

April 25th, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

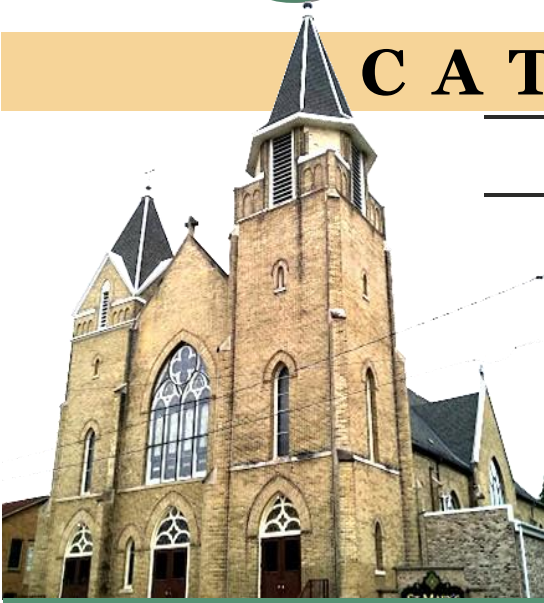
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

#### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

#### Adoration

Friday 8:00 - 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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*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.*



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, April 27**

No Mass

**Wednesday, April 28**

8:30 am Word & Communion  
with Deacon Tom; No Mass

**Thursday, April 29**

8:30 am Word & Communion  
with Deacon Tom; No Mass

**Friday, April 30**

8:30 am No Word & Communion  
or Mass

**Saturday, May 1**

7:00 pm † David Sterr  
By: Leo & Jeanette Crowley

**Sunday, May 2**

9:00 am Parishioner Mass  
1:00 pm Special Intention for  
Ostrowski Family



## Upcoming Events

**First Holy Communion**  
May 2nd @ 9:00 am Mass

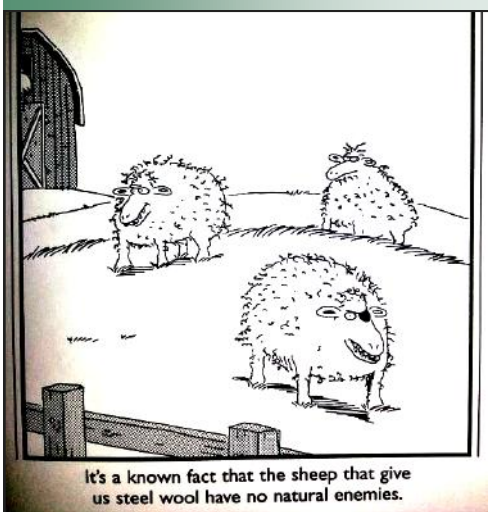
**Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
May 6th @ 1:00 pm  
Church Basement

**Cemetery Clean-Up**  
May 11th @ 4:00 pm

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
May 11th @ 6:30 pm

**Confirmation**  
May 18th @ 6:00 pm  
St Francis of Assisi - Necedah

**Parish Finance Council**  
June 8th @ 6:30 pm



## Laying Down Your Life

*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."*

*John 10:11*

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday." This is because the readings for this Sunday from all three liturgical years come from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel in which Jesus teaches clearly and repeatedly about His role of being the Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be a shepherd? More specifically, how is it that Jesus most perfectly acts as the Good Shepherd of us all?

The image of Jesus being a shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have shown Jesus as a gentle and kind man holding a sheep in His arms or on His shoulders. In part, it is this holy image that we put before our mind's eye to ponder today. This is an inviting image and one that helps us to turn to our Lord, as a child would turn to a parent in need. But though this gentle and endearing image of Jesus as a shepherd is quite inviting, there are other aspects of His role as Shepherd that should also be considered.

