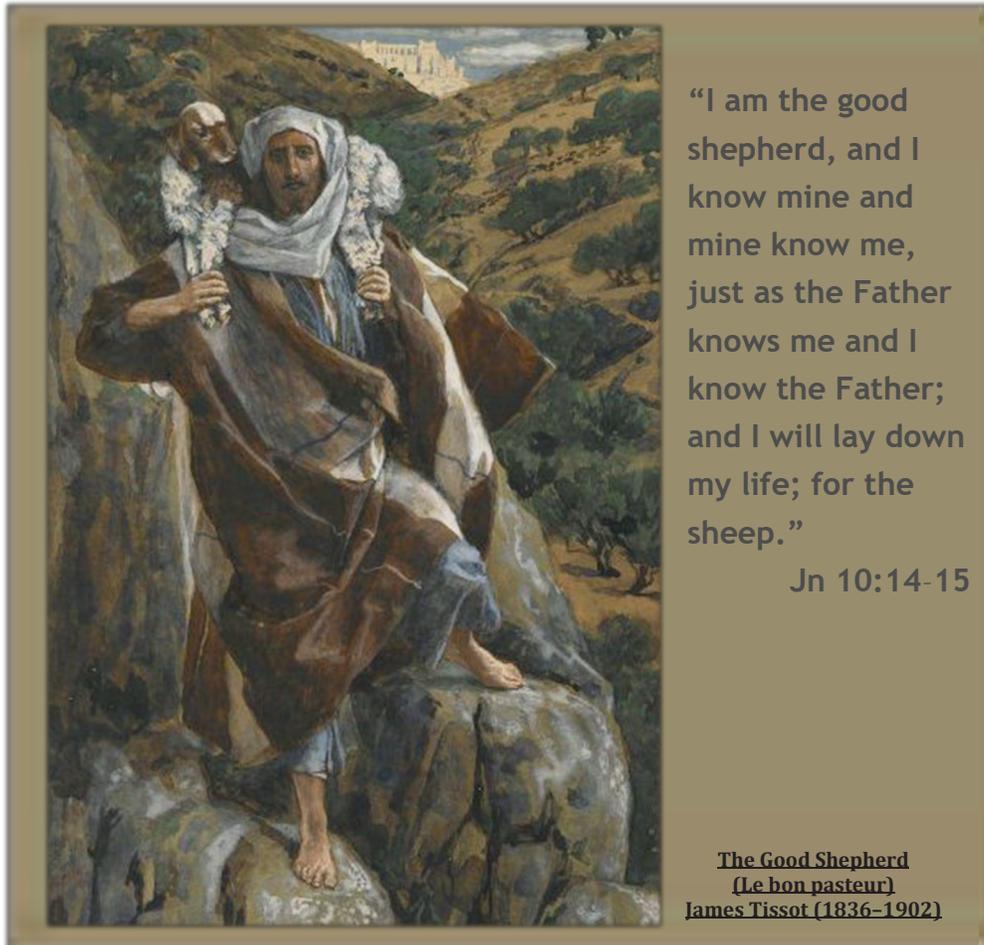


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“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life; for the sheep.”

Jn 10:14-15

**The Good Shepherd
(Le bon pasteur)
James Tissot (1836-1902)**

APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: LAYING A TRUE CORNERSTONE

Any builder worth their salt knows the importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that

they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone. Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following His teachings as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move to properly focused moral lives. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love are difficult with a true voice. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without

intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. People who follow Jesus have an incredible unconditional relationship as their source. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. It is only when we finally figure the true cornerstone of our lives and properly lay it that we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a life temple that endures.

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APRIL 24 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. **Thomas Sullivan†**
Kitty & Stan Pazyk

APRIL 25 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. **Jim Holliday†**
Veronis & Holliday families, Cindy Gunto, Stan & Kitty Pazyk

10:00 a.m. **Living & Deceased members of the Skrzypek Family**
Carolyn Gordon

APRIL 26 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. **Veronica DiCola†**
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Taskalines

APRIL 27 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. **Tom Sullivan†**
Joanne Ray

APRIL 28 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. **Gary Dobbs†**
Jan Dobbs

APRIL 29 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. **Living & Deceased members of the Kwiatkowski Family**
Carolyn Gordon

APRIL 30 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. **Frank & Jen Cicholski**
Gina & Dean Hoops

MAY 1 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. **For the deceased members and benefactors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society**

MAY 2 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. **Jerry & Lottie Durbin**
Trish, Bill & Grace Whitelatch

10:00 a.m. **Veronica DiCola†**
Gina Hoops

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena



Esteemed Student Evangelization Retreat Team Coming to St. Francis

St. Francis is pleased to be welcoming SENT Ministries to our parish Saturday, May 1, to offer a retreat for our confirmation candidates, and Father That Son is inviting all our high school and college-aged parishioners to take part.

