

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter at 4:00 PM Saturday April 13, 2024. There were 55 in attendance.

Contributions received in April:

Offertory Collection:	\$	4,838
Other:	\$	10
Building Fund:	\$	
Monthly Budgeted:	\$	5,083
		-235

Monday April 22

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

Time is approaching that I need to order Offering Envelopes for the next year. If you would like to be added to the list to receive numbered envelopes or removed from the list, please notify the office.

Thanks Ron

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CELEBRATED APRIL 27, 2024

3:30 PM - Rosary
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Eucharist
TIM TABOR

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:
Sally Fleenor and Franz Hallatschek



APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Sisson, Clif Brooks, Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, Father Dan, Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret

Hastings, Teresa Kilkenny, Jeane Gustin and Mike Stevenson, and please pray for the repose of the soul of David Robinson.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY



Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston

Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.

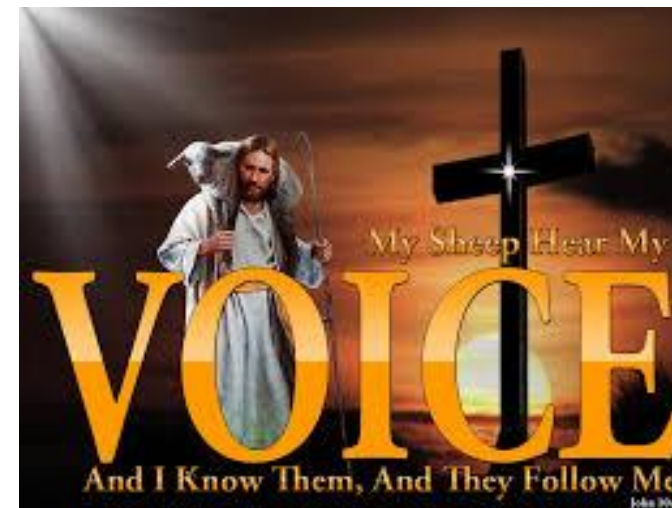
The Easter 2024 issue and the May issue of "Word Among Us" is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.

Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CELEBRATED

APRIL 20, 2024, AT 4:00 PM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.

Wed. By Appointment

Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.

Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.

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"Never take your eyes off the light of Jesus. It is a little like what farmers used to do in the past while plowing their fields: they focused their gaze on a specific point ahead of them and, keeping their eyes fixed on that point, they traced straight furrows. This is what we are called to do as Christians while we journey through life: to always keep Jesus' luminous face before our eyes, never to take our eyes off Jesus."



Pope Francis

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a mass for a loved one, please contact the office. These are \$10 and there are many available days in the next several months to choose from.

Helen Lutz occasionally purchases books to read and finds them so interesting and full of useful information that she loves to share them. If you see books that are new to slightly used on the round table in Miller Hall, please feel free to take them to read then pass them along to someone that you think might be interested in them. Thank you Helen for sharing.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14-15

What a gift we have been given that our Shepherd loved us so much he laid down his life for us! Through his sacrificial heroic love, he calls us into relationship with him by his grace and compassion.

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Reflection for John 10:11-18
Today we don't have shepherds as much as in the past. Today we have managers. But shepherds and managers are not the same.

Whenever Jesus uses the pastoral image of a shepherd for himself, the point is nearly always the same: as the good shepherd of his sheep, he will risk his life and even temporarily abandon the flock if that's what it takes to save the one lost sheep. As the true shepherd who loves his sheep, he will let himself be killed rather than see one single sheep harmed. In every image of the flock which Jesus employs, it is always clear that as important as the whole flock is, each individual sheep is as important to him as is the larger collective.

But many folks today don't think that way at all. Instead, we hear about giant corporations that do cost-benefit analyses for their products. They calculate how much risk they can get away with in an effort to pad the bottom line by not having to lay out any extra money for additional safeguards or further costly research & development.

So, food companies have been known to let certain products hit the market despite their knowing right up front that there is a slight risk that certain people could well get sick from this food and maybe even die. But if the percentage of people at risk for that is small enough as to be statistically insignificant, then they forge ahead. Politicians often live by polls and so base

some pretty big decisions on projected outcomes. Even if some people may be disadvantaged by this or that program cut, if the majority will benefit (and so vote the right way once again at the next election), then those who will be harmed are backhanded aside as statistically irrelevant. Ours is a world that looks to see how much it can get away with. Ours is a society where the majority rules and the minority had best just learn to live with it.

But not so with Jesus as the good shepherd. A cost-benefit analysis would never cause the shepherd to leave the 99 sheep on their own for a few minutes in favor of finding the one lost lamb. If the shepherd had a risk-management committee, they would never advise him to let the wolf kill the shepherd but would say you could better survive to fight another day even if for the time being the wolf nabbed a sheep or two.

In other words, ours is a world and a society made up of hired hands with very few true shepherds around anymore. We manage risks and outcomes but don't put our lives on the line to avoid all bad outcomes. But then, perhaps it's for that very reason that we could all use a truly Good Shepherd in our lives. Now, maybe, more than ever. As someone once put it, "God counts by ones."

*St. Bernadette
Pray for us!*

MidWest March For Life

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 1, 2024**

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ and defend innocent life. *pray expectantly*

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL
South Lawn • 201 W. Capitol Ave. • Jefferson City, Missouri
Activities planned from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Capitol Grounds
Over 30 life-affirming exhibitors!

Fundraising lunch 11 am to 1 pm sponsored by
Knights of Columbus • St. Peter Church • Fulton, MO

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!

8:00 am - Prayer Walk in Capitol
8:00 am - Rosary and Divine Mercy North Lawn

8:15 am - Book Signing • Melissa Ohden
8:45 am - Live Performance • Claire Huntley Capitol South Steps

9:15 am - Announcements and Rally South Lawn

MARCH BEGINS FOLLOWING RALLY

11:00 am - Book Signing • Melissa Ohden Outside St. Peter's Selingier Center

11:45 am - Live Performance • Claire Huntley Capitol South Steps

12:15 pm - Youth Rally Capitol South Steps

12:15 pm - Ballot Initiative Updates and What You Can Do — Capitol Rotunda

1:30 pm — Holy Mass • St. Peter Church Bishop Edward Rice

1:30 pm — Ecumenical Prayer Service Dr. Wes Fowler —MBC — Capitol Rotunda



See www.midwestmarchforlife.com for more information • 417-344-7118

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