

# Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

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Moving St. Andrew Catholic Community closer to Jesus Christ through growing in Faith, Service and Welcoming.

Parish Mission Statement

#### On the Easter Journey

+There's a saying that circulates among some parenting circles, "You don't just love your children...you fall in love with them."

Beloved, our second reading says, we are God's children now. We are God's children – can we imagine a God who doesn't just love us, but who is "in love" with us? A God who will do anything to protect and care for us? When you take time to think about that, it's truly an awesome thought!

Jesus, the Incarnation of God's perfect and abundant love for us, Himself provides an image for this love, an example that would be well understood at the time. *I am the Good Shepherd*, He says. A good shepherd is not a hired hand who, when trouble comes, flees from it rather than facing it, leaving the sheep exposed to danger and death.

No, the good shepherd is one who knows his own sheep; he cares for his own sheep and leads them to safety; and he never flees from danger. Rather, the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. In fact, in this relatively short passage, Jesus says five different times that the good shepherd "lays down his life" for his sheep.

As human beings, we face many dangers in our lifetime, many threats to our safety and well-being. We may face sickness, loss, fear, the pandemic. We may face ridicule, or we may worry for our loved ones; we may struggle with loneliness, have anxiety, or we may struggle with sin.

Yes, Jesus knows us, better than we know ourselves. We are the sheep of his flock. He "sees us" as we are, with all of our accomplishments and all of our shortfalls and failures. Jesus cares for us, and He shepherds us through this world, and our life of faith.

We can take comfort by trusting in God and in Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We can take comfort too by remembering these things: Jesus knows us; He knows what we face. He understands our fears, our loss, our struggles. He knows everything about us, and He does not flee from this information, never running away like the hired hand.

Rather, our Good Shepherd cares for us and remains with us to protect us. He has committed to stand by and with us through it all. Our Shepherd loves us, and is *in love* with us, so much so that He laid down his life for us. What greater love could there be?

+This weekend is often thought of as "Good Shepherd" Sunday. I ask that you pray for me and all those who serve as pastors and administrators, to be good leaders and "shepherds." Pray too for our associate pastors, priests who work hard to help carry on the sacramental life of the parish to which they are assigned. Don't forget the deacons, who help the priests carry the load of ministry. And finally, pray for an (continued on page 3)

There will be NO 3:30 PM



Sacrament of Reconciliation on

Saturday, May 1

Please remember our children who are celebrating their First Communion!

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

If you test positive from COVID-19, and may have been in attendance at a Mass, please contact the Parish Office so we may alert others.



## 2 St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

Weekend

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| Masses: Saturday 5:00                     | •                                      |                 |                  | 9:00 am                             | Rosary: 8:30 am |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday 8:00                               | am, 12:00 pm, 5:0                      | 00 pm           | Chaplet          | Chaplet of Divine Mercy: after Mass |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday           | s 3:30 pm                              |                 |                  | Anointing of the Sick               |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |                 | please c         | ontact the Parish Office 2          | 248.651.7486    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Weekday

#### On The Journey (continued from page 1)

increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life – that more people will respond to God's invitation to serve the Lord and his people in this most awesome way.

+The moderators of the first wave of parishes embarking into the Family of Parishes movement met for a two day retreat the other week at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. I must admit that I thought it to be highly-packed with plans and ideas for we parishes to implement over the coming years. There will be another two-day retreat for <u>all</u> the clergy of our family and other northeast families of parishes at the beginning of May, giving us an opportunity to gather as a "team of priests and deacons" who will be spiritually responsible for St. Andrew, St. Mary of the Hills, and St. Irenaeus parishes who make up our "family."

As I have said before, the intent for this effort throughout the Archdiocese is to strengthen and deepen our faith, work at building up larger communities of faith (but smaller than a vicariate), and to look at more activities that we can engage in and support with the bigger base of just one parish. It is also to help in the forward planning for when there will be fewer priests in the future; if current trends continue, it has been projected that there will be 100 fewer priests in the Archdiocese in 10 years than there is today. Some truly sobering numbers in my mind...... So we can either start addressing this aspect of our parish life now, or just push it aside and worry about it later. I would prefer that we all start addressing the matters now.

