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# Good News!

April 26, 2015  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)  
Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

My mother lived for a time on a ranch in Texas. The ranch had cattle and sheep. My mother told me that sheep are pretty dumb and need a lot of care. She had great respect for the ranch hands who patiently got them out to pasture and then rounded them up when it was time to come in. Left to their own devices, she said, sheep would be easy prey for coyotes, foxes, and bobcats that roam the hill country. Sheep were important for many families living in first-century Palestine as well. They provided food, clothing, milk, and a source of income.

A good shepherd was worth his weight in gold, because he spent his days with the sheep, leading them to pasture, protecting them from harm, and finding them when they got lost.

Shepherds may not have had a high social status, but it would have been hard to live without them.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all these things for his flock, and then goes even further: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The ranch hands my mother talked about would have grieved over a dead sheep but wouldn't have died trying to save it. They made sure the sheep were watered and fed, but they didn't make the sheep's lives more abundant. But we have abundant life because Jesus laid down his life for us. He is our Good Shepherd.

Can we ask anything more?

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# dear Padre

April 26, 2015  
**Is it OK to sit in the presence of the Eucharist?**

I was taught that we should never sit when the consecrated host is present, so I kneel until I go to Communion. But other people sit until it's time to get up. What's the rule?

At this point in the Mass, according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*, paragraph 43, the congregation should be kneeling. The faithful should kneel after the *Agnus Dei* unless the diocesan bishop has determined otherwise. During the period of sacred silence after Communion, the congregation may sit or kneel.

Someone might sit because she can't kneel or stand. To allow for this possibility is an act of charity.

Uniformity in gestures and postures express and foster the proper intention and spiritual attitude of the congregation. However, exceptions do exist. Reasonable causes for not kneeling include ill health, lack of space, and a large number of people present.

But, outside of the reasonable exceptions, it's important that everyone use the same gestures and postures during Mass. Ask your pastor to clarify the instructions for the parish so you and your fellow parishioners can maintain uniformity in accordance with *GIRM* guidelines.

FR. DON KIRCHNER, CSsR  
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**Raffle Update**

"We are blessed beyond words to announce that, because of the incredible generosity of our parish family, the raffle ticket is COMPLETE! Wow! In one short week, we have gathered commitments for the remainder of the donations to cover the cost of 30 awesome raffle items! We are excited to announce that Ronnie & Gina Walker have donated the ticket printing again (Many Thanks!) and we plan to have the tickets ready to sell next month! Then, we have all summer to sell them to friends and family! We CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH for your generosity! It's amazing!" With much gratitude, Russell & Heather Kallus, Picnic Raffle Chairpersons P.S. Please turn in your pledged amount by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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17 Church St.  
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**Office Hours:**  
**M-Thur. 9am – 4 pm, Fri. 8:30 – 11:00 am**  
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**Mass Schedule for May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat: Cheyann & Dylan Parks  
Sun. 7:30 Ashley Koehl, Sarah Kolodziejczyk  
Sun: 9:00 Alexia & Brooke Warzecha

**CANTOR:** Mark Hirschhauser

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat: Ken Richter  
Sun. 7:30: Donna Jones  
Sun. 9:00: Mark Kolb, Mike Pope, Danny Witte

**LECTORS**

Sat: Ruth Miori  
Sun. 7:30: Kolodziejczyk  
Sun: Robert Kovar

**USHERS**

Sat: Fred Warzecha, Volunteers  
Sun. 7:30: J. Koch, C. Horelka, D. Zacek  
Sun. 9:00: Duane Martin, BJ Ellison,  
Rolando Cedillo

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue – Ellie Schroller (†) By: Danny & Lori Witte  
Wed – Mary Hartman (†) By: Ken & Doe Richter  
Thurs – James Zak (†) By: Bea Dieringer  
Fri – Otto Richter (†) By: Ken & Doe Richter  
Sat. Missy Gabrysch (†) By: Genny Wolter  
Sun, 7:30 a.m. – Effie Scherer (†) By: Rosie Carroll  
Sun, 9:00 a.m. – Anastasia Deckert (†) – Freddie & Lena Henning

**April 26, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**REGULAR MASS TIMES**

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.  
or by Appointment

**Daily Masses**  
Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**7:30 am & 6:00 pm**

**CHURCH REPORT**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1,735.00
Loose	\$1,629.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,364.27</b>

**Vacation Bible School**

Our VBS students this year will be conquering challenges with God's mighty power as if they were hiking Mt. Everest. VBS will be **June 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> in the evenings from 6:00-8:30 p.m.** We will be **pre-registering** before CCD on **this weekend. Pre-registration will end April 30th.** Only students that are pre-registered are guaranteed a VBS shirt. Registration forms are available on our website. Registration cost is \$10. Call 361-550-7529 Brandy or Lindsey Bowers 361-212-3388

**Mass Intention Symbols**

† - In honor of deceased  
♥ - Anniversary/Marriage  
♪ - Birthday/Thanksgiving  
SI - Special Intentions

**Monday**  
April 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday**  
April 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday**  
April 29  
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday**  
April 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday**  
May 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
May 2  
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday**  
May 3  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8

**From Father Bentil's Desk**

Special thanks to all the CCD teachers & aides for taking care of our children's religious education. God Bless you and your families.

**1<sup>st</sup> communion picture CDs are in the Narthex** – please look for your name

**Note from the Building Board; when weather permits:** the West entrance to the parking lot will be closed due to the finishing of the entrance. Please use the East entrance, thanks.

**Congratulations to our 2015 St. Joseph Seniors!** Clinton Andel, Kasi Bethke, Allan Buckert, Tyler Conard, Elizabeth Kolodziejczyk, Oscar Garcia, Levi Perry, Cale Schulz, Mackensie Irwin, Jefferey Koch, Garrett Sparkmann, Jake Trowbridge (Any graduating Senior not listed, please contact Melinda Massey @ 652-6554 or [mminga52@gmail.com](mailto:mminga52@gmail.com) to be added to the Senior Breakfast invitation list)

**Important CCD Information**

4/26/15 Confirmation at 9am mass Congratulations to all our students receiving this sacrament.  
4/26/15 last day to register for 2015-2016 CCD. NO Registration will be accepted the first day of class.  
A special thanks to our 2nd grade CCD teachers, Lindsey Bowers, Brandy Bowers and Kathy Kuchler, for a great job on the 1st Communion mass.

**Upcoming Events Calendar**

(Banquet in CCD Hall)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet & Pinewood Derby Races – Races 4:30 pm, Banquet 5:00 pm**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council Meeting** – 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> – KC's Meeting** – After 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Deadline** for St. Joseph & CDA scholarship applications (St. Joseph's application is available on our website)  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> - Safe Environment training-** 6 p.m. for all new volunteers for CCD, VBS & any other youth activities for the church  
**May 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Mass for St. Joseph Graduating Seniors** – Scholarships announced  
**May 31<sup>st</sup> – Senior Breakfast** for graduating high school seniors

**St. Joseph Picnic is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and 140 days away!** –Also, if you would like to donate an item for the Auction please let the office know. Thanks to everyone that have made it possible for us to have all the Raffle items sponsored! Deadline to turn your pledged amount in is by the end of April. Thanks Again!

**34th Annual Holy Family Festival** Sunday, May 3rd at the Victoria Community Center, BBQ served 11-2pm - \$9.00 Adults/\$5.00 children under 12(curbside service for plates to go) Live auction, games, and entertainment for the whole family.

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Wayne Wagner	Lance Kouches	Diane Boldt
		Betty Yendrey

♪ Happy Birthday ♪ & ♥ Happy Anniversary ♥