



# St. Scholastica Parish

## April 21, 2024

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**Welcome to St. Scholastica Parish Office!**

Visitors will check in at the front desk, and the staff member on duty will direct all visitors to their meeting room or appointment.

**As a gentle reminder please do not come to the parish facilities if you are not feeling well.**

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday and Tuesday, 8 am to 6 pm**  
**Wednesday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm**  
**Saturday and Sunday, Closed**  
**Please call the office before you come,**  
**as office hours are subject to change.**

**Being Good.**

Jesus is good. He is the best of shepherds. He knows and protects, leads and loves. He offers himself as a pattern for our own living.

- † Who needs my guidance?
- † Who needs my love and protection?
- † How will I be good today, this week, this Easter Time?

**Our Mission**

As a welcoming people, with Jesus as our foundation, we are the Catholic Community of St. Scholastica Parish. Guided by the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures and strengthened by the Eucharist, we humbly and joyfully accept our baptismal call to share our time, talents, and treasures to support and nurture each other and those in need.

**Welcome**

All those visiting the parish are invited to stop by the “Welcoming Center” in the Breezeway of the Church to pick up information about our parish. Registration forms can be found in this area and once completed can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass. The form can also be downloaded from our web site. If you need any assistance in completing the form, please don’t hesitate to contact us at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. We would also be happy to take your information over the phone.



**My fellow Stewards—“Stewardship our Way of Life”**

- ◆ **Receive God’s gifts gratefully**
  - ◆ **Cultivate them responsibly**
  - ◆ **Share them lovingly in justice with others**
  - ◆ **Return them with increase to the Lord**
- Teach us to be the very building....the people of God.*



We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the “first fruits” of the “treasure” you have received.

**April 13 & 14, 2024**

Total Envelopes .....	227
Amount Collected-Envelopes.....	\$6,499.00
Amount Collected-Loose.....	\$2,593.00
Total Amount Collected .....	\$9,092.00
Total On Line Givers .....	142
Total On Line Gifts.....	\$6,992.50
Total Weekend Stewardship.....	\$16,084.50

**Easter Collection, 2024**

Total Collected as of April 14 ..... \$32,662



Online Giving is a great way to help our administrative staff while supporting your church. Signing up is easy—you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website: [www.stscholasticaparish.org](http://www.stscholasticaparish.org) and click on the Online Giving logo to get started.

Need help setting up Online Giving?

Contact:

Our Sunday Visitor  
800-348-2886, ext. 2 or [onlinegiving@osv.com](mailto:onlinegiving@osv.com)

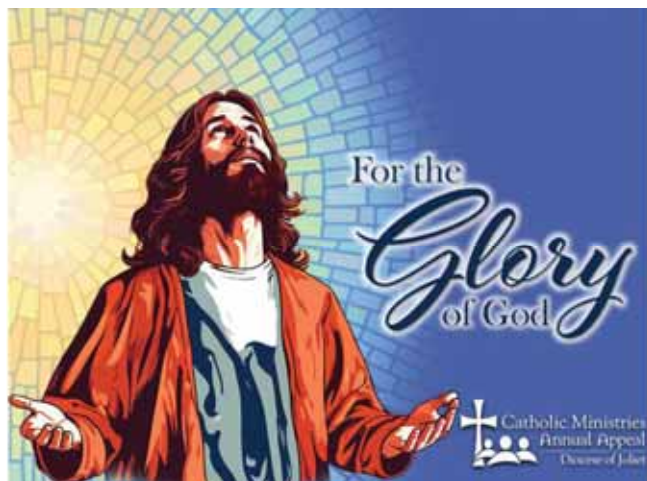
Scan the QR code and you will be taken to our online giving portal at Our Sunday Visitor - OSV. Set up one time or recurring donations for Sunday Offerings (Stewardship) or peruse the site for special collections and set them up too! Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support and generosity!





From time to time there are phishing (SCAM) emails going out to members of the parish claiming to be Fr. Norbert. **Please note Father Norbert, Father Ed, our deacons and staff DO NOT send texts or emails asking for money or gift cards.** If you receive a message appearing to be from Father Norbert or Father Ed, please discard it (any email that does not have “stscholasticaparish.org” is a fake email), and **DO NOT SEND ANY ELECTRONIC MONETARY AID.** No clergy or staff will personally ask for money in whatever form (gift cards, etc.). If someone sends you a private message asking for a donation of sorts, it’s undoubtedly a fake account. Please keep praying for us and God bless you.

