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4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - April 25, 2021

**“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”**

St. Boniface Church Mass Schedule  
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

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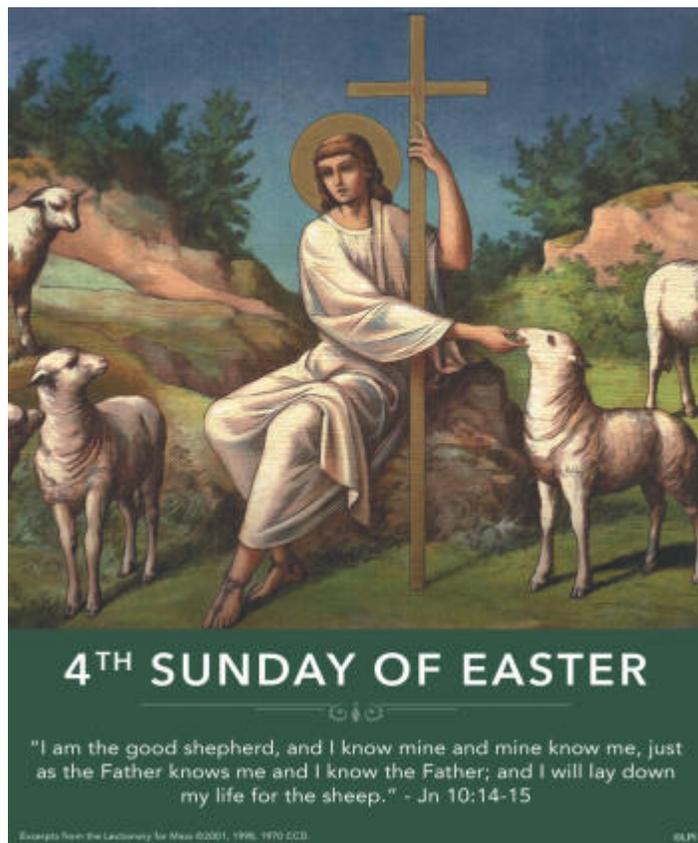
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## Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445  
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St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



## Saint Boniface Catholic Church

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**READINGS for the Week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12 | Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18 | Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 | Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a | Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 | Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33 | Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 | Jn 14:7-14  
*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 | Mt 13:54-58  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 | Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

Father Biju hears Confessions Saturdays at 3:30pm

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:00pm John and Audrey Ringdal†† (HNS)  
 Steven Patrick†, Elizabeth Kozak†

Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:00am John and Audrey Ringdal†† (HNS)  
 12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00am Bob Wrubel

Thursday, April 29, 2021

9:00am Katherine and Brian Timm Family

**9:30-10:30am—Eucharistic Adoration after 9am Mass**

**“The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.**

**When you see the priest,  
 think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

St. John Vianney—Catechism on the Priesthood

Saturday, May 1, 2021

4:00pm Patricia and Justin Foss

Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:00am John and Audrey Ringdal†† (HNS)  
 Lois Sicora, Jim Sicora†  
 St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women  
 12:00pm (French) Parishioners of St. Boniface

**Annual Family Rosary Procession - Sunday, May 2**

As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Archbishop Hebda will lead the procession. Line up begins at 1:15pm on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2:00pm. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those in procession.

**Gospel Meditation****4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday**

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward - do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ’s, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don’t even need to find the way He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray?’ Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. *CatholicSteward.com*

**Collection for Catholic Home Missions: April 24-25**

Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Your support will fund these many programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

[www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)

**April 25, 2021** - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

**May 2, 2021** - Rosary and May Crowning

2:00pm - Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul MN

**May 8, 2021** - Transitional Deacon Ordination

10:00am - Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis MN

**May 29, 2021** - Ordination to the Priesthood

10:00am - Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul MN

**June 13, 2021** - Northeast Eucharistic Procession

**Our Gifts to the Lord \***

**April 18, 2021 - \$ 3,724.00**

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**Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, alleluia!  
Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!**

**April 25, 2021 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” 2021 will mark the 58th anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

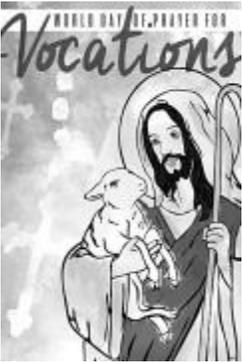
Donna Engelmeyer, VP Vocations  
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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

- V. Let us ask God to grant more holy vocations to His Church.
- R. O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved.
- V. Bless our families, bless our children.
- R. Choose from our homes those needed for your work.
- V. Mary, Queen of the Clergy,
- R. Pray for us, pray for our priests, deacons, and religious. Obtain for us many more.

