



**May 3, 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Every year, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, due to the fact that the Gospel reading each year

always comes from John 10, where Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. For more than fifty years, the Church has used this as a time to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In his Message for the 2020 World Day of Vocations, Pope Francis chose to reflect on four key words: "pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise." While I could write an article on each of these, I would like to focus on just one – gratitude.

Our Holy Father writes the following about gratitude: "We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives." Those words resonate so well in my vocation, as it was a profound sense of gratitude for the Lord's love for me, especially in the sacraments, that resulted in my finally being open to the Lord's call to me to consider the priesthood. In my nearly 9 years as a priest, gratitude continues to fill my heart and is one of the reasons why I have been able to maintain a sense of peace and joy, often in the midst of stormy times in the Church.

Gratitude is also the first word that comes to mind when I think of the past four years here. My time of serving you as your local shepherd (pastor is Latin for shepherd) has opened my heart to gratitude in a way I had yet to experience in the priesthood. Having the privilege of being with all of you in the varied experiences of your lives has been a gift, and gratitude fills my heart, first for God who has made this vocation possible, and then for all of you for allowing me to enter in to those moments to serve you and love you.

Please know that on this Good Shepherd Sunday, I will be praying with gratitude for being a priest in general, and for being your Pastor in particular. Let us also join in a prayer of gratitude for all of the priests who have served you over the years and have touched your hearts, and may that gratitude result your loving, and welcoming embrace of your new Pastor, Father Chuck Edwards. May he, and all of the priests of our diocese, be good shepherds in imitation of *the* Good Shepherd, our High Priest Jesus Christ!

- Fr. Alford

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.  
*St. Francis*

**St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times**  
**Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.**  
**Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.**  
**Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving**  
**Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year-To-Date</b>
Collections (31)	\$ 2,489.00	\$ 218,919.07
Electronic Funds (20)	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 44,946.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 40.00	\$ 11,747.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 125.00	\$ 6,495.00
Poor Fund	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,548.80
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.60
Cath. Home Mis (8)	\$ 246.00	\$ 326.00
EFT-Cath Home (2)	\$ 32.00	\$ 122.00
Easter (3)	\$ 85.00	\$ 5,475.00
Holy Land (4)	\$ 52.00	\$ 519.00
Seminarians (7)	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,010.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS 2:14A, 36-41</b>	<b>1PT 2:20B-25</b>
		<b>JN 10:1-10</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>ACTS 11:1-18</b>	<b>JN 10:11-18</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>ACTS 11:19-26</b>	<b>JN 10:22-30</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>ACTS 12:24-13:5A</b>	<b>JN 12:44-50</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>ACTS 13:13-25</b>	<b>JN 13:16-20</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>ACTS 13:26-33</b>	<b>JN 14:1-6</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>ACTS 13:44-52</b>	<b>JN 14:7-14</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS 6:1-7</b>	<b>1PT 2:4-9</b>
		<b>JN 14:1-12</b>

**THE DIOCESE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU**  
A TEXT MESSAGE THAT IS



TEXT: DIOSPRINGFIELD TO 84576 TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES, UPDATES FROM BISHOP PAPROCKI, AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Do you want to stay up-to-date on news surrounding our diocese, Bishop Paprocki, diocesan events, and spiritual opportunities? Sign up to receive text messages or email messages

by going to **dio.org** or text **diospringfield** to 84576.

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!**

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- 7:30 a **No Mass**
- 3:30-4:15 p **Confessions**
- Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- 7:30-7:50 a **Confessions**
- 8:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. For the Parish)
- 9:45-10:15 a **Confessions**
  
- Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Allan Dahlkamp†)
- 5:00 p **Confessions**
- Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Limper/Engeling Families)
- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Lorraine Blasko†)
- Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. George Ginter†)
- Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Isaac Weitekamp†)
  
- Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. All Souls†)
- 3:30-4:15 p **Confessions**
- Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30-7:50 a **Confessions**
- 8:30 a **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. For the Parish)
- 9:45-10:15 a **Confessions**

**Anointing of the Sick**

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.



**Prayer List:**

**Parishioners**

**Sue Bozarth, Megan Lee, Steven Long, Gary Dumonceaux, Jillian Kohlrus, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Barb Kiel, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy**

**Kelsie Riedle**, niece of David & Tess Riedle  
**Robert Goin**, father of Vicki Walker  
**Harry Buck**, brother of Teri Dambacher  
**Troy Sweeney**, nephew of Maggie Patterson  
**Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**Glen Limper**, son of Al & Betty Limper  
**Hope Power**, daughter of Yvonne Brandis  
**Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer  
**Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker  
**Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare  
**Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock  
**Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs  
**John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White  
**Frank Stroble**, friend of Mary Bruno  
**Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell  
**Carolyn Carmichael**, mother of Leanne Collings  
**Stephanie Zimmerman**, friend of Sarah Clare  
**Button Pemberton**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Teresa Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Aliana Marecki**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Rick Perez**, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski  
**Brigham Lanweir**, friend of the Zucco family  
**Megan Mahoney**, friend of the Zucco family

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