

**Announcements
For the week of
April 17, 2016**

Jr. Daughters will have a Bake Sale this weekend after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

The Bazaar Committee is asking for your participation. There will be a Bazaar meeting on April 18th at 6pm in the Hall. Very important decisions will be made and we need your input.

Knights of Columbus Council 951 is now accepting applications for our annual scholarship program. Scholarships will be for \$1000 each. Interested parties should visit your church office for an application. Deadline for scholarship entry is May 31, 2016.

The Project Graduation committee will be hosting a Fund Raiser on April 23rd and 24th after all Masses. Please support our youth!

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements, 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families. Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements.

April 17, 2016

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISTORS!
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY EASTER. KINDLY TURN TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S
COLLECTION.**

**REMEMBER, THE VESTIBULE IS A "QUIET ZONE" PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL
OF THOSE INSIDE WHO ARE QUIETLY IN PRAYER.**

**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS DURING COMMUNION. EVERY-
ONE IS ASKED TO USE THE AISLE OF THE CHURCH AND NOT TO CROSS
THROUGH THE PEWS.**

TODAY'S THEME:

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel on the Fourth Sun-
day of Easter every year portrays Jesus proclaiming himself the Good Shepherd. It
is also the World Day of prayer for Vocations, as we pray for all those in our midst
who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and seek to become shepherds as well,
by God's grace. As we gather today at God's invitation, let us listen for the Shep-
herd's voice and pray for vocations, too.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case, Fr. Aloysius

4:30 P.M.- Fr.

7:00 A.M.-Fr.

9:00 A.M.-Fr.

11:30 A.M.-Fr.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Our Gospel reading today is brief and to the point. Jesus' sheep hear his voice and
he knows them. Our challenge today is to listen for his voice in the cries of victims
of war and violence, in the joy of new parents, in the pain of hunger and poverty,
in the songs we raise together in church. Let us open our ears to the voice of the
Good Shepherd.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Cycle C
April 16-17, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, through Jesus the Good Shepherd let us intercede for the needs of all God's flock...

Response: *Shepherd us, Lord.*

- That all people within the Body of Christ, the Church, may pattern their lives after the example of Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord...
- That all nations of the world may come together to work toward the kingdom of God, not inciting fear or persecution, but sowing peace, we pray to the Lord...
- That those in our community that are sick may experience the healing touch of Christ our Good Shepherd through our care and prayers, we pray to the Lord...
- That on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, God may give the gift of courage to us to follow His call and the gift of understanding to discern our service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord...
- That on this Good Shepherd Sunday, that God may continue to bless all priests, especially our parish's shepherd(s), (*Fr. Case and Fr. Aloysius*), may they continue to serve with dedication and grace, we pray to the Lord...
- That our parish community of (*add your parish name*), may speak boldly about the love of Christ, that we may be a light to the world and an instrument of salvation, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray through Jesus, our Good Shepherd, for our own needs and for the special intentions of others...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes . . .]*, we pray to the Lord.

Priest: God of love, you call each of us to generous service of the human family. Bless us with the grace and courage to hear the call of our Good Shepherd and to follow him with faith and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

April 16-17, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS AND PEW ART CARDS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Remember to use the white bags for the collections
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 11:30 Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

Second Collection

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