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SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christ The Good Shepherd I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Weekend Masses Saturday (Anticipated)–4:00 PM Sunday–8:00 AM, 10:00AM, Noon, 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday–6:40 AM Monday – Saturday–8:30 AM Thursday–6:15 PM We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at <u>stpacc.org/livestream</u>.

Mass Times for Holy Days Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted. First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

Rosary After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church and First Saturdays at 7:00 PM at <u>stpacc.org/onlinerosary</u>

Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Friday-3:00PM

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 4 of this bulletin.

Featured **E**-

Pilgrim Statue - Our Lady of Fatima

We are blessed to announce that our parish now has a second Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, providing more families the opportunity to host and experience this devotion each week. For those interested in this beautiful devotion and to schedule your time with the statue, please see the reservation book available at the Mass Ministry Coordinator's table in the vestibule.

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To learn more, visit statue statue



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Worship Hymnal Readings – #1086

Hymns

Entrance - At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #512 Offertory - My Shepherd You Supply My Need #708 Communion - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #939 Post Communion - Regina Caeli #519





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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem – My Shepherd You Supply My Need My Shepherd, will supply my need: Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh, He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways. He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, His presence is my stay. One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away. His hand in sight of all my foes, doeth still my table spread> My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. Oh, may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Canticle of Praise – Since By Man Came Death Since by man came death, By man came also the resurrection from the dead. For as in Adam all died,

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



FROM LISTEN TECHNOLOGIES

For those who are unable to clearly hear the priest's homily or the beautiful choir while at Mass, we encourage you to acquire the FREE Listen EVERYWHERE app that brings clear audio to your smartphone.

Simply download the app by scanning the QR code, then plug in either your earphones, or connect your hearing aid or cochlear implant via Bluetooth



Be sure your device is connected to our Wi-Fi so the app can connect to our audio channel:

Network Name: St. Paul Church Guest Password: WelcomeHome.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to <u>stpacc.org/flocknote</u> or text STPACC to the number 84576.



This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday is commonly referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" since the Gospel reading, John 10:11-18, is about the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, just as Jesus did for us. And, because of the theme of Good Shepherd Sunday, we observe the Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Steubenville Conference Registration:

The April 30 registration deadline for the 2024 Steubenville Conference is approaching fast. Rising 9th graders through graduating seniors will have the opportunity to spend the weekend growing in relationship with the Lord and one another. I personally benefitted from this conference when I was in high school and I am happy to share the opportunity with our youth. Find a link to more information on the conference on Page 10 of this bulletin.

Our Sunday Offering:

I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or go online to <u>www.stpacc.org/donate.</u> If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either <u>dhawking@stpacc.org</u> or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson





MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

- 8:00 AM † Susan A. Barr
- **10:00 AM † Trevor Williams
 12:00 PM † Bob Searles
 - 5:00 PM † Dick Rano

Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

- 6:40 AM † Bill Tompos
- 8:30 AM † Anthony T. Rizzo

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

8:30 AM † Dr. Juan F. Torres

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

6:40 AM † Roger Wuebker

8:30 AM Wedding Anniversary of JK & PK

Thursday, April 25, Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

8:30 AM † Gregory Donchatz & Connie Ingram

6:15 PM † Judy Penzek

Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

6:40 AM † Nicolina Eramo

8:30 AM † Bob Searles

Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

8:30 AM † Edd Vanderpool

Fifth Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

4:00 PM † Linda Troiano Zeigler

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM † Bill Tompos

- **10:00 AM † Linda Troiano Zeigler
- 12:00 PM † Linda Troiano Zeigler
- 5:00 PM † Danny Pasqualone

**Mass with incense.

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NEW TO ST. PAUL?

Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Welcome Home

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!







Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at <u>stpacc.org/rcia</u>.

