

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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MAY 7 – SATURDAY

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

Vigil Readings: See Sunday

4:00 PM – Fr. Pat (English) – Leona and Harry
Murphy

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

MAY 8 – SUNDAY

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

9:00 AM- Fr. Jim (Spanish)

11:00 AM –Fr. Jim (English) – Clifford Wolf

12:30 PM – Fr. Jim (Spanish)

MAY 9 – MONDAY

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

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Barbara Luken

MAY 10 – TUESDAY

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

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

MAY 11 – WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

7:30 AM –Fr. Rudy (English) – James E. Murphy

MAY 12 – THURSDAY

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

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

MAY 13 - FRIDAY

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

7:30 AM – Fr. Jim (English) – Arlene Wood

MAY 14 – SATURDAY

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Vigil Readings: See Sunday

4:00 PM – Fr. Jim (English) – Joan Fahey

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

MAY 15 – SUNDAY

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

11:00 AM –Fr. Pat (English) – Fr. Joe Robinson

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

Ministry Schedule: May 14-15

Lectors:

4:00 PM – R. Ogden

11:00 AM – S. Drury

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – B. Burns/ T. LeSaint

M.Sonenschein/ Volunteer

11:00 AM – J. Chesher/ K. Gillespie

Servers:

4:00 PM B. Browning/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM A. Browning

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$376,000

Offerings received to-date: \$364,906

Amount needed to catch up: \$11,094

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 541-1563.

4 GRAND CLUB

Congratulations to George Wolbers, Doug Weiss and Nancy Ransbottom. They are the winners of the Week 36 drawing and each won \$25.

Happy Birthday

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Emma Currens (09), Debbie Hader (10), Tuyetnhu Duong (11), Betty Holzer (12), Eileen Knueven (12), Sophie Dunham (12), Mary Craig (13), Byron Houchens (13), Deanna Herbert (14), Pat Balash (14), Molly Dietz (14), Rosemary Dyer (15).

FR. JIM'S DESK: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is unofficially known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in all three cycles of readings the Good Shepherd is mentioned. Once, I had a Border Collie dog whose name was Clancy. Border Collies come from Ireland and are working dogs that have been trained to herd sheep. Although Clancy was certainly domesticated and I have no idea if he had learned to herd sheep, occasionally he showed me what I believe is a herding instinct. At those times, he reminded me of the Good Shepherd.

I think Clancy's herding instincts came out when I ran the vacuum sweeper. As soon as I turned it on, no matter where he was, even if he was sleeping, he ran. At first, I thought he was afraid and that he was running away from something that may hurt him. But he never ran away or too far. He ran past me and then circled back and watched me attentively with his head turned slightly and his ears straight up at attention. When I changed direction and came toward him, again he moved quickly past me and circled back once more to take a watchful and alert position. It seemed that he was on guard to protect me from something that may want to hurt me! He was my defender and protector.

In the Good Shepherd Gospels, we are told that a shepherd knows his sheep's voice and the sheep know his shepherd's voice. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and they follow the shepherd. (This was true with Clancy and me, some of the time!) The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep and will guard the sheep from being snatched up by the wolf (or the vacuum sweeper). If the sheep are good or bad or lost or among the fold or of another fold, the Good Shepherd remains faithful to being good and offering protection and keeping guard and giving his life to all the sheep, no matter what.

The Good Shepherd image is a great one to describe the Resurrected Christ. In the Resurrected Christ, we

can easily see how the Lord lays down his life for all the sheep in order to take it up again. We clearly see how the lost are found and how the Good Shepherd is the gate that all the sheep pass through for eternal life. In this way, the Shepherd knows each and every one of us and each and every one of us knows the Risen Christ as our Good Shepherd. In this way, the Lord protects, guards, and saves all the sheep from the effects of sin and death. In this way, the Lord came that everyone may have life abundantly. Alleluia, Jesus Christ has risen indeed and his care for us never ends.

Move and herd us together, O Good Shepherd, into life with God and each other with the very life that moved you to lay down your life so that others may live. Give us life with you that never ends and hold onto us tightly until you bring us safely home. "The Lord is our Shepherd, there is nothing more that we shall ever want."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Our SVDP food pantry is in need of gently used plastic grocery bags. Please save your bags and drop them off at the food pantry on Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., or at the Parish Office during the week. Thank you.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASSES: Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary masses:

- Saturday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Dayton.
- Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati.

Please register to attend one of the masses by completing the online form at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversarycertificate-request>

FOOD FOR ALL: Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to Covid-19, our pantries are now drive-thru. We could use your help! If you are interested in serving or donating, please contact April Hoak, Food for All Coordinator, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or 513-672-3720. Learn more at <https://www.ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all>