

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Apr.17 & 18, 2021: Regular Collection: \$2,359.00, Building Fund: \$585.00, Nativity Set: \$1000.00, Initial envelope: \$5.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families, namely:

Patsy Barrett, Miranda Bohack, Pat Derkowski, Frank Gurka, Joe Gutkowski, Johnnie Jezierski, V.J. Jozwiak, Kathy Kitowski, Jerry Kmiec, Johnny/ Carolyn Kopycinski, Christine Kuciembra, Willie Lewandowski, Jerry Novak, David J. Stegent, Steve Valdez..

May Little Therese of the Child Jesus be your example of faith and confidence that God's loving touch will heal you and give you new life.

Please let the Parish Office know if you have a new address, phone number, etc. Keeping our parish roster up to date is an ongoing daily process. Please send us a note, email, or call the Parish Office at 979-836-3030. *Thank you!*

The Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be pleased to provide Marriage Certificates, signed by Bishop Joe Vasquez, to any of our parishioners who, in the year 2021, are celebrating a milestone anniversary of 25 years, 50 years, or 60-plus years (60 plus any year greater than 60). If you wish to have one of these certificates, please call our Parish Office during normal office hours (8:30 am to 3 pm on Thursdays or Fridays).

The last day of CCE classes will be held on Sunday April 25.

CASINO NIGHT

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday May 15 in the parish hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are still available: Contact Eddie Kmiec 979-277-8815

BAZAAR INFORMATION

We are now accepting donations for items on the Raffle Ticket (Virginia-979/836-0080) and Live Auction (Crystal-979/251-4048). We are thankful for donations already received, and donor names will be published at a later date. We are in need of 'gift cards' (\$5-\$25) for the Target the Card Booth, and hunting/fishing/outdoor items for the Outdoor Booth, as well as sponsorships. September will be here before we know it, so think about an item for the Bazaar when you are out shopping! You may place your gift cards in an envelope with your name on it and mark it "Target the Card" and drop it in the collection basket. All donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated! All monies raised on Bazaar Day benefit everyone in our Parish so let's all work together to make it successful!

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Apr.26: Barbara Malinowski, Joanie Correll, Doug Elder, Jenny Tobin.

Monday, May 3: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES *Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*

Emily/Mike Kopycinski, Apr.17— 28th
Liz/Melvin Wisnieske, Apr.20— 36th
Judy/Ron Willitzer, Apr.21— 48th
Tammy/Melvin Krolczyk, Apr.22— 26th
Rita/Fabian Jezierski, Apr.30— 55th

Thoughts for Your Meditation

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday. The image, of the shepherd is seen all over the scripture. In the Old Testament, God is seen as the shepherd who takes care of his flock. For Isaiah, "He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest." (Is. 40:11). In Psalm 23, David paints a perfect picture of God as a good shepherd who cares, nurtures and protects his sheep. In psalm 80:1 he is called the shepherd of Israel who leads Joseph's flock. Psalm 100:3 reiterates that we are his people and the flock of his pasture. In the Old Testament, the leaders are seen as shepherds. However, the Jews had a dream of a good shepherd who is to come. This was foretold by the prophets.

In gospel of today Jesus proclaims "I am the good shepherd". This is one of his "I am" sayings as we have in the gospel of John (like "I am the true vine", "I am the way... ", "I am the bread of life", "I am the living water", etc). Recall that God introduced himself to Moses as "I am" (Ex. 3:14). So Jesus by using this prefix reveals himself as the true identity of God and the fulfilment of the prophecies of the good shepherd.

Those who were given special leadership tasks by God in the Bible were literally shepherds. This prepared them for the great mission. In Genesis 30, Jacob as the father of the 12 tribes of Israel tended the flock of Laban. In Exodus 3:1, Moses shepherded the flock of Jethro his father in-law and the priest of Midian before he was called by God. In 1st Samuel 17:34, David was a shepherd who defended his flock against the attack of wild beasts. He was called to be anointed king of Israel from the fields where he was tending his flock. God saw some special characteristics in shepherds that made him to choose them to lead his people. These qualities are found in fullness in the person of Jesus Christ.

One of these characteristics is sacrificial love, the kind of love that took Jesus to the cross where he bled and died for his flock. Jesus loves his sheep to the point of giving his life for them. In the gospel of today he testifies that he knows his sheep. He knows when they are hungry and thirsty. He knows when they are weak and wounded. To love is to know. There is no love without knowledge. Unlike hirelings and surrogates who work only for their wages. They cannot defend their flock against attacks but take to their heals when there is danger. Our society is bleeding today because some of us who are political leaders, church leaders, teachers, parents, doctors, nurses, lecturers, public servants, artisans, employers and employees, caregivers work only for material reward and not for the well-being of those placed under our care. We need a total rethink on the meaning of leadership.

Another point that distinguishes Jesus as the good shepherd is his humility, patience and tolerance.....because he who cannot do so cannot lead his people. A good shepherd is one who bleeds for his sheep not one who makes his flock to bleed.

We are all shepherds but are we all good shepherds? Priests, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, engineers, parents, everyone, are all shepherds in their own fields. Are we ready to bleed for our flock? Are we ready to take their bullets and risk our safety? We must strive to be good shepherds because we are responsible for the flock under our care and will account for them. God rebuked the bad shepherds of Israel for their carelessness in Jeremiah 23:1: "Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered." Also in Ezekiel 34: 2: "Trouble for the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves!" Today, we also pray for vocations. That God will raise from among us true shepherds who will lead his flock to the promised land. We pray for those who are already in positions of religious and civil leadership that they may work selflessly for the good of those placed under their care.

Fr. Johnbosco Obika

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

"Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' The 'power of the keys' designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: 'Feed my sheep.' The power to 'bind and loose' connotes this authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one whom to he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom."

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 553)

THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Sat. Apr.24	6:00 PM	+BARBARA GURKA by Frank P. Gurka & Family
Sun. Apr.25	9:00 AM	+CLAUDIA BRONIKOWSKI by Justin Kubicek
Wed. Apr.28	6:00 PM	+MAGGIE FATERKOWSKI by JoAnne/David Horton
Thur. Apr.29	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Apr.30	8:00 AM	+JACK & MAGDALEN HOFFART by Karen/Ed Hoffart

THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

Sat. May 1	6:00 PM	+BARBARA GURKA by Christine/Joe Kuciembra
Sun. May 2	9:00 AM	+BARBARA GURKA by Irene Konieczny
Wed. May 5	6:00 PM	+LEONARD NOWAK by Gertrude Nowak and family
Thur. May 6	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. May 7	8:00 AM	+BILL & OLGA BOYER by Karen/Ed Hoffart

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 1-2, for Education and Formation of Seminarians and Priests

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
and Crowning of Mary**
will take place at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 2

Father Jozef is continuing the ongoing study on the Catholic Faith, each Wednesday at 6:30 pm (following the 6 o'clock Mass) in the rectory. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Bible and the riches of our Catholic Tradition and doctrine.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

APRIL 24TH & 25TH, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday : 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8– 8: 45 AM and
30 minutes before weekday Masses**

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Parish Council: Mark Bilski

Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler

Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter

Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak

Religious Education: Peggy Husky

Knights of Columbus: Darrell Loukanis

Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

