

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Apr. 24	\$1,085
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>		
Sat. Apr. 30	5:00 PM	For Wayne and Barb Bach (L)
Sun. May 1	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock
Mon. May 2	8:00 AM	For †Erman Long
Tue. May 3		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. May 4	8:00 AM	For †All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thur. May 5		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. May 6		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)</i>		
Sat. May 7	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach
Sun. May 8	9:00 AM	For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Judy Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Lena Bach, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Jeff Elbert, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Billie Jean Huffman, Bobby Jo Glenn, and Andy Sper.

**BIRTHDAYS**– May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggy Cooper, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18-Rosanne Rawe, May 18-Nathan Thorwarth, May 23– Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper

**ANNIVERSARY**-May 3– Kathy and Joe Bach

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST. VINCENT COLLECTION**—This month we will collect items for personal care such as body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bar soap, etc.

**DPAA**—The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We are getting a very slow start in meeting our goal. Please consider giving. If we do not meet our goal, it comes out of the parish funds.

**MAY CROWNING**—May Crowning will be on Mother’s Day, May 8. Please stay long enough after Mass to witness this age old tradition. What better day for it to fall on but Mother’s Day.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**—The purpose of this day is to fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest”( Mark 9:38; Lk 10:2) Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes.

**LECTOR**— May 1 —Bernie Rawe May 8— Rita Funke May 15-Julie Feinauer

**CLEANING TEAM**— APR. 24— Chris and Linda May 8-Kathy and Wanda Bach

*Feed my lambs;*

*Tend my sheep*



### FROM THE PASTOR – GOSPEL OF JOHN

In perusing the lectionary (the collection of readings from the Scriptures assigned to each Sunday and feast day), we should notice that the Gospel reading for the majority of Easter season Sundays come from the Gospel of John. For example, today’s Gospel account of Jesus calling Peter to feed His sheep, or that famous passage where Jesus declares Himself to be the Good Shepherd. What is the purpose behind this use of this Gospel versus the other three?

We need to understand first that John is unique compared to the other three gospel accounts. We call the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke the Synoptic Gospels because, in spite of their differences, they show us the same Gospel for the most part (synoptic comes from the Greek for “same eye”). John’s account is rather different and can be seen as a supplement to these other Gospels. He does not contradict the other Gospels but neither does he repeat what the others

say. Much of what John relates to us is unique to his text, which affirms its later composition date (the Synoptics are said to written late 60s to early 80s, whereas John is dated to late 80s or early 90s).

While the Synoptic Gospels seem more concerned with facts and events, John relates more of what Jesus preached, especially concerning who He is. It is in the very beginning of the Gospel of John that we hear John reveal Jesus is the Word made flesh who is God and comes forth from God, the Light coming into the world to shine in the darkness. This is another feature of John’s Gospel rather unique (or more noticeable) in his account: the use of symbolic language. Jesus declares Himself to be many different symbols in John’s recounting: the Word, the Light, the true Vine, the Good Shepherd.

These symbols may be why John’s Gospel is one of the most beloved books of the Bible. Not only do we see these various ways to understand who Jesus is and what He does, but we also understand them in the light of His triumph shown in the Resurrection. Let us come to read and understand better the words John wrote after encountering the Word Himself. Let us follow the Good Shepherd who desires to guide us to life in His name for all eternity.



*Fr. Jacob Straub*