

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 21

7:30 A.M. For St. Patrick's parishioners

10:00 A.M. Gerald Johnson

Monday, April 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 P.M. Norman Burkett

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 A.M. Russ Meskell

Thursday, April 25

8:00 A.M. Shane Heier

Friday, April 26

8:00 A.M. Special intention: Fr. Tad

Saturday, April 27

5:00 P.M. Special intention: Jacob & Emily Trahin

Sunday, April 28

7:30 A.M. Rosina Harber

10:00 A.M. For Holy Souls in Purgatory

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 27 & 28

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Travis

7:30 a.m. Becky Beery

10:00 a.m. Therese Joy Burkett

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. L. Doak, P. Bottone, B. Duncan, S. Fawbush

7:30 a.m. R. Davis, B. Harber, K. Lipke, A. Lushis

10:00 a.m. B. Davis, N. Duffy, E. Evans, T. Frazier

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. Mark Moore family

7:30 a.m. Mark Butts family

10:00 a.m. Jennifer Brown family

USHERS

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Volunteers

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Caleb N, Peter S, Zane H, Tyler N

10:00 a.m. Jacob K, Owen K, Julian T, Chuck D

CHURCH CLEANING

April 27 Holli Strack family

“A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP” -Jn.10:11

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known and celebrated as the Vocation or Good Shepherd Sunday; it is also known as the “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” Both the Old and New Testaments used the image of the Good Shepherd to describe God’s relationship with his people. God the Good shepherd leads, defends and feeds his people. In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus uses this same title of the Good Shepherd to speak of Himself, He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep, gently and lovingly leading the stray to safety. He is the fierce protector, and defender of his flock, who at the risk of His own life stands up to anything that threatens His flock. “Jesus is the true Shepherd not because He cuddles and caresses his sheep, but because He loves them so much that He laid down His life for them.” All Christians are called to imitate the Good shepherd and understand that the flock of Christ are not limited to members of their family, parish community or groups within the parish but extends to all peoples even those who haven’t yet recognized the voice of Christ and His Church, our love and care must be extended to them as well, so that through us all may come to experience the love and care of the good Shepherd.

P.S. In keeping with the promise I made during Lent, I will be doing a rap-up studies on the Holy Mass next three Wednesdays (May 1, 8 and 15 from 7 to 8 PM at the Parish Hall), come with your questions and reflections on the Holy Eucharist to share).

Look forward to our new ways of doing our First Friday and First Saturday devotions beginning in May. - Fr. John Eze

April 21, 2024

Weekly Offertory Collection – April 8-14

Regular Collection	\$ 3,647
Online Collection	\$ 2,368
TOTAL Giving	\$ 6,015

Pro-Life: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection

will be next weekend at all the masses. Support this appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

Women's Mosaic Group will meet on **Monday, April 22 from 6:30-7:45 pm** in the parish hall!

Blessing of the Bikes on **Saturday, April 27 at Noon!** Food and beverages served beginning at 10am, 50/50 drawing, event T-shirts. Free admission! All Bikes are welcome. All proceeds donated to St. Patrick's Youth Group.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be in the St. Mother Guerin Chapel basement on **May 14 at 6:30 pm** by the Cathedral downtown Ft. Wayne. Any questions please call Dave Barrett at 260.403.2180.

Savior of the World: ECCE Young Adult Choir Presents: A Concert of Sacred Music on April 27th at 2pm at St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven. Free and open to the public.

Graduation Mass on Sunday, June 9th at 10 am with reception to follow in the parish hall. The graduates will wear their cap and gowns and process in with Fr. John at the beginning of Mass. Please RSVP to Abby at 260.348.5996 if you plan to attend and how many.

10th National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis. St. Patrick's would like to take a bus to attend on **Saturday, July 20th**. Please sign up at the church entrances or contact the parish office. If we do not need a whole bus St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has offered for us to join a bus with them. St. Patrick's has 11 individuals signed up so far.

Adult Confirmation on Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. These are intended for the Confirmation of adults who were baptized as Catholics, but for one reason or another, were not confirmed at the normal time of adolescence. Such individuals must be confirmed by a Bishop. Please contact Fr. John or the parish office to schedule a meeting for instructions.

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Our new St. Patrick Church app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates.

Visit **Formed** already on St. Patrick's parish app. **FORMED!** There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His church!



Luers Knight Annual Gala Fundraiser on Friday, April 26 from 6pm -11pm at BLHS is SOLD OUT. Raffle drawing for two lower-level suite tickets for the **Taylor Swift Concert on Friday, November 1 at 7pm** at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indy. Only 500 raffle tickets available, at \$100 each, with a limit of 10 per household. Call the Office of Mission Advancement today to purchase at 260.456.1261. Must be 18 or older to purchase.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules – The liturgical ministry schedule for the period of April 27 through August have been sent out by email to all liturgical ministers (lectors, eucharistic minister, gifts, and ushers). A few print copies will be placed on the table outside of the church door by the cry room. If you have not received a copy of the schedule, please reach out to Raylene Rospond at 515.360.7682 or rmrospnd@gmail.com. Please remember that if you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute by using the Master List that was distributed with the schedule.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” - Luke 10:2

Arcola Thrift Store (by post office) Open Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 4pm, Saturday 10am -1pm. Come in and browse!