Get Involved

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at <u>stpacc.org/ministries</u>

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. <u>stpaulk-8.org</u>

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Our Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday–Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at <u>stpacc.org/register</u>.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit <u>stpacc.org/weddings</u> to begin planning.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30–6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; <u>stpacc.org/shop</u>

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

Important Contacts

Parish Office	614-882-2109
St. Paul School	614-882-2710
Preschool	614-394-9731
Parish School of Religion	614-882-5045
Prayer Line	stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org
St. Vincent DePaul Helpline	614-973-9772
Young Professionals	StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com
Spirit of Peace Counseling	stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center	614-251-0200
Birthright	614-221-0844
PDHC	614-444-4411
Mommies Matter	614-723-9308
Option Llne	optionline.org 1-800-712-4357
Stowe Mission, Columbus	614-445-8400
Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County	740-417-9358

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THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



Some Change is a Good Thing!

I am a big fan of Halloween, but not for the reasons you might think. Sure, I love to ransack my kids' candy bags (I need those Kit-Kats), but I love Halloween because it finally begins to feel like Fall. I love the colder weather, the leaves dying and falling, the time change, etc. (I know, I'm weird). Like anything in this world, there are positives and negatives. Take candy, for example; Kit-Kats are proof that God exists, and candy corn is proof that Satan exists.

Nevertheless, the things I do not like about Halloween are the dark, magical, superstitious items. Did you know that the popular phrase hocus pocus is a distortion and an evil bend on the words of Consecration at Mass? When the priest prays the words of Consecration in Latin, he says, "hoc est enim corpus meum, "this is my body." Hoc est corpus easily sounds like hocus pocus, equating the Mass to magic. However, a significant difference exists between a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat and ordinary bread and wine changing into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. What is this difference?

To answer this question, we must discuss a long word you may have read or heard in Catholic school, CCD/PSR, or Mass. It is Transubstantiation. This doctrine, central to our faith, teaches us that during the celebration of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ while retaining the appearance or accidents of bread and wine.

Transubstantiation is not a concept easily grasped by human reason alone. It is a mystery that requires faith, humility, and reverence. When we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we are not merely partaking in a symbolic ritual; rather, we are encountering the real presence of Christ himself. It is a moment of profound intimacy with our Savior, who offers himself to us in the form of bread and wine. Items that we can comprehend.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). Through the miracle of Transubstantiation, Christ fulfills this promise by nourishing us with his very self. Just as physical food sustains our bodies, the Eucharist nourishes our souls, strengthening us for the journey of faith and deepening our union with God and one another.

During the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the doctrine of Transubstantiation became a matter of much controversy. Martin Luther, champion of the Reformation, called it "pseudo-philosophy" in reference to the Church's use of Aristotle's theory of substance and accidents. Luther said the Consecration is not a personal union (Transubstantiation) but a sacramental union. Through his teachings of this sacramental union, the theory of "consubstantiation" emerged in different Protestant sects. To combat this, the Council of Trent declared Transubstantiation as a dogma of the faith. Interestingly, in explaining this dogma, the Council Fathers were careful not to use Aristotle's terminology of substance and accidents, which Luther spoke out against. Instead, the Fathers used the word "species," which we still use today.

However, if we break down the two words in question, we have Transubstantiation, trans-substance, a changing of the substance. The bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Christ. Next, we have consubstantiation, consubstance, with or alongside of the substance. Consubstantiation leads one to believe that the Body and Blood of Christ is only present during the church service, so there is no need to reserve the Blessed Sacrament. Due to our Protestant brethren's views, their churches do not have tabernacles as Catholic Churches do. Catholics believe that the Body and Blood of Christ is present, due to this change, until the Host is consumed, which is why we reserve the Blessed Sacrament in a tabernacle.

I know this dogma is difficult, unlike choosing Kit-Kats over candy corn, which is very easy. This dogma is a mystery that requires faith—faith that Christ will give us what we need. Just as the Israelites received Manna from heaven, we receive our Lord and Savior's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, let us do so with hearts full of faith and gratitude. Let us approach this sacred banquet with humility and reverence, recognizing the incomparable gift we will receive. Let us also remember that, in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to be transformed, become more like him in our words and deeds, and bear witness to his love in the world.

