

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

5:30PM Abby, Erica, Joshua, Kelly, Stephen, Oliver & Nicholas

*by Mary Anne Korzekwa*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30AM For Our Parish Family

*by Father Andrzej*

9:00AM For Blessings Upon Our Confirmation Students

*by Father Andrzej*

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**

6:30PM Thanksgiving & Further Blessings for Josh & Nichole Stroup Family

*happy 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

*by Mary & Greg Wiatrek*

*DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

6:30PM † Louis & Martina Pruski

*by Clarence & Ellen Pruski*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

7:30AM † Anna Dell Kowalik

*by Richard & Annette Gorzell*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25 – Saint Mark, Evangelist**

NO MASS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

7:00AM † Wilma Dziuk

*by Rosary Circle*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

5:30PM † Alice A. Jendrusch - *birthday*

*by Richard & Cami Swierc*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30AM For Our Parish Family

*by Father Andrzej*

9:00AM Senior Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Mass

*by Father Andrzej*

**SERVING THE LORD – April 27 and 28**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION:**

Saturday 5:30PM - Dianne Dziuk

Sunday 7:30AM - Pat Jarzombek

9:00AM - Lanelle Pollok



**LECTORS:**

Saturday 5:30PM – Dianne Dziuk

Sunday 7:30AM – Kathy Zunker

9:00AM - Senior Class



**ALTAR SERVERS: April 27 and 28**

Saturday 5:30pm – volunteers

Sunday 7:30am - Seth L. Kenna L. Alberto G. Gabriel L.

9:00am – Claire L. Cameron L. Audrey P. Kaylee P. Haleigh H. Keller H.



**Money Counters for April**

April 21 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk

April 28 – James and Sophie Dziuk

Weekly Collection \$2735.00

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - DAILY MEDITATION: JOHN 10:11-18**

**A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)**

This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children’s books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn’t sit passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn’t flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even “lays down his life for the sheep” (10:11).

We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the “shepherds” of Israel. In the previous chapter of John’s Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus’ miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God’s people, yet these shepherds both rejected him themselves and prevented their “sheep” from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does.

Jesus is not just “the” good shepherd; he is your good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For you.

Today, rejoice that your good shepherd is guarding and protecting you. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to “steal and slaughter and destroy” you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

**“Thank you, Jesus, for being my strong good shepherd!”**

**SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST (FEAST) - DAILY MEDITATION: 1 PETER 5:5-14 (April 25)**

*... Mark, my son. (1 Peter 5:13)*

A disciple named “Mark” or “John Mark” is mentioned various times in the New Testament, both by Peter and Paul. Since the name was quite common, scholars aren’t quite sure whether all the passages refer to the same person or whether this is the same Mark who wrote the Gospel bearing his name. But whether or not this man was also a coworker of Peter and Paul, we celebrate him today as the evangelist who gave the world the first inspired account of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

Mark wrote his Gospel around AD 70. Before then, both oral and written stories about Jesus had been passed down by those eyewitnesses who were Jesus’ first followers. But at some point, Mark decided to collect those stories and put them in chronological order. The stories he conveyed are filled with memorable details and an immediacy that can make us feel as if we are witnessing the events ourselves. There’s no doubt that Mark was a gifted writer and disciple.

But Mark was not a solo act. He had a writing partner: the Holy Spirit! According to the Catechism, “God inspired the human authors of the sacred books” (106). He chose people like Mark to write the Scriptures, and “made use of their own faculties and powers,” but “he acted in them and by them” (Vatican II, On Divine Revelation, 11).

God didn’t just “dictate” the Gospel to Mark. Nor did he drop down a book from the sky. Instead, he worked with him and through him. That’s how he works with us, too. He inspires us, guides us, and uses our gifts for his greater purpose: to build his kingdom. We might feel unworthy to partner with the Spirit of God, but our Lord doesn’t see it that way. How awesome that he puts such trust in us!

Did Mark know that his Gospel would be handed down over two millennia and read, studied, and treasured by countless people? Probably not. He simply cooperated with the Holy Spirit. In honor of this great saint, may we do the same today—and every day—in whatever way God wants to use us!