**LEAVE A LEGACY—  
ADD ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISH TO YOUR  
WILL! CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



**CMAA 2024 Pledge Report:**  
**PARISH GOAL: \$101,700**  
**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$66,348**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \$53,877**  
**PLEDGED BALANCE DUE: \$12,471**  
**FAMILIES PLEDGED: 371 of 1,669**

**Your Pledge Matters! If you have not pledged, please do so! It’s not too late!**



## Your Weekly Message from Fr. Norbert, CR

Jesus said: *"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* [John 10} We have all heard this phrase from the gospel according to John

many times. And as I stop and think about it there are many popular images of Jesus depicted as the Good Shepherd. Sometimes he is displayed as a shepherd who is holding a lamb while knocking on a door. There is no doubt that Jesus as the Good Shepherd willingly gave his life for us. In today’s first scripture passage at mass, we hear a reference that Jesus is the corner stone that was rejected. We are invited to build our lives upon this corner stone. You may be tempted to ask, “How can this be?” because Jesus lived in a different time and age: we have advanced since that time. The real question might be, “Have we?” Today, just as in the time of Jesus, we need someone who is morally strong to lead us on the path of life. Repeatedly Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, has come into our lives to hold us as the little lamb in his arms and lead us to the proper path. He not only holds us, but also guides us and gives us courage in those dark moments of life. The Good Shepherd also utilizes others to help us in our journey of life. We too can become an aid to others as they search for the path of the Good Shepherd. I know that you are aware of organizations that dedicate their activities to assist others. The St. Vincent de Paul Society does more than provide drop off boxes for used clothing. It is through the resale of these used items and the monetary donations that they receive that they are capable of assisting people in need. Through various church organizations, as well as other groups, we can walk with the Good Shepherd and help guide others to find the path that leads to salvation. Take care and have a wonderful week.

*Fr. Norb, C.R.*

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. “Go tell my brothers,” Jesus commands us. “Do not be afraid.”

## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for taking the first step with your child on a life-long journey of faith. In preparation for this very joyous celebration you are required to take part in an on-line Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call Marisa at 630.985.2351x122 or e-mail [mtrevino@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:mtrevino@stscholasticaparish.org) for more information and to sign up for the course. Baptisms can only be scheduled after completion of the baptismal course.

**April 14, 2024**

**Bailey Rose Kastner**

*Daughter of Scott & Stephanie (Arturi) Kastner*

**Maxwell David Parra**

*Son of Alejandro & Stephanie (Cormany) Parra*

**Madelyn Grace Teske**

*Daughter of Andrew & Katey (Goodpaster) Teske*

**Cleo Merle Baker**

*Son of Lucas & Laura (Colon) Baker*

**Luca George Janda**

*Son of Brandon & Mariesa (Errico) Janda*



### CANCER IS LIMITED....

It cannot cripple love, It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot corrode faith, It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence, It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage, It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life, It cannot quench the spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

### Please Pray for Our Friends and Family Battling Cancer

To request to be added or removed from the cancer list, please contact the office at 630.985.2351, ext.122. In order to keep the list up to date, names will be removed automatically after six months.

### St. Peregrine



**Pray for Us**

Tom Feliksik, Catherine Tallon,  
Paul Rotella, Beatrice Walsh,  
Paul Gorsline, Walter Shiffer,  
Donna Prepejchal, Marilene Mariano,  
Bruce Schaffer, Jennifer Bailey,  
Barbara Knierim, Jim Fus, Bill Andersen,  
Janet Leifel, Johnny Andrews,  
Richard Buban, Heather McMillen,  
Carol Knott, Nora Sanstad, Jerry Munley,  
Mary Joy Geramo, Deb Sharbak,  
Marlene Talaski, Sonja Rudny,  
Celeste Aguzino, Marilyn Ayersman,  
Jack Nagle, Sandra Woodring,  
Clem Campbell, Judy Retterer