**A Serran’s Prayer** - by Norma Swanson

Father, as Serrans, we thank you for all the vocations you are sending us. Help us to be there for them in their need—to always pray for them and affirm them into the ministers and dispensers of the Mysteries you have called them to be. Let them be aware that Serrans are here for their benefit and their needs. Let all Serrans be disposed and ready to act on those needs as we are able. Make us aware of those you would have us invite to service in your Church and give us the courage to extend that invitation in Your name. We ask for the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and Your blessing on the work we do under the intercession of our Patron, St. Junipero Serra, in Jesus’ name. Amen.



**Father Paul Shovelain  
devoted three nights to public rosaries.**

As pastor of St. John the Baptist parish in New Brighton and chaplain with New Brighton police and fire departments, Father Paul offered three nights of public rosaries for the Twin Cities, the nation and the world. On the second night Father Paul joined Redemptorist Father John Schmidt, pastor of St. Alphonsus in Brooklyn Center at St. Alphonsus Church to pray the rosary where 20 people prayed and still more participated in the livestream on Facebook.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

**News from our Venezuelan Mission**

Monday, April 12, 2021

Dear Parishioners

It is going to be an interesting week here. The power grid went down three times in the past four days for several hours each thank God back up this afternoon. The time from late December through April is normally our dry season, but with a strong Niña effect, it has been raining nearly every day. It is difficult to know the details regarding covid, but the government opened things up this morning (Monday) and we are back to public Masses after three weeks restricted. This week’s article is on signs and miracles. We are ripe for a major one at the present time.

Blessings, Fr. Denny

**Did You Know? From our Venezuelan Mission  
“Signs and Miracles”**

Have you ever experienced a miracle? I posed that question to folks here in Venezuela and received several and different and varied responses. The word *miracle* generally refers to more extraordinary events that cause wonder and astonishment, events which are inexplicable by normal standards.

In some of these cases, seeing the hand of God at work in a miraculous way is a matter of personal interpretation. In our modern times we tend to draw a distinction between the natural and the supernatural or miraculous, between what has a scientific explanation and what seems to defy the laws of nature and science. Such was not an issue in biblical times. People made no distinction between the natural and the supernatural. The hand of God was seen to be at work across the entire spectrum of life. Many of our Venezuelan people still tend to see things that way today as well.

Rather than the word *miracle*, the gospel of John uses the word *sign*. Jesus’ miraculous healings and displays of power over nature are not the focus of attention but rather signs of Jesus’ divine authority and God’s love for his people. As signs they draw our attention less to the gift and more to the giver. If that is how all blessings across the natural-supernatural spectrum are perceived, then, yes, our days are filled with miracles.

**Points to Ponder:**

Have you or someone you know ever experienced a miracle? What do you think it was a sign of?

*These “Did You Know” papers are designed to give you a better understanding of life in Venezuela and to strengthen connections between the parishes of the Archdiocese and their archdiocesan mission during our 50th anniversary year. Please direct any comments or suggestions for future papers to Fr. Denny Dempsey at [ddempsey@churchofstdominic.org](mailto:ddempsey@churchofstdominic.org) or 651.368.7324.*

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**The Universal Church: Catholic Extension**

White Earth Reservation in Minnesota:

The Tekakwitha Center addresses the faith formation needs of more than 100 children on the White Earth Reservation. Serving families from more than six parishes, the center is an oasis of prayer, hope and practical charity in the spirit of the Gospel. Gifts to this center ensure these children can continue to grow in their faith. [catholicextension.org](http://catholicextension.org)

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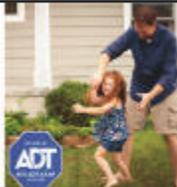
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