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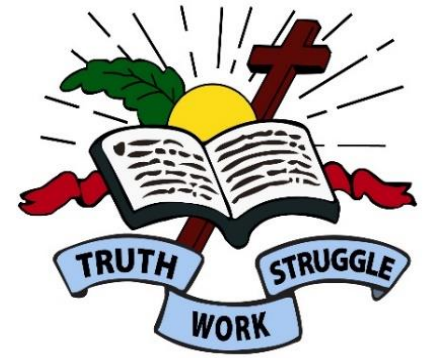
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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd

Happy Mother's Day!

A Sabbath Thought

Continue to celebrate the Easter feast. Dig deep and you will discover the roots of joy. Love fully and you will spread it. Live in Christ, and his joy will possess you, finally and eternally.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 13:14, 43-52

Easter joy should not be an *annual* thing but rather a daily experience. As in the early church, we of the current church should know every day the fullness of joy in the Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: 100:1-2, 3, 5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

REVELATION 7:9, 14-17

What is Easter all about? John's vision attempts to answer our question: Easter life is about fulfillment, the state of lacking nothing because God will be everything to us.

JOHN 10:27-30

The shepherd desires only good for his flock. We are fortunate to follow the ultimate shepherd, the only shepherd, the true shepherd - the good shepherd.

ENTRANCE RITE (Ezekiel 34:31, Psalm 79:13)

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA Jude v. 25

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. When the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – May 8th

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

One Mass Only this Morning

**Mass at 1:00 PM at the
Cemetery**

Please note the time change.

Mother's Day

I want to wish every mother of our parish a happy, healthy, joyous and blessed Mother's Day. We are all guilty of taking you for granted at least sometime during the year, so please accept our apologies and best wishes on this special day honoring God's second greatest gift to mankind.

May Devotions

During the month of May we will be honoring the Blessed Mother Mary by praying the Litany to her after each Mass. It is right and proper to show such reverence to the mother of our Lord and Savior.

Sign Up Sheets

Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi Making and Sunday Greeters are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for multiple days and there are four of them, one under the other so please sign up for as many days as you can. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold and Riley Rejniak. For the repose of the souls of all our mothers. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday May 12th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 15th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Monday, May 16th: The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, May 22nd; Mass of rededication of the Cemetery Altar at 1:00 PM. Please see the newsletter for more details. Only one Mass this morning at 9:00 AM.

Monday, June 6th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students is still in need. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table near the windows in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