## Arranging a Funeral

Arrangements for a Funeral Mass are made through the Funeral Home you choose. The Funeral Home will contact the Parish Administration Center to schedule the Mass. If arrangements will not be made through a funeral home, please contact the Parish Administration Center at 630.985.2351x122 for assistance. More information can be found on the Parish Web Site: [www.stscholasticaparish.org](http://www.stscholasticaparish.org)

### We Pray for Our Deceased and Their Families

**Patricia Lonask**  
*Wife of Karl Lonask  
Mother of Keith & Brian Lonask  
Grandmother of Taylor (Jseh Joerger), Zachary, and  
Nicholas (Grace Lonask), Lexie & Jake Lonask  
Great-Grandmother of Rhett Joerger*

### A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

By John E. Kleiman

Dear Lord,

I'm just a soldier, a protector of our land. A servant called to battle when my country takes a stand. I pray for strength and courage and a heart that will forgive. For peace and understanding in a world for all to live.

My family's prayers are with me, no matter where I roam. Please listen when I'm lonely and return me safely home.

### Continue to Pray for Our Friends and Family who are in Active Duty in the Military.

If you would like loved ones who are on active duty in the military to be included on the bulletin board in the Breezeway, drop pictures off in the Parish Office.



### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

SP4 Brian Dilger, Lance Corporal Jaleasia Reed,  
Captain Joe Chambers, 1st Lt Rachel Schlitter,  
Corporal Donte Reed, Airman Robert Rouille,  
VT Claire Gieseke, PVT Michaelangelo Zaucha Fernandez,  
ET 1 Kim Bellavia, LT Michael Bellavia,  
Sargent Daron J. Reed, SPC Matthew Aubele,  
PFC SGT Eric Kuchta, Staff SGT Kyle Gulley,  
PFC Sebastian Elapumkal, SGT Trent Johnson,  
SPC Samantha Rapp, PVT Jake Higley,  
Captain Mark F. Luneburg, PFC Michael Jacobson,  
EMF-K Karl Gieseke, NSM Larry J. Threadgill,  
LTC Noel Sioson, Major Brady Sexton,  
Ensign Randall Jacob Hopkins, MFN Jesse Kolek,  
Major Kenneth Schlorf, Sergeant Donald J. May,  
Staff SGT Ryan Gulley, Major David G. Mack

**Pulpit Announcements need to be to Lisa Riedl: [lriedl@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:lriedl@stscholasticaparish.org) by 9 am the Tuesday before the weekend**

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend

Saturday (*eve of Sunday*) ..... 4:30 P.M.

Sunday ..... 8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 12 NOON

### Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday... 8:30 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ..... 3:30 – 4:15 P.M.

*or call the Parish Office to make an appointment*

### Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for marriage involves special instruction for the couple. **Notification to the Parish Administration Center is required at least 6 months in advance.** Please call Sue at the Parish Administration Center, 985-2351, ext. 124, for more information.



Isabella Casillas,  
Alexander Napierkowski,  
Lila Ramos, Rita Ramsey,  
Mary Coghlan, Jess Santos,  
Lynn Gasmen, Mary Reynolds,  
Marcella Fanning

**If you or a member of your immediate family are in need of prayer, please contact the Parish Office at 985-2351, ext. 122, and we will place the name in the bulletin. Names will remain in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless you call to have prayers extended.**

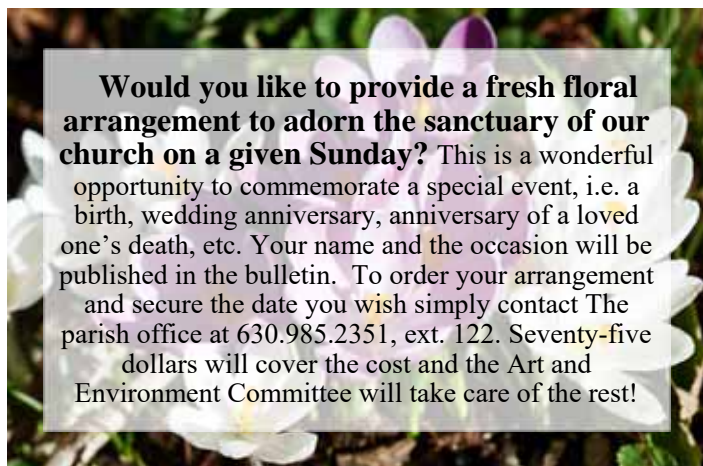
### PRAYER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Lord,

You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.

