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5.11.2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM HF
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12:00 PM HF
(Spanish)
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart

Confessions

30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Or by appointment

Baptism: Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Stewardship of Shepherd

Sheep are not shepherds. They follow; Shepherds are not sheep. They lead. Yet, good shepherds empower the sheep to lead and become good shepherds so they can lead too.

Many Catholics want to be sheep. They want to be fed, not lead. We are to be both. Jesus feeds us with his Word and with his Body. He enlightens our minds through the Scriptures and it is up to us to read, study, and live our lives according to his Word. To be good disciples, followers.

Jesus then nourishes our bodies and souls with his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He gives us Himself in the Sacraments, but the most important sacrament is the Eucharist in which He gives Himself to us literally so we can become like Him, a shepherd.

Jesus does not nourish our minds and our bodies so we can be comforted; He nourishes us so we have the strength, courage, knowledge, and drive to lead others to salvation.

We are called to encounter Christ, be transformed by Him, so we too become apostles, Catholics sent on mission to help Him shepherd his people.

Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2024 - April 25, 2025)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (May 4)	\$3,055.56	\$190.97	\$1,271.25	\$66.84
Actual Collection	\$789.00	\$48.00	\$1,164.00	\$45.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$2,266.56)	(\$142.97)	(\$107.25)	(\$21.84)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$136,388.88	Capital Campaign	\$52,521.25	Capital Campaign
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$93,723.95		\$45,712.50	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$42,664.93)		(\$6,808.75)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$158,110.57		\$64,895.57	
Expenses for the year to date	\$150,721.86		\$65,114.89	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$7,388.71)		\$219.32	

**My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they
shall never perish.**



**I am the good shepherd,
I know my sheep,
and mine know me.**

May 11, 2025



Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. May 10 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Parish Family

Sun. May 11 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Janice Green †

Sun. May 11 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Michele Lathrop †

Sun. May 11 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Enequina Sanchez †

Mon. May 12: No Mass Here

Tue. May 13 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Bill Johanning

Wed. May 14 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Mary Ockenfels

Thu. May 15 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: The Health of the Bowman Family

Fri. May 16 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Joshua Green

Sat. May 17 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Matthew & Emilee Klausner

† indicates Memorial Mass

During Totus Tuus, June 2-6, (Mon.-Fri.)

Daily Masses will be at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Church, all parishioners are welcome!

The monthly Healing Mass will still be at 6pm on Tuesday, June 3rd

Upcoming Events

May 11 Mother's Day Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass

May 12-16 Fr. Tom gone for Seminar

May 17 Confirmation Retreat 9AM-2 PM SH

May 21 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM SH

May 22 Confirmation 7 PM SH

May 26 Memorial Day Celebration at Cemetery 9 AM

June 1-6 Totus Tuus SH

June 1 Parish Family Picnic 2 PM Schey Park, Keenesburg

June 3 Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick 6 PM SH

June 7 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM HF

June 8 Men's Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass SH

Pray for Them

Crystal Crowley, Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Katherine Bowman, Han Bo Eun Ah, Ralph & Jo Gassman, Gemmah Sell, Bill Epple, Lupe Ybarra, Cecilia Aichelman, Juli Zimbleman, Linda Conter



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

Sorrowful Mother

"The Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17)

Tears of sorrow cover the earth. Day after day, tears flow because of the pain, hurt, and guilt we endure on account of sin. It began with Adam and Eve but it ended with Mary as her tears flowed at the foot of the Cross. She, the Mother of All Sorrows, embraced the life of her Son fulfilling the prophecy of Simeon.

He foretold that a sword shall pierce her heart and so it did. Herod came to kill her Child and so she and Joseph fled into Egypt, a pagan land from which the Israelites left.

Mary also lost her Son in the Temple, a foretaste of when she would lose Him on the cross. Mary met her Son on the way to Golgotha. Jesus told her that He makes all things new, carrying the cross of death, crowned with thorns, and scourged beyond recognition, promising something new.

Then Mary receives Jesus' lifeless body as they lower Him from the cross. She was not to touch Him as she too would be defiled, as He was, but she did. Mary watched as they wrapped his body in a clean linen cloth, covered his face with a separate cloth as was Jewish custom, all rushed as the Sabbath began.

These sorrows pierce our heart for we too endure each of these pains. We are told of great promises for our sons and daughters only to be crushed by reality and the evil of our world attacking them.

We flee from evil and run to safety only to find out that we lose our way and sometimes our loved ones too. We face the trials of life carrying our crosses and the crosses of those we love, thinking that all is lost. We face our own death and the death of others. The grief we endure to watch a loved one die, the fear we face when we too have been sentenced to death.

