



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

**Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021**

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021. . . . \$3,462.00  
 Regular Offertory 04/05/21 thru 04/12/21 . . . \$2,998.00  
**CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00**  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . . . \$21,030.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received. . . . . \$12,950.00

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church**

**Please remember your prayers for the unborn!**



“Pray the Rosary every-day to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm.



Thank you for your continual support for the Food Bank.



**The Celebration of the First Eucharist** of our Third Grade students will be this Sunday, April 25 at the 9:15 Mass. Our First Communicants: Arionna Assalone, Brionna Assalone, Samantha Hoch and Kalsey Mertz will be receiving the Body of Christ for the first time. Let us keep them in our prayers.

A big ‘thank you’ to all who helped make the environment, the singing and the music beautiful experiences during the Celebration of our Easter Liturgies here at St. Joseph Church. It was a tremendous joy to see you and your families in attendance.



Final Confirmation Class will be Sunday, April 25. Practice for the Confirmation ceremony will begin at 11:45 in the Church with Confirmation candidates and their sponsors. Interviews of the Confirmation candidates with Father Mark will be on Monday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center.



Information on preschool and kindergarten prep for DuBois Central Catholic Open Enrollment can be obtained by calling: 814-371-2570 or [www.duboisatholic.com](http://www.duboisatholic.com).

An Alumni Mass has been scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 1:40 p.m. at DuBois Central Catholic. You may celebrate the Mass with your DCC school family by going to the NFHS Network ([www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com))

**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

May 20	7:00 p.m.	St. Marys	St. Marys	814-781-1019
June 8	7:00 p.m.	St. Leo	Ridgway	814-772-3135
July 6	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	Force	814-787-4151

**St. Joseph Website** Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.  
 Website: [stjosephforce.org](http://stjosephforce.org)



**The Voice of the Good Shepherd**

Our voice and the words we use as we speak are extremely important. How we use our voice can bring a wide range of emotions. If we speak softly using tender words of encouragement and affirmation to others, they will feel uplifted, welcomed and confident. Anyone who hears words of guidance, direction or even commands most likely will draw their full attention to the one speaking to them.

At a very young age we learn to recognize the voice of our parents as well as other members of the family. However, it is the one taking care of our needs, making commands and taking their precious time teaching us about ourselves and the little world around us who has the most effect in our lives.

In our Gospel Reading this weekend as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus says, “I am the Good Shepherd and I know mine and mine know me.” (John 10:14) In addition, Jesus says, “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear My Voice...” (John 10:16)

The Voice of the Good Shepherd inspires us to trust in and follow Him. May each of us hear Jesus our Good Shepherd speaking to our hearts words of guidance, acceptance and truth and be willing to be that voice for others. **Pray for all who shepherd us.**

**Easter Meditation**

***The Lord’s Resurrection should bring to every day of life an Easter Spirit.***

***“At this time of the year the Gospels always lead us to think of the resurrection of Christ and also of our own. God invites us to consider what will happen in the future: our resurrection, paradise! Every day is Easter! May we renew ourselves every morning! The secret of the day lies in our morning exercises of piety. If we begin our day well, we can hope to continue and end it well.***

***“In the morning we should turn to God at once. When the morning practices are carelessly done, the day’s duties will be still more carelessly carried out. In addition, we have Mass and Communion to enable us to live a new life in Christ: Christ lives in me. The object is to live a ‘risen’ life. Yesterday I was one kind of person, now I am another. This is what the resurrection of Christ means.”***

(By Rev. James Alberione, SSP, STD, Today’s Missal “Pauline Calendar,: 1974, 4:20, 21)

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 26, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph and Florence Fenice	Chiappelli Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 11:1-185 Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Anna and Walter Cheslock	Larry and Jean Brown	Easter Weekday	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 No Mass			St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest	Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 1:44-50
Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	George Chiodo	Terri and Children	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
Friday, April 30, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Lawrence Chiodo (month's mind)	Rita Fenice	Saint Pius V, Pope	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:00 a.m. Mass First Saturday	Louise Rhoades	Bob and Linda Marshall	Saint Joseph the Worker	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Mary Stagi	Marleen and Roger Meraglia	Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter	(See below)
Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday .....9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**  
 Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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