**“St. Mark, thank you for writing your Gospel. Help me to trust in the Spirit as you did.”**

*Congratulations to the 2024 Confirmation class: Katelyn Bordovsky, Chloe Cavalier, Luis C. Hernandez, Kashiya Johnson, Mary Lyssy, Ryan Lyssy, Christian Moy, Marilena Niedenberger, Camber Pipes, Lane Purcell, Braden Rich, Jacob Ryan, Allie Sanchez, Madelyn Sekula, Ashlan Thompson, Jacob Swierc, Lukas Wiatrek, and Randall Zunker*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS** – There will be a 2nd collection this weekend, April 20 and 21 for Assumption Seminary. Thank you for your support. On April 27 and 28 there will be a 2nd collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

**The 2024 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries** is an annual campaign that supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation so that Walking United in Christ, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit [archsa.org/archbishops-appeal](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910. **Parish Goal is \$9,432.00**

There will be CCD classes this Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00pm.  
Confirmation, this Sunday, April 21st at 9:00am.  
Senior Baccalaureate Mass, next Sunday, April 28th at 9:00am.  
First Holy Communion, Sunday, May 5th at 9:00am.

**Falls City Community Hall Events**

April 20 – Dance, The Tailgaters  
May 4 – Dance, Cactus Country  
April 27 – Market Days

**Church Picnic, Nativity of the BVM Church, Cestohowa**, Sunday, May 5, BBQ beef & sausage with trimmings, \$12.00 plate, serving from 11am to 2pm, bingo, auction, raffle, country store, toy shop, cake stand, children’s games, water games,

**Bingo** - Sunday – April 28th  
1-5 p.m. at Kosciusko Hall (doors open at 1 bingo at 2)  
Contact: Becky at 210-394-3009 or Penne at 830-391-0817  
Concessions & Baked Goods available

**What is the meaning of Good Shepherd Sunday?**

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because, in each year of the liturgical cycle (on this 4th Sunday), the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the “good shepherd”.

Jesus talks about what it means to be the shepherd of the sheep. He also compares himself to the gate that sheep go through to get into the sheepfold, the yard where they stay at night for safety.

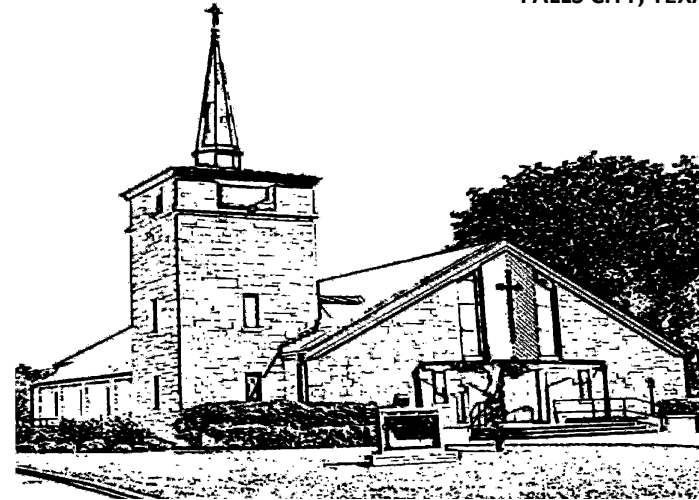
The Pharisees who deny Jesus as the way are no better than thieves trying to climb over the wall of a sheepfold, instead of entering through the gate. The message of this parable is that Jesus is the true shepherd. He is the Good Shepherd who was willing to die for those who put their faith in Him.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
8AM-2PM  
CLOSED THURSDAY

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:30PM  
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

**DAILY MASSES**

As scheduled.

**DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Monday after Mass

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wednesday 6:00PM.

**SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS**

First Friday: Mass, Exposition, Benediction,  
Mass 6:30PM.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Call Rectory to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.**

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING**

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

30 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

**VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY**

First Fridays & upon request.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

25 minutes before every Mass