

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/21 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall as usual.
- 04/27 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale and Blessing Bag Day** 10am-12pm.
- 04/28 (V Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For JOCELYN - new member and officially appointed catechist of St. John's Church.*

- On May 10th (Friday), we are organizing the **ITALIAN DINNER** for all members of our community and friends of St. John's Church. This event is another opportunity to simply meet, talk, and strengthen our relationships within the community. The dinner is free of charge, but you need to sign up for it by Sunday, May 6th. The sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MARIA & JOSEPH BEDNARZ (04/25). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For MAGDA on the occasion of her birthday.

INTROIT

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.

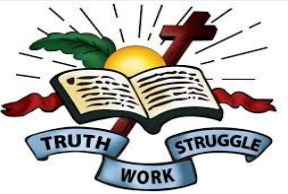
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
“Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today
about a good deed done to a cripple,
namely, by what means he was saved,
then all of you and all the people of Israel
should know that it was in the name of
Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you cru-
cified, whom God raised from the dead;
in his name this man stands before you
healed.

ACTS 4:8-12

He is the stone rejected by you, the build-
ers, which has become the cornerstone.
There is no salvation through anyone el-
se, nor is there any other name under
heaven given to the human race by which
we are to be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.”

READING 2

1 JN 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed
on us that we may be called the children
of God. Yet so we are. The reason the
world does not know us is that it did not
know him. Beloved, we are God’s chil-
dren now; what we shall be has not yet
been revealed. We do know that when
it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 10:11-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said:
“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself as the GOoD Shepherd. As the GOoD Shepherd, Je-
sus has a personal interest in each and every one of His sheep. Being a caring and providing she-
pherd, Jesus does what is best for the sheep, even to the point of laying down His life so that the
sheep will live. Unlike the hired shepherd who is only looking for pay and what can be obtained
from the sheep, Jesus establishes a close connection (relationship) with all of His sheep. They re-
cognize and respond to His voice and He responds to them.

As I reflect on all the readings today, I am overwhelmed by the plan of GOD. GOD wants to have
a personal, individual relationship with every person, including you and me. Not only does GOD
give human (mortal) life to people, but also GOD wants to establish a unique relationship with each
and every human. Part of that relationship is salus – healing, wholeness, salvation. GOD wants
what is best for us, even more than we want or can imagine. We are sometime misled into putting
our trust and hope in mere human pursuits: wealth, fame, power, prestige, and other people. If
any of those pursuits is the sum total of our existence, we have missed out on what the Lord Jesus
intends for us.