

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SHEEP HEAR
His VOICE.

JOHN 10:3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 26

7:30am Living & deceased Davis & Sablic families
10:00am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 28

7:00pm Charles Eugene Fuller

Wednesday, April 29

8:00am Rosina Harber

Thursday, April 30

8:00am Linda Bubb

Friday, May 1

First Friday

8:00am Annette Lamle

Saturday, May 2 **First Saturday**

8:00am For St. Patrick parishioners

5:00pm Diamente family

Sunday, May 3 **67th Anniversary blessings for**

7:30am Tom and Kay Derheimer

10:00am First Communicants

Liturgical Ministries

May 2 & 3

Lectors

5:00pm Kirk Giant
7:30am Ann Lushis
10:00am Caitlin Landrigan

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, R. Rospond, S. Fawbush, B. Harber
7:30am M. Butts, R. Davis, A. Strack, C. Strack
10:00am A. Deckena, T. Frazier, S. Harber, M. McGrew

Gifts

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Nathaniel Strack family
10:00am First Communicants

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, Volunteer
7:30am J. Butts, D. Davis, P. Denihan, A. Hinen
10:00am C. Brown, D. Frazier, H. Frazier, J. Deckena

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, James G, Jonah J, Levi S
10:00am Matthew U, Levi T, Xavier T, Micah H

Church Cleaning

May 2 Sally and Sarah Strack, Kathleen M

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Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a moment in the liturgical year when we are invited to rest in the image of Christ as the shepherd who knows, loves, and guides His flock.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as the one who calls His sheep by name and leads them to safe pastures. This is not the distant leadership of a ruler, but the intimate care of someone who walks with us, protects us, and lays down His life for us. His voice is gentle yet firm, guiding us away from danger and toward life in abundance.

This Sunday challenges us to ask: *Whose voice am I following?* In a world filled with noise, competing messages, and false promises, the Good Shepherd's voice is steady and trustworthy. Recognizing it requires time in prayer, attentiveness to Scripture, and openness to the quiet movements of the Holy Spirit.

It is also a call to imitate the Shepherd — to be people who care for others with patience, compassion, and courage. Whether in our families, workplaces, or communities, we can be “shepherds” who guide, protect, and encourage those entrusted to us.

May this Sunday renew our trust in Christ's guidance and inspire us to follow Him with confidence, knowing that His path always leads to life.

April 26, 2026



First Friday Mass and Devotion (May-January) is on **Friday, May 1 at 8am** followed by Adoration, Devotion, and Confessions.



First Saturday Devotion (May-September) on **Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 am** with Adoration, Devotion, and Confessions followed by **Mass at 8:00 am**. (Please note: Adoration, Devotion, and Confessions will be before Mass since Fr. Bonaventure has to leave immediately following mass)

First Holy Communion Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 3 at 10am Mass**. Please pray for our First Communicants as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus: James Landrigan, Heidy Ponton, Oliver Ranck, Grace Stoffel, Savannah Trahin, and Kelli Umberg.

Pro-Life: Take my hand ...not my life.

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18-35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, April 27 from 6-8 pm** in the Conference Room.

Life Teen! Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8th - 12th grade on **Saturday, May 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm** in the old school building.

Encounter Youth Group for all 6th and 7th grade students on **Saturday, May 2 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm** in the old school building.

Life Defenders Summer Camp June 11 - 13 at University of Saint Francis. Register at www.ichooselife.org/camp. This 3-day event, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time—abortion.

Art Camp Children ages 7-13, weekly session available from June 1-19 from 9am -11:45am. **Contact Mary Hilger at 260-438-8356** for more information. Need helpers' students aged 12 and over. (Location: 12903 Washington Center Rd)

Annual Baked Steak Dinner on **Friday, May 8 from 4-7pm** at **Arcola Community Church** \$15 per-sale or \$17.50 at the door. Children under 5 years \$5.00. Eat in or Carry out!



Mother's Day Carnation Sale: Treat Mom to a colorful carnation for Mother's Day and support the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana. Carnations will be available to purchase after all of the Masses on **May 9 and 10**. Help the Right to Life continue their educational efforts by giving a good will offering of \$2.00 per flower.

Congratulations to Garret and Erin Kamine whose son Connor was baptized on April 19, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless you and your family!

Welcome New Parishioners Mark and Elizabeth Gensic as registered members of St. Patrick's. We are so blessed that you are part of St. Pat's parish family!

Job Opening at Good Shephard Books & Gifts for a part-time Bookstore Assistant. If you are interested please go to the attached diocese page where those interested can apply:

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Adult Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** for 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 the parish office for more information; **registration needs to be completed by Friday, May 8th!**

Saint Patrick's Co-Ed Softball League! Co-Ed slow pitch Softball league at St. Pat's is looking for teams. Ages 16 and up. Games start late May. Please message Artie Strack at 260.615.7525 if you'd like to head up a team or have any questions.

Bishop Luers Performing Arts "Once Upon A Mattress" on **May 1-2 at 7:30 pm**. Purchase tickets today at bishopluers.org or tinyurl.com/pwmd7nnxh. \$10 pre-sale, \$15 at the door. Experience a lively, romantic, and hilarious musical about Prince Dauntless and his search for a bride.

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