The Gospel quoted above gives us the heart of Jesus' definition of the most important quality of a good shepherd. He is one who "lays down his life for the sheep." He is one who is willing to suffer, out of love, for those entrusted to his care. He is one who chooses the life of the sheep over his own life. At the heart of this teaching is sacrifice. A shepherd is sacrificial. And being sacrificial is the truest and most accurate definition of love.

Though Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" Who gave His life for us all, we must also daily strive to imitate His sacrificial love for others. We must be Christ, the Good Shepherd, to others every day. And the way we do this is by looking for ways to lay our lives down for others, putting them first, overcoming every selfish tendency, and serving them with our lives. Love is not only experiencing endearing and heartwarming moments with others; first and foremost, love is about being sacrificial.

Reflect, today, upon these two images of Jesus the Good Shepherd. First, ponder the tender and gentle Lord Who welcomes you and cares for you in a holy, compassionate, and endearing way. But then turn your eyes to the Crucifixion. Our Good Shepherd did, indeed, give His life for us all. His shepherding love led Him to suffer greatly and to lay His life down so that we could be saved. Jesus was not afraid to die for us, because His love was perfect. We are the ones who matter to Him, and He was willing to do anything necessary to love us, including sacrificing His life out of love. Ponder this most holy and pure sacrificial love and strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom you are called to love.

Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

-Taken from *Catholic Daily Reflections - My Catholic Life!*

## Mass Intentions:

We are aware that due to the interruption in our daily Mass schedule, Mass intentions that were scheduled, have had to be postponed. Please know that we are aware that many Masses need to be re-scheduled, but until we are somewhat sure of what our Mass schedule will look like, we are holding off. Consequently, once we are able to reschedule, we may have only a few weekend Masses available for the rest of the year. We understand your frustration, but we ask that you be patient with the parish office staff. Thank you!



## ST. MARY'S PRAYER LIST

Vinnie Bellock, Kathy McGowan Bermeo, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Karen DeLange, Jamie Donnelly, Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton, & John Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Bud Miller, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, Bob Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please...PRAY THE ROSARY!!!

## **St. Mary's Cemetery Clean Up!!** **May 11 @ 4:00 pm**

Please come out to the cemetery on Hwy J and help clean it up and make our cemetery beautiful!

**\*\*Also, the new sign will be installed this day!**



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Holy Land Collection Total from Good Friday: **\$467.00**

Divine Mercy Sunday Collection total supporting the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women: **\$733.00**

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### **Women of Tomah Deanery** **Spring Assembly - May 1st**

"Time to Get Re-acquainted and Re-activated"

It will be held at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin-St. Mary's Ridge  
26400 County Hwy U in  
Cashton. Registration at  
9 a.m. Program starts at 9:30 and  
concludes at 11:30 a.m.

### **St. Mary's Ladies Sodality** **Meeting**

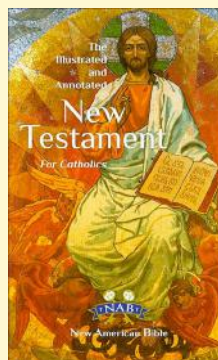
Thursday, May 6th @ 1:00 pm  
Church Basement

Upcoming plans for the year will be discussed along with plenty of time to catch up and check in to see how everyone is doing.

**All are welcome!**

## **The Illustrated and Annotated New Testament for Catholics**

They're still available in the church vestibule for only \$10 (they retail for \$20+)! Please use the envelope provided and place in the offertory or mail/drop off to the parish office. Thank you!



## ***Financial Stewardship***

**April 18, 2021**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1669.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$6.00
Offertory.....	\$766.00
Votive Candles.....	\$43.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$25.00
Total	\$2,509.00

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(160 registered families)

### **Year-to-date\***

Budgeted	\$107,018.94
Contributed	\$121,614.52

## **Time to go to St. Joseph**

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

**-St. Joseph, Pray for us!**



## **2020-21 Annual Appeal**

Goal: \$15,810

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Percent of Goal Pledged: 75.08%



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