

APRIL 30, 2023

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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SUNDAY MASS 8:00AM & 10:00AM

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MASS 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

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EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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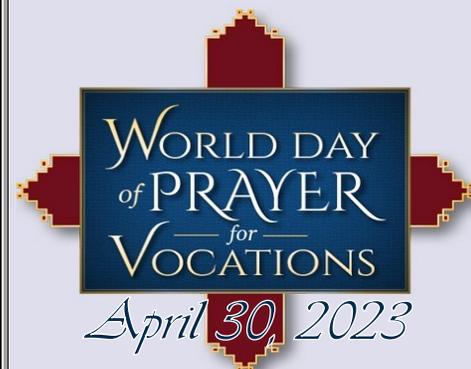
*Congratulations & Best Wishes  
to our Graduates!*

**"The Lord bless you and keep you!**

**The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!**

**The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"**

*The Catholic Youth Bible, Numbers 6:24-26*



## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 30, 2023

In a talk to the priests of Rome Pope Francis reminisced about a priest whom he knew in Buenos Aires. This priest had been the provincial of his religious community and also had been a university professor, but he was most well known as a confessor. Pope Francis related that many of the priests of Buenos Aires went to this priest for confession. The priest died in his mid-90s, just before the Easter Vigil. The body of the priest lay in state in the crypt of one of the churches where he had served. The future Holy Father went to pay his respects and discovered there was not a single flower adorning the area around his casket.

Pope Francis said: "I thought, but this man, who forgave the sins of all the clergy of Buenos Aires, including mine, not even a flower. I went up and went to a florist — because in Buenos Aires there are flower shops at the crossroads, on the streets, where there are people — and I bought flowers, roses . . . and I returned and began to decorate the coffin with flowers.

"And I looked at the rosary in his hands. . . . And immediately it came to mind — the thief that we all have inside of us, don't we? — And while I was arranging the flowers, I took the cross off the rosary, and with a little effort, I detached it. At that moment I looked at him and said: 'Give me half of your mercy.' I felt something powerful that gave me the courage to do this and say this prayer! "I put the cross here, in my pocket. But the pope's shirts don't have pockets, but I always carry it with me in a little cloth bag, and that cross has been with me from that moment until today. And when an uncharitable thought against someone comes to mind, my hand always touches it here, always. And I feel the grace! I feel its benefit. What good the example of a merciful priest does, of a priest who draws close to wounds." What a beautiful illustration of the impact of the ministry of one priest!

At the recent ordination of priests, Pope Francis returned to the theme of the importance of mercy in the ministry of priests. He counselled those to be ordained: "For the love of Jesus Christ: Never tire of being merciful! And if you have scruples about being too forgiving, think of that holy priest about whom I have told you, who went before the tabernacle and said: 'Lord, pardon me if I have forgiven too much, but it is you who have set me a bad example!' The good shepherd enters through the door, and the doors of mercy are the wounds of the Lord; if you do not enter into your ministry through the Lord's wounds, you will not be good shepherds."

Mercy is at the heart of the priesthood. Good confessors are always first good penitents. It is the priest's own experience of God's mercy that guides and motivates him in trying to communicate the Lord's mercy to others.

Despite all of its challenges, our lives as priests are incredibly blessed. We are given the privilege to witness the miracles that God is constantly performing for his people. Pray that many young men may be open to a priestly vocation. Pray that they may have the courage to go to the front lines of the struggle against good and evil. Ultimately, a vocation is not defined by "doing" but rather by "being." We are called to live our lives in a generous response of mercy to the One who gave us life. Being in the presence of the Father, sharing in the mission of Christ, being men and women of mercy and witnessing in the power of the Holy Spirit is what being a follower of the Good Shepherd is all about.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for vocations in our Church. We need committed men and women who believe that their call to ordained or consecrated life is from God. On a personal note, I thank God for the gift of your vocations as I thank God for the gift of my own vocation in serving you as a priest. Thank you for the many ways you witness God's love to me. The Good Shepherd calls each of us by name. May we respond to that call with the familiarity of truly knowing, loving and serving the One who calls us? There are two powerful words that Jesus often used in relation with his disciples. Those words are "come" and "go." Living one's vocation is knowing how to do both. A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in which the called person has to serve God in the way and in the places to which Almighty God has called him.