+My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to those 82 families who have made their pledges/donations to our 2021 CSA campaign! So far, we have \$49,260 against our target of \$347,814, or about 14%. Remember as I explained last week, you can send in your donations either to the Parish Office in the envelope included in my letter, OR mail it to the Archdiocese at its processing center in the envelope that they mailed to you – or just send in your gift/bring it to Sunday Mass/give to me to handle. Whatever works for you, I am there with the office staff to help! Remember that funds pledged and collected that are over our target will be used to help us in paying off our building loan!

+Continue to pray for our second graders who will be making their first Holy Communion over the next couple weeks. May they find the love of Jesus present to nourish and guide them on their journeys of faith!

+I hope to be taking a little time off during the month of May, during the week, to get caught up on many personal projects. With my health getting better, I find that there is a lot that didn't get done last year, so I hope to do some "catching up." I thank you for all your prayers and support; remember to keep our parish family and our new "Family of Parishes" in your prayers, so our journeys might be open to the workings and promptings of the Holy Spirit! See you in church – stay safe/stay healthy!

-Msgr. Mike (with thoughts from FAITH Catholic Publishing)

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

In St. John's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *I am the Good Shepherd*, giving us the beautiful image of Him as shepherd attending to us, His flock. In contrast to the hired hand that bolts at the first sign of trouble, Jesus will never desert His flock. However, he is concerned for *other sheep that do not belong to this fold*. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, reminds us that *there is no salvation through anyone else* but Christ. In St. John's First Letter, he affirms that we are *children of God* through the great love of the Father for us. And yet, he observes that the world does not know Him. Evangelization is the consistent theme in these readings. One way to take the Catholic faith to the streets is to join a local St. Paul Street Evangelization team, or to volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



#### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

From the USCCB. Additional prayers and resources can be found at USCCB.org

#### Calling Men, Women, Teens or Families

Do you enjoy being helpful? Do you want to meet new people? We are in need of Ushers for Mass. In particular there is great need for the 10:00AM and 12:00PM Sunday Mass and 5:00PM Saturday and Sunday Mass. On the "job" training is provided for this ministry. If you are interested in serving, please contact the parish office.

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

"Blessed are those who weep and mourn for they shall be comforted"

The St. Andrew Bereavement Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to join them. The ministry serves families who have lost a loved one to death. The members of the ministry give comfort and support to the grieving families of the St. Andrew community by giving them our time, hearing their thoughts and sharing their tears. The ministry offers you the opportunity to grow spiritually by showing your love and compassion. Training and resources are provided. For more information Contact Jackie McCarroll (248) 736-5020.



#### Everyone loves a wedding . . .

. . . and the St. Andrew wedding ministry is a lovely way to contribute to the St. Andrew community.

St. Andrew wedding coordinators facilitate wedding rehearsals and ceremonies. At rehearsal, they guide the wedding party through the procession, ceremonies during Mass recessional. On the wedding day, the wedding coordinator's tasks run from setting up the altar (making sure the rings are in place), directing photographers, positioning Kleenex boxes and might even include pinning a few corsages and boutonnieres! The current team of wedding coordinators is in need of a few more members. Plenty of on-the-job training is made available and a few coordinators team up to share responsibilities (and fun)!

If you are interested or have questions, contact Noreen Casciani at 248-763-6084 or ntcasciani@comcast.net

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

There are many challenges we experience in our life journey ...

This past year has been one like no other

There has been loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, unexpected medical diagnosis, loss of independence, difficult family relationships, caregiver responsibilities,

the list can seem endless.

Our very being longs for and searches for HOPE.

To all of you, wherever you find yourself on this journey of life, you are invited to join us during this Easter season for a

# Mass of Hope

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 St. Andrew Catholic Church 7:00 in the evening

Masks are required. Social distancing will be followed. Sponsored by the St. Andrew Bereavement Ministry



## GOOD Shepherd Sunday

Most of us have had no experience herding sheep. The basic duties of a shepherd are to guide the flock, keep it safe

from predators, and to care for them by providing fresh pastures and water. A shepherd knows each sheep and the sheep know the shepherd's voice. Sheep find safety in numbers and travel together.

Sheep serve as a symbol of God's people in the bible. In John 10:11, Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." He offered up his own life for the forgiveness of our sins. Each time we are forgiven, we can imagine sitting on Jesus' shoulders and being tenderly carried back to the flock. Jesus guides, protects and nurtures, calling us into a deeper relationship with him and with others.

As followers of Jesus, his "sheep," we must listen for his voice. Led by our bishops, (who carry a crosier, reminiscent of a shepherd's crook,) our pastors and other clergy, we gather together to listen to God's word. Will we pay attention and recognize God's voice?