- Amen.

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**Would you like to provide a fresh floral arrangement to adorn the sanctuary of our church on a given Sunday?** This is a wonderful opportunity to commemorate a special event, i.e. a birth, wedding anniversary, anniversary of a loved one's death, etc. Your name and the occasion will be published in the bulletin. To order your arrangement and secure the date you wish simply contact The parish office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. Seventy-five dollars will cover the cost and the Art and Environment Committee will take care of the rest!



### The Tabernacle Candle

"In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 316) If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. The donation is \$10. The candle offering is for one week.

### The Tabernacle Candle

is offered this week for:

**Charlene Ringo**

By: Dominic Ringo

### Earth Day Prayer—April 22, 2024

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" - "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

So opens Pope Francis' letter to the whole world on the importance of protecting and healing our natural world. As we approach this day, let us each commit to doing one thing to celebrate creation.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen.

You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation.

Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child.

When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister.

When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother.

We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse.

Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior.

Amen.

## Social Concerns & Service Programs



### Important Phone Numbers

- Confidential Emergency Financial Assistance 630.985.2351x3
- West Suburban Community Pantry (food assistance) 630.512.9921
- For Sick, Homebound and Hospital Visits..... 630.985.2351x122
- Birthright (*Crisis Pregnancy*) .....630.355.9888
- Catholic Charities (*Crisis Pregnancy*).....630.495.9850
- Domestic Violence Hotline .....630.469.5650
- Hope's Front Door.....630.322.9803
- F.I.S.H. Food Pantry & Clothes Closet .....630.964.7776



### BIRTHDAYS ARE TO CELEBRATE!

Imagine not being able to have a birthday party for your child.

Could you donate a Birthday Party Kit for boys or girls 9 and under? You may donate an assembled bag, or if that is not possible, donate some of the items, and volunteers will assemble the bags.

- 1 Cake Mix
- 1 Frosting
- 1 Party game
- 1 Package balloons
- 1 Cake decorating item (sprinkles, gel, etc.)
- 8-10 Party Hats
- 8-10 Paper plates, cups, napkins
- 8-10 Small Party treats/favors
- Birthday candles
- Optional Small birthday gift for the child

Please label all party bags for a boy or girl, and with the age. Donations may be left in the boxes by the gym.



Birthday kits will be donated to West Suburban Community Pantry to be distributed to families in need in our community.  
 THANK YOU for your generosity.  
 Sponsored by the St. Scholastica Christian Outreach.



## St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

April 27 & 28

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in the upper parking lot on April 27 & 28 for our Spring Clothing/Housewares drive!

We accept: clothing, shoes, linens, books, baby clothes, small housewares and electronics.

We cannot accept – baby equipment, televisions, CRTs, or computer monitors.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity.

If you don't have any items to donate we would happily take a cash or check donation that will go toward needy families in the community.

Thank you for your generous donations!

# RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS

### ELIGIBLE ITEMS

- Grocery Bags
- Bread Bags
- Bubble Wrap
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Ice Bags
- Plastic Shipping Envelopes
- Ziplock/Food Bags
- Shrink wrap
- Stretch Film
- Produce Bags
- Other Pliable Plastic Film
- Outside plastic casing for water bottles

Tired of forgetting to bring your plastic bags to the grocery store for recycling?

Now you can bring them with you to church, and help both the environment and those in need of food.

The collection barrel is in the breezeway. Feel free to drop off your plastic at any time!

## HELP US EARN A BENCH

Bench will be auctioned off to raise funds to purchase reusable bags for our market participants.



**Students Planning on Attending a Catholic High School or Accredited University, College, or Trade School are Eligible to apply for the LEONARD M JARKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship application and full eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Parish Office or by contacting our Scholarship Chairman, Carl Jakubowski at 630.696.0151. All applications must be submitted by APRIL 22, 2024. Applications can be submitted via email to [TrainNut56@outlook.com](mailto:TrainNut56@outlook.com) or given to any Council 5918 member, or our Scholarship Chairman. The Scholarships will be awarded at the end of May.