May the mystery of Transubstantiation deepen our faith, strengthen our communion with Christ and his Church, and inspire us to live as faithful disciples daily. May we always treasure the gift of the Eucharist and approach it with hearts full of reverence and love.

Andrew **7**. *Burson* Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry

Welcome to St. Paul



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Smith as the new Director of Sacred Music at St. Paul. Stephen will succeed John Bryan. In this role, Stephen will be responsible for sacred music at all St. Paul liturgies, overseeing the cantors and choirs and implementing magisterial documents on sacred music. Our Sacred Music department, which has flourished under John Bryan's dedicated leadership for many decades, will continue to thrive. John is not going far as he will remain a part of our St. Paul School. Originally from Tiffin, Stephen studied organ performance at Heidelberg University before attending Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he received his Master's degree. After directing music in different churches, he was appointed the Director of Sacred Music at St. Joan of Arc Church in Powell.

Most recently, Stephen was the music director at the Pontifical North American College at the Vatican. In this position, he played for daily Masses and Liturgy of the Hours for the seminarians. Other roles included preparing and directing the seminary choir for two Diaconate Ordinations and one Priesthood Ordination at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. He provided vocal coaching for the Deacons responsible for chanting at Papal Masses. He also led all aspects of the planning and execution of sacred music for Masses celebrated by many Bishops, Archbishops, and Cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica.



Stephen and his wife, Elizabeth, have a daughter, Briella, another child on the way. Please join us in welcoming Stephen to our parish staff as he and John work together to effect a smooth transition over the coming months.



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This Week in Our Parish Sunday, April 21

Knights of Columbus Breakfast After the AM Masses in Miller Hall. All are invited! Bring your families!

11:00 AM - RCIA **Klinger Center**

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at stpacc.org/rcia

6:00 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

6:15 PM – Middle School Youth Ministry **Klinger Center**

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. Ends at 7:45 PM. stpacc.org/ym

Monday, April 22

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at stpacc.org/chaplet

6:30 PM - Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7:00 PM - Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

7:30 PM - Seven Sisters Prayer Meeting St. Peter Room

Women of St. Paul Parish: Do you feel called to pray for our priests? This Apostolate includes committing to one hour of prayer, on a designated day each week, to pray for a priest. To obtain more information about The Seven Sisters Apostolate, go to

sevensistersapostolate.org.

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Tuesday, April 23

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - Handmaids of the Eucharist Parlor 1

7:30 PM - Young Adult Open Gym **Klinger Center**

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - SVDP Sandwich **Drop Off Church Circle Parking Lot**

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM - PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. <a href="mailto:schools.schoo

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM High School Discipleship Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM – Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Bereavement Ministry **Spring Support Group** Parlor 1 (Church)

Thursday, April 25

6:00 AM – Into the Breach - That Man is You! St. Peter Room

9:15 AM - Confessions Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession.

stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting Lower Level Room 2

7:00 PM - Young Adults Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church)

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Friday, April 26

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM–Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Saturday, April 27

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study St. Peter Room

We invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy

2:30 PM - Confessions Church

Sunday, April 28

Guatemalan Coffee for sale after AM Masses Parlor 1

11:00 AM - RCIA

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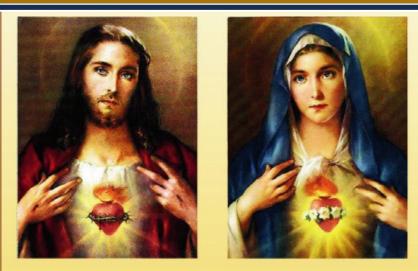
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Join us for 6:15 Mass then attend the Sacred Heart monthly meeting with special quest, Fr. Olvera. He will discuss the Two Hearts - the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Also, Fr. Olvera will share the Fifth Promise - "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings" - one of Jesus' 12 promises to those who keep a loving devotion to His Most Sacred Heart.