When we follow Jesus we have life more abundant. That doesn't mean more extravagant, but richer in our relationship with God. Trust in the Good Shepherd.

Blessings,
Maureen Schreffler
Director of Faith Formation

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

He seeks us out and he stays near us,
even though we are sinners, indeed
because we are sinners."

Pope Francis

## Got Faith?

That is the main qualification to become a catechist. The word "catechist" comes from a Greek word with means to "echo." We have the awesome responsibility to echo what we as Catholics believe. Sharing your faith with young people in the parish is a wonderful way to live out your baptismal call.

We are planning on in-person Faith Formation classes for the fall, and will be looking for catechists. Resources, support and guidance are provided. Safety protocols will be in place, as directed by the State and the Archdiocese, because the health and welfare of our students and volunteers is of the utmost importance.

Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. Contact the Faith Formation office to discuss how you may be able to help in forming the faith of our young parishioners. Thank you!



VBS 2021
"Treasured: Discovering
You're Precious to God."

We are hoping to offer in-person VBS this year, for PreK through 5th grade, the week of June 21st. We will have limited registration and smaller group sizes to allow for adequate spacing. Masks will be required.

Adults and experienced teens are needed to lead groups and stations. Please contact Maureen at maureens@standrewchurch.org if interested.

In the event that we are unable to gather in person, VBS-in-a-Box home version will be made available again.

Please watch for further information.

Dylan Adams Harper Allen Alexander Alrais Allison Baginski Luke Barbuto Maria Bartolotta Jack Berry Luke Blanchard Averey Bolarinwa Ashlyn Brent Dominic Brigulio Kaylin Brikho Aria Brimo Mary Brown Micah Brown Jackson Budzynski Mary Bujaj Alica Buniato Will Burzynski Olivia Buschmohle Anna Cardellio Liam Carroll Annie Castellanos Youssef Charaf Martin Cusmano Alessandro DiMambro Julia Dimas Emmett Doyle Brady Dudzinski Colin Dunn Benjamin Durda Lillian Dybowski Benjamin Evans Julien Faure Austin Fisher Mina Gardner Brooklyn Gaskins Jonah Glembocki

April 24, 2021
Called to
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Lord

Sunday April 25
Daniel Peavley
Taylor Peavley

Audrey Glotkowski Adelyn Greve Clayton Griffin Jayda Griffin Austin Hall Ariana Hare Iacob Hasani Aiden Howard Julia Isho Adrianna Kabashi Kennedy Kada Charlotte Kakos Brady Kasab Oliver Kaspari Theodore Knight Alia Kobus Dominic Koenig Vivian Kolo Justin Kolodziejski Christian Kruk Avery Land Theodore Lanfear Jonathan Lekocaj Julian Lekocaj Nikolas Lekocaj Logan LeRoy Julia LeTissier Gary Lewis Rocco Loshkreff Scarlett Lucido Giuseppina Mauro Emily Nitz Lilliana Paradiso Austin Shina Alexandra Stajich Aubrey Vela Sophia Vergilio Abigail Zanolli

# ST ANDREW YOUTH

#### WALK AMONG THE SAINTS AT THE CATHEDRAL



The entire trip was a wonderful experience, from learning about the history of the Cathedral and the AOD to reading about some of our Saints. We learned about their hardships and how they persevered because of their faith and love of God. We were challenged to find ways we could emulate their acts of devotion, charity, bravery and faith in our own lives. Reading about some of the obstacles they had to persevere put into perspective how small some of our own problems are, eeven in these difficult times. It was a blessing to be able to take the teens downtown on such a beautiful day and learn about these amazing men and women.

- Olex Brown





#### Camp Ozanam Work Day -- Service hours

Help get Camp Ozanam spick and span before campers arrive this summer May 8th, 2021 9 am to 4 pm

For more information please contact me at margaretk@standrewchurch.org



#### Looking for a Summer Job! (17 years of age and up)

St. Vincent de Paul's summer camp program Is Hiring 2021 Summer Residential Staff Positions

St. Vincent de Paul's summer camp program, offered at Camp Ozanam for both boys and girls ages 8 to 14, provides the benefits of a traditional summer residential camp In a safe, fun-filled atmosphere where campers are inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ. SVdP offers a free one week summer camp program for children who present an identifiable need such as death in the family, foster care, underprivilege, and/or economic hardship.



