

APRIL 29 –SATURDAY

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Tom and Joan Fahey6:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***APRIL 30 – SUNDAY**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

9:00 AM – Fr. Luca *Spanish*11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of
Fr. Joe Robinson12:30 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***MAY 1– MONDAY**

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the
Parishioners**MAY 2 - TUESDAY**

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

7:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***MAY 3 – WEDNESDAY**

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

7:30 AM – Fr. Luca *English* – Joan Fahey**MAY 4 – THURSDAY**

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

7:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***MAY 5– FRIDAY**

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the
Parishioners**MAY 6 –SATURDAY**

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* – Ed LeSaint6:00 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***MAY 7 – SUNDAY**

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

9:00 AM – Fr. Luca *Spanish*11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Nick Nuxoll12:30 PM – Fr. Luca *Spanish***English Mass Ministry Schedule:
May 6/7**

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz

11:00 AM – B. Schinaman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/T. LeSaint/
M. Sonenschein/Volunteer

11:00 AM – C. Chesher

Servers: 4:00 PM – M. Sonenschein/S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – A. Browning

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Sunday's Collection: \$6,895
 Offerings received to-date: \$296,280
 Amount needed to catch up: \$71,720
 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.* To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS

WEEK: Madeena Nolan (01), Chris Balash (01), Jordan Rolfes (01), Mark Behnken (02), Margaret McDonough (02), Julie Thompson (02), Christina Schoettmer (03), Ronald Knecht (05), Jean Buckmeier (06), Pat Wentzel (07).

FOUR GRAND CLUB:

Congratulations to Joan Reinhold, Ruth Holthaus, and Joanna McDonough. They are the week 35 winners and each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 51.

REFLECTIONS BY FR. RUDY:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... (John 1:1)

Yes, in the Gospel of John, words matter. And not just *any* words, for this gospel employs metaphor and symbolism to carry Christ's message to his people. The term "metaphor" is from the Greek, meaning to carry across or beyond, and in this particular gospel, it denotes one kind of object or idea used in place of another. Each chapter of John paints a portrait of the divinity of Jesus Christ and who he was as a man. Jesus as "the bread of life," "the light of the world," "the resurrection and the life," "the true vine," and other analogies are beautiful yet telling expressions of our Lord in John that carry layers of him in our hearts and minds. These words elevate our Lord in their elegance and grace of description.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and we reflect on John's Gospel, Chapter 10, which centers on Christ as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and has power over death. In 1970 Pope Paul VI designated the Fourth Sunday of Easter as the feast of the Good Shepherd.

In this liturgical year (Year A), we concentrate on the first ten verses of Chapter 10, where Jesus also refers to himself as "the gate"—in that he tends his sheep solely for their well-being and safety, guiding them through the door and leading them, with *their* trust and *his* love, to finer pastures. He is neither "the thief" nor "the bandit" who would harm them, use them for gain, or destroy them; he is the only means for the sheepfold to move forward in faith toward deliverance. This close relationship of hearing Christ's voice and following his guidance should represent our own relationship with him, for like parent and child, he is our protection against the ravages of human events and humans who may seek to harm us. Jesus Christ laid down his life for us on the cross so we may live.

As we continue our journey through the liturgical season of Easter, today we celebrate what is

traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday... Christ is the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. Thus a profound communion is established between the Good Shepherd and his flock. Jesus, according to the Evangelist, "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out ... and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (Jn 10:3-4). Sheep and Shepherd are united by long familiarity, real knowledge and mutual attachment: he takes care of them; they trust him and follow him faithfully. (St. Pope John Paul II, 1999)

BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH LIFE OF ST. BONIFACE: Many people step forward on a regular basis and do whatever they can to further the life of the Parish. There are many more who would like to help out but don't know how to go about it, or they don't feel they have the time or talent to become involved. Here are a few examples that are currently available:

Become a lay minister at Mass: readers, Communion ministers, servers, ushers, greeters, and musicians.

Stuffing envelopes for mailings: This can be done at the business office with others or can be done at home by one person.

Being on the prayer chain.

Cleaning the sacristy and sanctuary once a month.

Helping out with decorating the church. Someone is needed to put out plants and flowers on a regular basis. You can also help with celebrations like Christmas and Easter. If you know about plants, we need someone to take over the care and purchase of new plants.

Grounds control: St. Boniface has become known for our beautiful grounds, especially the flower beds and other landscaped areas. Several people are needed to take over this responsibility.

There are many more opportunities, and if you see something you can do, call Jenni in the Parish Office. Our parish is our spiritual home and we all want to do our part in keeping her beautiful and prospering.