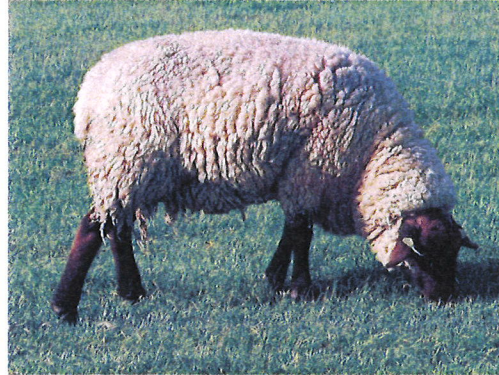


The Pastor's Corner

When it comes to the Gospel from Good Shepherd Sunday, I have often found the central idea- sacrifice - to be rather odd, even having lived on a farm. If I asked my dad if I were supposed to “lay down my life” for our cattle, he would likely simply flash a look of disbelief, and a simple “of course not!” and move along. He certainly never had quite that expectation of us when we took care of the cattle. Sure, there were a lot of expectations, and the cattle need to be treated with the utmost care and concern- but not to that extreme, at least not in my dad’s view.



The reason that the Gospel seems so far removed from our experience is because we are dealing with someone that has more than just a simple “farmer and livestock” relationship. The one who is a good shepherd is the one who acts, not just as a person who is merely employed, but one that is looking to give their all because of their love and affinity for their sheep. They do want to give their all because they have discovered the sheep are worth saving, and they value that above even their own life. Jesus lives that out for us, and Easter is a time of reflection on that simple fact- and why He is the Good Shepherd!

Though this idea of sacrifice is a hard thing for us to think about in terms of cattle, we often have to live it out nonetheless in our lives. If we have children, a spouse, a congregation, or even simply a job or position we occupy- we have to live lives like the Good Shepherd- even in this day and age when we are often told to focus on ourselves first. Live life like the Good Shepherd. See how God is calling you to lay down your own life even more for your “sheep.”

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

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BISHOP RICE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

"Let us pray for those burdened with sorrow, those facing health issues, those suffering from war, famine, or disease: May the Risen Christ be their hope and their joy!"



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Mass Schedule						
Sat.	Apr	20	4PM	Henry & Agnes Leible	Thu.	Apr 25 7AM Shelby & Charlene Steger
Sun.	Apr	21	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Apr 26 7AM Joe David Landewee
Mon.	Apr	22	No Mass		Sat.	Apr 27 4PM Don Gosche
Tue.	Apr	23	6PM	Paul Stuckey	Sun.	Apr 28 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Apr	24	7AM	Cletus & Norma Gosche		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VI SITUATION. APR 21-Mary F. Glastetter, APR 28-Theresa Essner.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

April 14, 2024: Loose \$140, Envelopes \$4967, Total: \$5107.

MONDAY, APRIL 22nd, ST. DENIS CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE. 2PM-6PM in the Parish Center Gym.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Doug & Sue Kern
Pat & Jan Keifer, Jeff & Kara King, Darrell & Libby Klipfel.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, LADIES BREAKFAST. Sponsored by the St. Joseph's Men's Sodality. After mass in the Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to enjoy a morning of breakfast, prayer and fellowship!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, NEW SERVER TRAINING. 7PM in the Parish Church. All 2-4th grades are invited who have not served before, or those who are above that age and are not yet servers as well.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 4th ANNUAL MEET ME AT THE GROTTO WITH BISHOP RICE, 6:30PM. Please join Bishop Rice in praying the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother. Bring a lawn chair if desired. Light refreshments will be served following the Rosary. Rosaries were donated and they will be passed out at the grotto for those without one.

PRINCIPAL OPENING. Principal and Educator Opening, elementary: Saint Denis School in Benton, Missouri is seeking a principal and teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities: Responsibilities will include leadership in the school environment as a community of faith, as well as providing an instructional and professional leadership to the school faculty, as well being able to fill the capacity of a classroom teacher. Requirements: A qualified candidate must be an active and practicing Catholic, possess their Missouri certification, as well as possessing a master's degree in School Administration (or are working towards it). Administrative experience is preferred, and 3-5 years of Catholic school experience is desired as well. To request an application, please contact Fr. Daniel Belken at Saint Denis Parish, Benton, MO at 573-545-3864, or email frbelken@stdenisbenton.org.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat.	Apr	27	4PM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sat.	Apr	27	4PM	Linda Essner/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sat.	Apr	27	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Orville Enderle
Servers:	Sat.	Apr	27	4PM	Eli Holman/Isabell Crook/Wyatt Farrow/Tyler Jackson
Ushers:	Sat.	Apr	27	4PM	Randy Vetter/Trent Walter/Jake Wagner/David Westrich

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun.	Apr	28	8:30AM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sun.	Apr	28	8:30AM	Linda Essner/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sun.	Apr	28	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Ralph Enderle
Servers:	Sun.	Apr	28	8:30AM	Vanellope DeShaney/Leigha Estes/Drew Benson/Luke Benson
Ushers:	Sun.	Mar	28	8:30AM	Danny Tetley/Ryan Thomure/Benji Urhahn/Justin Vetter

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is coming to St. Lawrence June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. For more information, please contact the parish office or Pat Moore for more details.

NOTRE DAME BULLDOG BITES CEREAL. Notre Dame has a limited-edition cereal, Bulldog Bites, available now! Senior Audrey Deken won the 'Create A Crunch' essay contest on manufacturing, sponsored by the Gilster-Mary Lee Corporation, through a class assignment in her Life Skills class this fall. For winning the contest, she was able to create her own cereal and box design. Cereal sales will run through April 28. Visit www.notredamehighschool.org to learn how to get your hands on this limited-edition ND cereal! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Halter Notre Dame Regional High School laurahalter@notredamecape.org (573) 335-6772 ext. 302.

SECOND COLLECTION. Next weekend for "The Catholic Home Missions Appeal".