#### Why Work at Camp Ozanam?

A summer at Camp Ozanam offers the unbeatable opportunity to unplug and get in touch with nature, connect with a passionate team, and help young children foster leadership skills, independence, and a positive self-image.

For more information please contact me at margaretk@standrewchurch.org

Blessings, Margaret Kozak

#### "YOUTH NIGHT"

6 pm to 8 pm
In the Activities Building
unless otherwise noted
Come join us for
Food, Fellowship and Fun.
Friends are always Welcome!
For more information
please contact me.

#### MARGARETK@STANDREWCHURCH.ORG

OR

TEXT THIS MESSAGE @STAY2020 TO NUMBER 81010

#### **CALENDAR** ~ Youth Nights

April 25th Youth Night -- Canceled

May 2<sup>nd</sup> No Youth Night

May 8<sup>th</sup> Camp Ozanam Work Day

Service hours

May 9<sup>th</sup> No Youth Night

Happy Mother's Day!

May 16th Youth Night

May 23<sup>rd</sup> No Youth Night

May 30<sup>th</sup> No Youth Night

Happy Memorial Day!

#### PLEASE BRING your Mask & a Chair!

\*\*Events may change or others may be added.
Sign up for REMIND to get the most up to date
information\*\*

#### LOOKING FOR SERVICE IDEAS

#### **Ushers & Greeters Needed**

(Perfect opportunity to do individually, with your family or your sponsor)

#### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

for a list of service opportunities or ideas please contact me.

#### **Check out our Youth Ministry Website**

STANDREWCHURCH.ORG/ FAITH-FORMATION/STAYG/

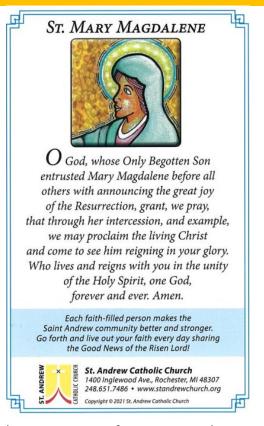
#### Easter Prayer Cards—Many Thanks!

Hopefully by now many of you have seen these beautiful prayer cards at the entrances of the church and even received one. Maybe you wondered about the nature of these cards?

The cards were designed by one of our own Parishioners, Andy Groen. Andy, who is a member of the Evangelization Committee here at the Parish, also illustrated the picture of St. Mary Magdalene on the card.

We are truly blessed when our parishioners share their gifts and talents helping us to direct our minds and hearts into a deeper encounter with the Lord.

Please feel free to share these cards with others as a sign that St. Andrew Parish is a Church that evangelizes. May we share the joy of this Easter Season proclaiming the Good News of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!



#### **RCIA Testimonial** -

This is a testimonial I received from an RCIA participant who received their Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil...

Hi Susan,

I just wanted to thank you for your prayers and for sending out a (prayer) request as well.

I visited with my Dad this evening (in the hospital) and it is a matter of days, perhaps hours. But the reason that I am sending this (note) out is to exclaim the power of Christ in prayer.

As I sat in his room, I was so inclined to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet over him. I did this several times and apparently there were others who were interested in hearing me pray this out loud. I seemed to draw a crowd in that room of people who had wandered away from their faith to some degree and certainly from the Catholic Church.

My spirit was lifted up despite the very somber circumstances as I was praying that prayer. And there was a connection among us that was not there to the same degree as before.

I am hopeful that God will hear my prayers to accept my Father into heaven; and I am hopeful for the same for all of us in that room this evening. What a joy to trust in a mighty God and for that trust to turn our hearts to joy despite our circumstances.

Thank you again. And I am so thankful for our Church: strong in the traditions of the faith and strong in our faithful congregants. We must never underestimate the power of and our obligation toward prayer.

-Linda

Praise God for working powerfully in the lives of these newly initiated Catholics! Please pray for them that the Holy Spirit will continue to touch their hearts, inspiring them to live their faith and share it with others.

—Susan Kowalskí

RCIA & Evangelization

## Sharing is Caring ... Care and Share is back!



#### Save the Date

Care and Share Weekend— May 1-2

Baby Shower to help those who are

experiencing crisis pregnancy.

Diapers Newborn -6,clothing 0-18mon, toiletries, wipes, new baby items

All items donated to Gianna House and Imago Dei Crisis Pregnancy Center in Detroit.

