

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Jesus is the Good Shepherd He is calling your name

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep powerfully describes the relationship between Jesus and his followers. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep, and that Jesus represents to us.

This Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples (us), expressed as recognizing and knowing one another's voice. Further on in that same Gospel (John 10:27-30) it not only restates the relationship between Jesus and us, but also clarifies the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Here He identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one ... not just close, but actually one. Thus, to know Jesus is to know the Father.

Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. The Shepherd is calling your name. Are you listening?

Dear Lord ... Have our people hear your voice and draw them closer to you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries



### **“Save Time and Donate Online!”**

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With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night.

It's very simple to set up. Once you start to use it, you will be able to view your giving records at any time during the year. Those of you who wish to continue using traditional methods of offering may do so.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>  
You can also go to our website [www.maryicjoseph.org](http://www.maryicjoseph.org) and follow the Online Giving links on the home page.

If you have any questions about the program or need help setting up your account, call Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946.

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38*

### **Streaming Live Sunday Mass**

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook

**Sunday, May 3: 10 AM**

**Sunday, May 10: 10 AM**

**Sunday, May 17: 9 AM**

**Sunday, May 24: 10 AM**

**Sunday, May 31: 10 AM**

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Keep in mind the advice of Paul: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:12)

When Masses resume, we will have hand sanitizer available, the church will be sanitized regularly and we will have measures in place for 6 ft. social distancing.

Find us on Facebook:  
St. Mary/St. Joseph/Immaculate Conception

The Knights of Columbus Flowers for Mother's Day has been postponed until Father's Day weekend.

## Mass Readings for May 3, 2020, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Reading 1: [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

### Responsorial Psalm: [23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6](#)

#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. /R/

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage. /R/

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. /R/

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. /R/

### Reading 2: [1 Pt 2:20b-25](#)

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia: [John 10:14](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and

**Action for today:** How have I heard the voice of the Good Shepherd? How have I responded to the lead of the Good Shepherd? Do I sense the peace and calm that comes from being under the care of the Good Shepherd? Do I pray for those who continue the work of shepherding the flock of the Lord Jesus? How do I shepherd those who are entrusted to my care?



Make sure you test positive for Faith,  
Keep your distance from Doubt  
And isolate yourself from Fear.  
Trust in God through it all, Amen.

### SMIC Raffle Winners

Apr 17: \$100, Floyd Westhoff      Apr 24: \$50, Megan Bailey

Which rock group has four guys who can't  
sing or play instruments?

*Mount Rushmore*

On April 25, Pope Francis asked Catholics to  
make a special effort in May to pray the rosary,  
knowing that by doing so they will be united with  
believers around the world asking for Mary's inter-  
cession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic

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