# Jeremiah Day

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**  
MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us

**IS IT FOR YOU?**  
Do you often feel close to God?  
Do you try to do the right thing?  
Do you like helping other people?  
Are you a good leader?  
Do you like to learn new things?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions, then Jeremiah Day IS for you!

This is a day for boys to grow closer to God and to visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, lunch, recreation time and open gym, and Mass. It is hosted and led by the Joliet Diocese seminarians at Mundelein Seminary.

**JEREMIAH DAY SCHEDULE**  
10 a.m. Registration & Basketball  
11 a.m. Session I  
11:45 a.m. Campus Tour  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:15 p.m. Adoration  
2:15 p.m. Session II at the Pier  
2:45 p.m. Break and Session III  
4 p.m. Mass  
5 p.m. Depart

Carpooling on a parish level is suggested. Parents, youth ministers, teachers and parish priests are invited to attend as well.

For more information, please call the Joliet Diocese Vocations Office at (815) 221-8171

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vocations.dioceseofjoliet.org



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# Will YOU be there?

**You Don't Want to Miss This Moment**

God wants to do something NEW in and through his people, but first we must return to our first love: Jesus in the Eucharist. At the National Eucharistic Congress, every Catholic is invited to be healed, strengthened, and anointed for an exciting new chapter of mission. Then, we will be sent back home to our communities, on fire for Christ and ready to share his love! Our nation and our world will never be the same.

**COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.**

[eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

**WEST SUBURBAN community pantry**

**We open our doors at:**  
Abrimos nuestras puertas en:

**Tuesday | Martes**  
• 8:00 am-1:00 pm Appointment Only | Sólo Cita  
• 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Walk-in | Compras Abiertas

**Thursday | Jueves**  
• 8:00 am-1:00 pm Appointment Only | Sólo Cita  
• 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Walk-in | Compras Abiertas  
• 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Appointment Only | Sólo Cita

**Saturday | Sábado**  
• 8:00 am-12:00 pm Appointment Only | Sólo Cita  
• 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Walk-in | Compras Abiertas

**1 THE LINE TO SHOP STARTS HERE**  
LA FILA PARA COMPRAR COMIENZA AQUÍ

**2 BAGS OR OTHER ITEMS DO NOT HOLD YOUR PLACE**  
LAS BOLSAS U OTROS ARTICULOS NO MANTENEN TU LUGAR

**3 PLEASE LINE UP SINGLE FILE 15 MINUTES BEFORE WE OPEN**  
POR FAVOR, ALINEARSE EN UNA SOLA ARCHIVO 15 MINUTOS ANTES DE ABRIR

Following these rules will help us serve you quickly. Thank you.  
Seguir estas reglas nos ayudará a brindarle un servicio rápido. Gracias.



## Fourth Sunday of Easter: Becoming God's Children



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to build up the Kingdom of God by cultivating unity among his children

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to build your Kingdom by becoming an instrument of unity for your children.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

**"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." (1 John 3:1)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Through Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family and become his adopted children. Do you think of yourself personally as a son or daughter of the Father? Rest in this truth. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of two or three concrete ways the Father has bestowed his love on you this week, noting his fatherly care for you.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

**"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." (John 10:16)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

We do not have a monopoly on God's goodness! Jesus is calling each person in the human family to an intimate relationship with himself, whether they know it or not. In today's world, God often uses our voices, the children of his fold, to speak to those who do not yet know him. Ask Jesus to help you identify one way that you witness to God's goodness and love in your life. Thank God for that! Now, ask him to help you humbly notice one area of your life that does not preach his goodness. Ask for the courage to reorient that part of your life back to God.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fourth Sunday of Easter)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to see yourself as a son or daughter of the Father in order to preach the goodness of God to the world by your words and actions.

**FAITH IN ACTION** — We all have friends, family members, acquaintances, and coworkers who have either fallen away from the faith or have never really heard the Gospel. God has blessed you to be in relationship with them to invite them into his one fold! Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify someone that you can invite to Mass with you. Perhaps they will not be ready right away, but your authentic kindness and presence in their lives will pave the way to helping them take steps closer and closer to a new or renewed relationship with Jesus.