"The dignity of others is to be respected in all circumstances, not because that dignity is something we have invented or imagined, but because human beings possess an intrinsic worth superior to that of material objects and contingent situations. This requires that they be treated differently. That every human being possesses an inalienable dignity is a truth that corresponds to human nature apart from all cultural change. For this reason, human beings have the same inviolable dignity in every age of history and no one can consider himself or herself authorized by particular situations to deny this conviction or to act against it." ~ Pope Francis from the recent encyclical—Fratelli Tutti—On Fraternity and Social Friendship

#### An Invitation:

This interactive three-part virtual session will be an opportunity to deep dive into the topic of Race, Racism, and Faith through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Heads Up: This is full but when signed up they will send the recording.





Upcoming Red Cross Blood Donation Dates

To put on your calendar

Sunday June 13 and

**Sunday August 8** 

In the Activity Center

Contact Carl Gildner for further information:

cggildner@gmail.com

+++Thoughts from the Christian Services Coordinator +++

In The Good Shepherd...Jesus is the answer. In this weekend's readings Peter seems to be saying, 'you can't go around him, you can't go over or under him ...you Have to go through him.' John reminds us that in Him, as beloved children of God, we all are perfect examples of God's Love. In the gospel Jesus is giving himself as the most ideal example of God's love and mercy as the Good Shepherd because he lays down his life for his friends.. For all of us. As the Good Shepherd Jesus is offering us an example of the unconditional love of God.

Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speaks to the nature of this love of the Good Shepherd,

"Love, then, is more than just a series of benevolent actions. Those actions have their source in a union increasingly directed towards others, considering them of value, worthy, pleasing and beautiful apart from their physical or moral appearances. Our love for others, for who they are, moves us to seek the best for their lives. Only by cultivating this way of relating to one another will we make possible a social friendship that excludes no one and a fraternity that is open to all...Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8)."

During these moments in our country, be it in political, economic, religious or racial division we have to ask ourselves, How are we Christ to one another?

In this time and place how are we His Love embodied in our witness?

Rich or Poor, black or white, born or unborn, abled or disabled ... no matter what, the Good Shepherd guides us all to his embrace.



**Outreach to Pontiac During the Pandemic** 

Here is a story about the impact of this effort:

In the last sandwich making session in March St. Andrew made about 150 sandwiches and prepared them in lunches. When they were delivered to Baldwin Center that Saturday they were overjoyed and exclaimed it was an answer to a prayer. They needed those lunches that day and they were trying to figure out and coordinate it when our volunteer walked in to drop the lunches off. Love, Encounter ... connection.

Let us know if you want to help in this service.

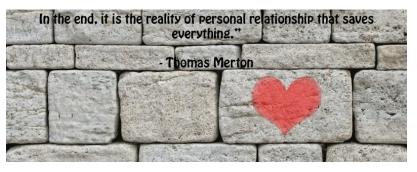
Learn, pray, and act for environmental justice with Catholics around the globe through this daily email series.

With Earth Day as a jumping off place, this is an invitation to reflect and consider our role in the human family as we encounter each other in the Climate Crisis.

The hope is to find paths to further dialogue and action in the St. Andrew and Rochester community as a Family of Parishes.

Interested in joining us?

Let me know. Email: drewp@standrewchurch.org



Happy Easter!

#### Sing of Mary! A Mother's Day Celebration!





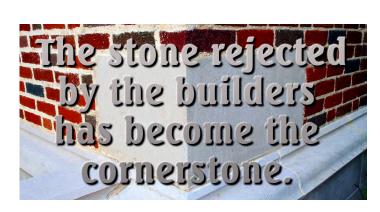
Looking for a safe way to incorporate prayer into your family gathering? Our prayer service is designed to fit into your Mother's Day schedule. Stop by after Mass, brunch, or before that barbeque!

Join us for an Outdoor Prayer Service incorporating Marian hymns, Sacred Scripture, and the Rosary to honor Mary, Mother of God. We will begin in the front of the retreat center. Bring a lawn chair or stay in your car and roll down your window for prayer service. After the prayer service those who want to take a short walk will be invited to journey through the retreat center trails to place flowers at the statues of Mary. Prayer service will last no longer than an hour. A complimentary prayer booklet will be available to participants to continue prayerful reflection on our Blessed Mother.

Bring the whole family and stay a while to explore our trails!

Donations are always appreciated. Call 248-651-4826 with any questions.

No registration necessary. Masks must be worn at all times.