SENT, or Student Evangelization Networking Teams, is an outreach ministry at Franciscan University of Steubenville in service to parishes, dioceses, and schools in planning and running retreats for middle school and high school youth.

A one-day retreat that brings together confirmation candidates from many parishes in West Virginia just prior to receiving the sacrament is a longstanding tradition of our diocese. This wider gathering could not be offered this year by the diocese because of pandemic restrictions, so parishes have been called upon to conduct

their own. Father took this opportunity to invite a SENT team because of the ministry's outstanding reputation for working with youths.

Please spread the word of Father's invitation to attend the gathering Saturday, May 1, here at SFX. We would like to know as soon as possible about additional attendees so the SENT Ministries team can prepare for them.

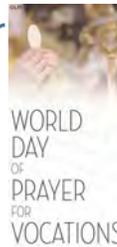
The retreat will run from noon until 5:30 p.m., which includes attending Mass at 4 p.m. The session will conclude with a brief wrap-up by the retreat team following Mass. Food cannot be served, but packaged snacks and refreshments will be provided.

We are excited to be offering a SENT retreat! Contact Father or the parish office to say you will attend. Learn more here:

outreach.franciscan.edu/sent-ministries/

April 25 World Prayer Day for Vocations

As Catholics, we believe vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. It is at our baptism



that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church. We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete. on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, please pray for all those discerning as well as those fulfilling vocations.

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Sara Walters, Ashton Gardill, Liza Coe, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Chris McDonald.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

CAMP CARLO EARLY REGISTRATION
By **MAY 15/SCHOLARSHIPS** by **JUNE 1**
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Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

Friday, April 30
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Friday, May 14
Deadline - Zimbabwe donations

Parish Council Meeting
Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall

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SCHEDULES MAY 1 & 2

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / J. Fecat**

8:00 a.m. **A. Laberdee / L. Remke**

10:00 a.m. **P. Whitwam / S. Vargo**

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. **Please Volunteer**

8:00 a.m. **E. King**

10:00 a.m. **C. Blatt**

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PLEASE PASS THE WORD THAT all the locks for the church have been changed. This will help us ensure that no one attempts to use an old key in the new locks, which could damage them. If you have an old key, please discard it. There is no need to return it now. Recently, our local police have warned us about an increase in vandalisms. Changing the locks became necessary after numerous instances of finding the church open after it had been locked by parish staff. As the pandemic eases, we will leave the side door open for those who wish to enter the church during the day. Thank you for your understanding.

WE NEED SACRISTY CLEANERS now that we are back in church. Please call the office if you are able to volunteer.

THIS WEEK WE ARE TAKING UP



a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you give to this collection, you also will be helping some of the small parishes and missions in the rural parts of our own diocese. More than 40 percent of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Find more information about the Home Missions Appeal at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.



JOINT FISH FRY A HUGE SUCCESS

Apparently people were eager to eat fish this Lenten

season. The Knights of Columbus recently sent the parish its half of Lenten fish fry earnings, and we are pleased to report the amount is \$8,349.34, with an additional amount of \$780 that came from customer tips. The fish fry ran from Feb. 17 until April 2 and offered a limited menu with only pickups and deliveries to accommodate the diocese's pandemic guidelines. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who planned, donated to and worked the event. Special thanks also to everyone who purchased fish.

SEATING RESERVATIONS MUST

be made for the 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Mass being celebrated at St. Francis Xavier by Bishop Mark Brennan to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The call for reservations complies with health and safety guidelines mandated by the diocese. Confirmation families will be letting us know this week how many seats they will need reserved. Once this number is firm, we will be able to determine how many additional seats are available.

If you already know that you would like to attend the Mass, send an email request to the parish this week so that we can start a list. A reminder also that a few more seats can be offered whenever individuals agree to sit as a family group.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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