Visit welcomehisheart.com to learn more about the Sacred Heart devotion and enthronement of your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.





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All are invited to join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, the faithful from the Diocese of Columbus, and the pilgrims from The National Eucharistic Revival for a weeklong Eucharistic procession from June 24th to 30th through the Diocese of Columbus, while on pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Stops along the way will be; St. Joseph, Somerset; St. Francis de Sales, Newark; Seton Parish, Pickerington; Christ the King, Columbus; St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus; St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville; St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus.

The pilgrimage will stop at St. Paul on Saturday, June 29. Events will include Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes followed by Eucharistic Procession, and a vocations fair.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUNE 24 - JUNE 30, 2024

MONDAY JUNE 24

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Somerset
8:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Eucharistic Procession

TUESDAY JUNE 25

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
4:00 pm Eucharistic Procession Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark
5:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Francis de Sales, Newark
6:30 pm Picnic Dinner

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Seton Parish, Pickerington 9:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Eucharistic Procession 8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 27

Christ the King, Columbus 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm Mass (Spanish) with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes 8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 28

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus
5:30 pm Arrival time
6:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes (Bilingual)

SATURDAY JUNE 29

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 am Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
11:00 am Eucharistic Procession
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Vocations Fair in the Klinger Center

SUNDAY JUNE 30

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
12:30 pm Mass (Bilingual)
with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
2:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
2:30 pm Picnic Dinner

For more information and to register, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/revival



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Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Count	(Collections			
March 25	4,187	\$	56,229.76			
March 31	6,251	\$	71,959.65			
April 7	3,436	\$	130,474.62			
April 14	3,254	\$	95,566.02			

Year to Date Collection Summary through April 14, 2024

Summary for Week # 41	Actual	Budget	12	Difference	Last Year Actual	P	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 2,998,183	\$ 3,207,935	\$	(209,752)	\$ 2,801,105	\$	197,078
Christmas	\$ 86,383	\$ 85,000	\$	1,383	\$ 83,782	\$	2,601
Easter	\$ 35,716	\$ 38,000	\$	(2,284)	\$ 15,597	\$	20,119
Major Collection Totals	\$ 3,120,282	\$ 3,330,935	\$	(210,653)	\$ 2,900,483	\$	219,799
Prior Week Totals	\$ 3,018,394	\$ 3,129,692	\$	(111,298)	\$ 2,777,545	\$	240,849

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Special Collections To	Date Include:	*Church Building Fund Envelopes:	Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 72,273	\$ 71,523	This amount includes weekly withdrawals for:
WARM	\$ 61,850	Church Loan Balance: \$3,592,978	Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750
Parish Mission	\$ 7,367	*Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30	Savings Deposit to our Emergency
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Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.



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Catholic Men's Luncheon Friday, May 3, 2024 Speaker: Father Steven Beseau

Join the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a talk by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum on the Status of the Josephinum. The May luncheon is sponsored by Jim Flaherty. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at <u>foleyp513@gmail.com</u>.

Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Beseau's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

Our final luncheon before the summer break is Friday June 7, 2024, and will feature Patrick Madrid who will give a talk entitled "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point To The Existence of God." Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!





Are you considering becoming a missionary? Then YOU have been invited to Come and See how it's done at Hard as Nails! At this retreat, you will get a taste of the Hard as Nails charism and a glimpse of what they do through prayer experiences, talks, team activities, lots of fun, and so much more! The retreat is held May 10-12 at the missionaries' home base (Ss. Peter & Paul Retreat Center). More information can be found by scanning the code below.



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From www.mycatholic.life

Reflecting on the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024



First Reading: Acts 4:8-12; Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2; Gospel: John 10:11-18

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance-a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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