The violence and terrorism of this world is a taste of hell as we still see people tortured, enslaved, trafficked, and killed because of their faith. We also recognize we must die as we must bury our loved ones.

Though we endure our sorrows, we have hope, for just as Mary endured her sorrows, she believed and so do we.

We believe that death no longer stings; death has been swallowed up. Jesus has wiped away our tears with his resurrection! Yet, Mary at the foot of the cross suffered with Him and will suffer with us. Jesus entrusted us to her motherly care, knowing that through her faith, we find strength as we endure our sorrows, she interceding for us giving us hope.

1. Prophecy of Simeon.
2. Flight into Egypt.
3. Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple.
4. Meeting Jesus along the Way of the Cross.
5. Crucifixion of Jesus.
6. Descent from the Cross; Mary receives the dead body of Jesus in her arms.
7. Burial of Jesus.

"Love draws all the pains, torments, sufferings, sorrows & wounds of the passion, cross and even the death of our Redeemer into the heart of his most holy Mother."

Shepherding is Sacrificing

If we only knew how God regards this
Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be
present at a single Mass.

- St. Padre Pio -



What is a good shepherd?
Listen to the words of St.
Peter (1 Peter 5:1:)
*"I exhort the priests among
you, as a fellow presbyter
and witness to the sufferings
of Christ and one who has a
share in the glory to be
revealed.*

*Shepherd the flock of God in
your midst, overseeing not
by constraint
but willingly, as God would
have it,*

not for shameful profit but eagerly.

*Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be
examples to the flock.*

*And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will
receive the unfading crown of glory."*

Leading demands sacrifice and sacrifice is fidelity to Christ Who sacrificed Himself for our sake. Sacrifice is authentic shepherding. Our success as Catholics come from laying down our lives for those who have been put in our care. Good shepherding comes from imitating Christ Who calls us to follow, even follow Him carrying the cross. He gave his life so we pass through death's dark valley and enter into the verdant pastures we know as heaven.

How does one become a good shepherd?

First through observation, then orientation, discernment, decision, and finally action.

Sacrifice is choice. The good shepherd leads by making the hard choices. They confront and face the hardships which of course creates heartaches because we seek something more: greatness.

Most people today are not good shepherds. They are sheep who buy the lie that life should be easy. They want earthly success as well as comfort, entertainment, and amusements, creating a happy world, having fun. Yet, we were not made for powers, pleasures, and treasures. We were made to glorify God. This entails sacrifice: our will for his.

Shepherds who demand sacrifice are uncommon, but those who do imitate Christ. Christ demands more because we are made for more. He values us with his life and expects us to value his life with ours. Authentic shepherds do the same. They expect excellence, not only from themselves but others.

Honoring Unborn Babies

The Heart of the Plains Cemetery invites you to honor any baby lost due to stillbirth, miscarriage, or abortion by purchasing a small, personalized plaque that will be placed on the Monument for the Unborn at the cemetery. Anyone can honor an unborn baby, regardless of how long ago your loss was and regardless of religious affiliation. It is our hope to honor as many babies as possible.

Order forms are in the back of the church. Contact Susan Unrein (970)590-2831 or Linda Epple (970) 347-7597 with any questions.

Mothers Day

Be Proud of being a Mother.

Be proud of who you are and not what the world wants you to be: a woman of valor.

The Lord has given you a heart that loves, perceives, and intuitively. A heart that is supple yet strong as steel. A heart that knows, fears and feels Christ infusing his truth and his beauty within yours.

Your heart's mind thinks and knows differently. It penetrates bringing healing, hope, and happiness. Your heart celebrates life for it is the source of life which is love. Your heart is the place of the covenant in which the family

lives. Your mother's heart, the source of love, inspiring forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation.

Mothers, do not live in this world which makes your hearts cold and your minds hard. Rather live from your heart to touch others with that motherly love which comforts as it strengthens, shows compassion as you suffer with those who suffer, especially your children. Show your heart, as did Mary at the foot of the cross, to embrace the pains of life knowing they lead to life.

The world wants to reduce women to men and men to women. Yet, God made us different for different roles. Husbands love your wives with your life and protect and provide for her and your children at all costs from the onslaught of evil. Wives support your husbands knowing he needs your inner strength which empowers him to be virtuous and valiant.

Mothers, God has given you his heart, through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit to fill your hearts as He filled Mary's heart. Allow Him to purify your heart from all the temptations that seek to defile you. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal those wounds that have pierced your heart. But most of all allow the Holy Spirit to perfect your heart in love so that your beauty will draw the Bridegroom's gaze to fill you with every good gift.

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

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