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/1</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Betty Greenwalt By Kathryn Kury, † LaFern Mudloff By Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Irene & Jack Beasley By Elaine Nowak, † Lynnze Martinsen By Roberta Jane Kasson
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>8:30 am (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Roberta Whalan, † James Novakowski By Wade & Melinda Kroeger
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>9:00 am (Matelyn)</b> † Jeff Welch By Buzz Welch, † Deacon Randall Lewandowski By Elaine Rozmiarek Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Harold Swanson By Tom & Zola Jarecke <b>7:00 pm Mass (SA)</b> † Rae Lee By Phil & Tracey Lukasiewicz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Anton & † Josephine Jerabek By Carl Jerabek, People of the Parishes <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † William Gregoski Sr. By Kathy Carson, † David & † Dorothy Bogus By Rodney & Linda Wells

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 6TH & 7TH

### SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Volunteer

Sun - 10am: Linda Kezeor

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda & Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Classes have ended for the school year, but learning continues at home & at Mass

... discuss with your family Jesus' most holy and pure sacrificial love. How can we strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom we are called to love?

DREs~ Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker at 308-750-8418

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Sign up!

Please help fill in the sign up sheets!

"At Mass we deepen our communion not only with Christ, but with the whole Church, including the saints and our beloved deceased."

([www.catholic.com/magazine/why-go-to-mass](http://www.catholic.com/magazine/why-go-to-mass))

## TRI-PARISH CONFIRMATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 5:00PM MASS**  
**STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**  
**FOR CANDIDATES & THEIR GUESTS**  
**AT PARISH LIFE CENTER**



**TOTUS TUUS**  
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July 23 - 28

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Current 1st-12th graders.

Register here



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SPP Finance Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 9  
 6:30pm Parish Life Center Conference Room  
 SPP Finance Council & Parish Council Meeting ~  
 Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm Parish Life Center Hall

CCW Meeting - Monday, May 1st

7:00PM SPP PLC

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM  
 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall



Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 30  
**8:30 to 11:30am Parish Center**  
 Pancakes, eggs, fruit,  
 biscuits & sausage gravy.

Free will offering, proceeds to Seminarians.



Jaydon & Taylor Lassen  
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 Christian Marriage  
 April 15, 2023

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



Sunday, April 30

4:00pm

Grace Baptist Church  
 (9th & Baxter) St. Paul



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MAY 3rd | 7 P.M.

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*Spark of Hope* is an effort to promote awareness of child abuse & neglect in our community. At any given time in Hall, Hamilton, Howard, & Merrick Counties, there are up to 212 children in foster care. To volunteer, learn more, &/or donate log onto [www.heartlandcasa.org](http://www.heartlandcasa.org)

Fr. Tim Anastos will guide us in an encounter  
 with our Lord through the Eucharist.

Join us June 10, 2023, for the

**Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** in

North Platte. Register at [gidiocese.org](http://gidiocese.org)



"Communion with Christ and the Church" When we receive Holy Communion, Christ is giving himself to us. He comes to us in all humility, as he came to us in the Incarnation, so that we may receive him and become one with him. Christ gives himself to us so that we may continue the pilgrim path toward life with him in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. The fourteenth-century Orthodox theologian Nicholas Cabasilas described this sacrament by saying, "unlike any other sacrament, the mystery [of the Eucharist] is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union." Through this sacrament, the pilgrim Church is nourished, deepening her communion with the Triune God and consequently that of her members with one another.

(USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #23)

[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

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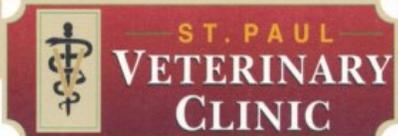


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## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EVENT ~ MAY 16

Meet at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall at 4:00pm

- \* Tour Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Paplin, NE
- \* Meeting at Polish Heritage Center in Ashton
- \* Supper in Farwell

Contact Sandi Mudloff 308-750-6439 by May 13 if would like to go (extra vehicle/drivers helpful).

**Members & Nonmembers Welcome**

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	May	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3
<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> General Fund - \$3,101.00 Parish Center - \$280.00 Maintenance - \$25.00		NO Daily Mass <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour</i> 7pm SPP CCW Meeting 7pm SPP Parish Life Center	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP  Please submit <b>BULLETIN</b> items via e-mail or call the church office by <b>Noon on Tuesday</b> <a href="mailto:office@howardcountycatholics.com">office@howardcountycatholics.com</a>	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Parish Office <b>CLOSED</b> May 3rd-8th           </div>
<b>St. Anthony</b> General Fund - \$280.00		Thursday 4 Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Friday 5 Daily Mass 9:00am - Matelyn  <i>Adoration SPP</i> 10:15am-5:15pm	Saturday 6 Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP Mass 7:00pm (SA)
<b>St. Joseph</b> General Fund - \$135.00				