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immediately be sent to those of the parish who have volunteered to be part of this ministry.

If anyone feels led to become a link in this immediate Prayer Chain, please contact Beverly at the above email address with Prayer Request in the subject line. We currently have fifteen links in our chain, and additional links are always welcome.

**The parish office personnel will still need to be contacted at 630.985.2351x122 if you wish for the request to appear in the weekly bulletin.**

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**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 pm—Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting in Art Room  
7:00 pm—Boy Scout Troop 512 Meeting in Gym

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 pm—Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal in Church

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am—Staff Calendar Meeting in Room 112  
4:30 pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Church  
7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting in Room 112  
7:30 pm—Handbell Solo Rehearsal in Art & Environment Room  
7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

No Evening Meetings

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

School Teacher Institute—No Student Attendance  
7:00 pm—School Musical in Activity Center

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 pm—Christian Outreach Birthday-in-a-Bag Collection in Breezeway  
4:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Cubs Tickets Raffle in Breezeway  
4:00 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Mothers' Day Spiritual Bouquets for sale at Welcome Kiosk  
7:00 pm—School Musical in Activity Center

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am—Christian Outreach Birthday-in-a-Bag Collection in Breezeway  
7:30 am—Knights of Columbus Cubs Tickets Raffle in Breezeway  
7:30 am—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Mothers' Day Spiritual Bouquets for sale at Welcome Kiosk  
10:15 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word in Gym  
3:00 pm—School Auction Prize Activity in Gym  
6:30 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Small Groups in Parish Center

For a complete calendar, visit the calendar page on the Parish Web Site at [www.stscholasticaparish.org](http://www.stscholasticaparish.org)

**Monday, April 22, Easter Weekday**

**Jewish: Passover Begins**

8:30 a.m.—Rob & Punpun Reynoso [Anniversary]—*Reynoso Family*

**Tuesday, April 23, Easter Weekday**

**Saint George, Martyr**

**Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 a.m.—† Joseph & Diane Rudzinski—*Nancy Rudzinski*  
† Gene & Fran Bartkowiak—*Family*  
Jada Felica Shijith—*Shijith Shanavas*  
Beatrice Walsh—*Terry Brown & Gina Cunningham*

**Wednesday, April 24, Easter Weekday**

**Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

8:30 a.m.—† Florence Bothen—*Glas Family*  
† Steve Wirtas—*Peterson Family*  
Kim Harrington [Healing]—*Bernie Kestler*

**Thursday, April 25, Saint Mark, Evangelist**

**No Public Mass**

**Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m.—Marcy Kestler—*B. Kestler*

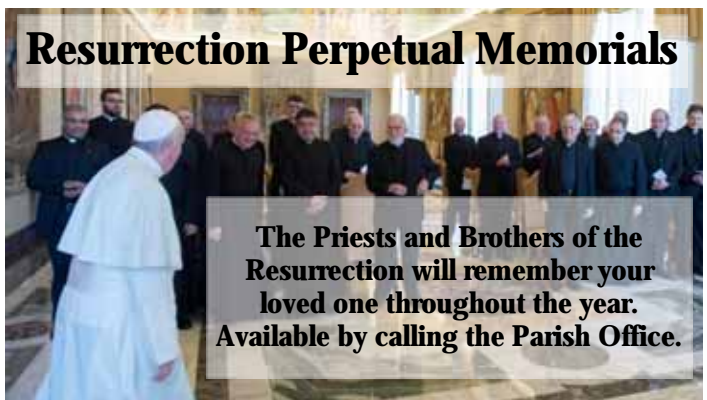
**Saturday, April 27, Easter Weekday**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m.—† Jim Picek—*Clem & Mary Campbell*

**Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m.—† Jeffrey Mytys—*Family*  
10:00 a.m.—The Parish Family of St. Scholastica  
12:00 p.m.—† Gil Iletto—*Family*  
2:00 p.m.—BAPTISMS



**Please Note Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines**

Publish Date	Copy Due Date	Send to Publisher
May 5	April 25	April 30
May 12	May 2	May 7
May 19	May 9	May 14
May 26	May 16	May 21

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