## FAMILIES of PARISHES PRAYER

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy. This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**AMEN** 



## **Holy Family Regional School**



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#### **BLESSING OF THE SCOUTS**

Children who participate in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were asked to stand in church and in their classroom for a blessing at our school Mass from Fr. Craig. Religious medals/awards and badges were blessed and will be passed out at the next Scout meeting. We are proud of the students for dedicating themselves to these wonderful organizations where so many life skills are learned and will remain with them throughout their lives.



#### LITTLE STARS

The children is Miss Gabriel's kindergarten class made these adorable projects to go along with their Nursery Rhyme of the Month. Can you believe they made the smiling faces all by themselves? We can! They are learning and growing every day at Holy Family and before you know it they'll be in 1st grade:)



#### **AUTHORS IN APRIL**

Our eighth graders received their Authors in April book by Victoria Jamieson, When Stars Are Scattered. Authors in April Inc. is a one of a kind program which brings four authors and/or illustrators to the Rochester community each year for a weeklong event. This year we will be meeting the Authors in May.

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## Sunday Gospel Activities

#### 4th Sunday of Easter

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FLOCK LEAD SCATTERS

GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES SHEEP
HIRED MINE WOLF
JESUS ONE WORKS

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#### **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Limited 250

#### Weekdays

Monday - Friday 9:00 am Public & Livestream

#### Weekend

Saturday 5:00 pm Public & Livestream

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

Remember, space is limited to 250



Edna Doyle, 96

Died on **April 7, 2021** 

Buried on **April 22, 2021** 



#### **TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS**

We are answering phones as well as office visits by appointment only.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm



#### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, and other church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, contact 866-343-8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely This toll–free telephone manner. number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people, and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes, and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with complaints not involving clergy or church personnel should refer to the archdiocesan web site at www.aod.org contact information for civil authorities.

## Readings for the Week of April 26

#### April 26

Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10

#### April 27

Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

#### April 28

St Peter Chanel St Louis Grignion de Montfort Acts 12:24- 13:5a John 12:44-50

#### April 29

St Catherine of Siena Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

#### April 30

St Pius V Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6

#### May 1

St Joseph the Worker Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

#### May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



#### **Prayer Requests**

All men & women in the military & family members Walter Hays Spencer Handly Family Mary Jo Dinha Elaine Watson Julie Kibler Debbie Wagner Michael Kennedy Maxine Soncrant Anders McCarthy Chuck Hartner **Bob Hornung** Diane McGarry Sue Ellen Boesch Jack Waters Luanne Nows Mary Vonne Marie Judy Cooper Shaelyn Coleber **Dolores Esposito** Msgr. Mike Noreen Finn Sean Reaume Mary Boden Diane Franey Tim Caughlin Linda Miller Helen Hawley Caterina Basile Ryan Mele Michael Zyrek Neil Racette Dave Felicelli Shelby Dauch Jim Wals Beth Gryniewicz Alaina Smith Debbie Psotka David McKenzie Olivia Colston Chris Caughlin Theisen Whitman Doreen Douglin Kenneth Beattie Karen Elpers Thomas Dulapa

> **Bomek Family Grace Byrnes** Patricia Tousley Bill Woodhull

#### Mass Intentions for the Week of April 25

**SUNDAY** April 25, 2021 For the People of St Andrew 8:00 am

10:00 am Hana Dedvukaj Family Dode Pretshi Vulaj **Family** 

Mri Gjekja Vulaj Family

Family 12:00 pm Manny & Janet Yasso Mark Wagner Family

> Frank Buchanan Mary Buchanan

5:00 pm For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate

**MONDAY** April 26, 2021

9:00 am Dean & Retta Holefca Msgr Mike

**TUESDAY** April 27, 2021

9:00 am Anne Whedon **Family** 

April 28, 2021 WEDNESDAY

Mom, Nanna 9:00 am Paula Mecca

Joe Coe Friend

**THURSDAY** April 29, 2021

9:00 am Marilyn McMillan Family

**FRIDAY** April 30, 2021

9:00 am Caterina Basile Family

**SATURDAY** May 1, 2021

Family Walter Tomalis 5:00 pm

Diana Davila Ramirez Carlos Villarreal

**SUNDAY** May 2, 2021

8:00 am Joy Ellen Spezia William Spezia Alex Satawa William Spezia

10:00 am Ben Migan Family

John Tyll Family

Dave Felicelli Carl & Marilyn Wagner

12:00 pm For the People of St Andrew

For All Those Buried at Guardian Angel Cemetery During the Last 5:00 pm

Month

