

Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 25, 2021



Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12

Displayed is St. Peter's first speech before the Insane, Israel's chief religious governing body. The head of the Apostles bravely ascribes the healing of a man to the power of Jesus' name - He whom they had crucified, but was raised from the dead by God.

Reading II: I John 3: 1-2

As God's adopted children, we shall one day have the joy of witnessing the full glory of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

The well-known biblical image of Jesus proclaiming Himself as the Good Shepherd persists as one of our favorites. This is not to omit our awareness of the opposite kind of shepherd rampant in the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Mary & George Olsen, Michael Wood, Patricia Feely and Concetta Pecoraro

10 a.m.: Dolores Hayes, Janet Stinson, Peter Capria and Betty Cieslewitz Sutton

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday, April 17: **56** in the church/choir;
5 in the hall. Total **61**.

10 a.m. Sunday, April 18: **56** in the church/choir;
29 in the hall. Total: **85**

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 11-18: Totaled \$ 5,585.76

Envelopes: \$ 2,074.00 – Online: \$ 3,511.76

Holy Week & Easter to date: \$5,774.69

THANK YOU!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd always walks in front
Gently leading the way,
Never behind driving or pushing,
But lovingly guiding each day;
And when a sheep wanders away
From the security of this place,
The Shepherd corrects the wayward one
In love, mercy and grace.
He protects from harm and fear
All that follow His lead,
His rod and staff guard and comfort,
And His hand meets every need;
He provides beautiful green pastures -
Rest for the weary and weak,
Revival, strength and vigor...
Peace and joy to reap.
He sets a table in the wilderness
With manna from on high,
And leads beside the still waters
That refresh and satisfy.
Oh, what love and tender care,
Such blessings God bestows
Upon the sheep that closely follow
The way The Shepherd goes.

- Connie Campbell Bratcher

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*God has, in fact, thought of us
from eternity and has loved
us as unique individuals.*

*He has called every one of us by name,
as the Good Shepherd 'calls
His sheep by name.'*

- St. Pope John Paul II

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Connie Capria and her family upon the recent death of her son, Peter Capria. Please keep them in your prayers.



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A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

"The death of George Floyd highlighted and amplified the deep need to see the sacredness in all people."

-excerpt from USCCB statement

We are continuing to share resources for insight into the current issues of social justice from a Biblical/Church perspective. This week's timely reflection is "A 'small start': Catholic leaders react to the Derek Chauvin conviction." To read the article, visit: www.ncronline.org/news/justice/small-start-catholic-leaders-react-derek-chauvin-conviction

Or for one-click access to this and all the other reflections, go to www.stpaulsbullville.org; then click "Read More" under the Social Justice heading on the home page.



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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

"Bumper Sticker Theology" yielded the following faith-driven pearls of wisdom suitable for display on a car. The fun at last week's meeting was fueled by creativity and accelerated throughout the evening.

- When life gets too hard to stand, kneel
- Child of God
- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- You are loved
- Be yourself
- You are not alone
- Trust in the Lord - He has a bigger plan
- I love you - God
- Spoiler alert - Christ Wins!

Then they shifted into Scripture sharing:

1 Samuel 17:45-46 - David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel."

Matthew 6:6 - But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Mark 10:27 - Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Philippians 1:3 - I thank my God every time I remember you.

Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Psalms 51:11-12 - Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalms 144:15 - Blessed is the people of whom this is true; blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalms 118:24 - The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Psalms 40:1 - I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.

