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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial - Labor Day)& 9:00am
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request

Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

Shepherd is one who leads his flock safely to pasture and fresh water. Jesus is the only true shepherd. His way, and what he teaches, is to lay down his life out of love. This is the theme we are called to reflect on every Sunday during Paschal time. His sheep are those who have the courage to follow in his footsteps. This is the message of the Gospel. The second reading, tell us where Jesus, Shepherd and sacrificial lamb, leads his flock. We shall find there all the answers to all the puzzles of life. The first reading tells us that in order to follow Christ we must be prepared to endure hardship and persecution. This is what Paul and Barnabas teach us.

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." Some people are offended to hear themselves compared to sheep. Perhaps that's because they don't realize they need God's constant care at all times and not just when they have problems. If we want to belong to him, we do have to hear his voice. Though in today's world it takes a conscious effort to do so. We can listen to him. If not, we can easily lose touch with Him. Jesus does not want to lose any one of us. His desire is for us to be with him forever, in heaven, where there will be no more sadness or pain, where as our second reading tells us, he will wipe every tear from our eyes. One of the ways he

leads us is through the Eucharist we are celebrating. He is with us as we gather in his name, he speaks to us in Scriptures, he feeds us with his own body and blood. Just as toddlers depend on their mother's care, and their mother is always busy, sheep depend on the care of their shepherd, they may not be smart, but they are smart enough to know they need their shepherd and recognize his voice. May we too, be smart enough to know we need our Shepherd and to listen to his voice. A good shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. A wife asked her husband, "Would you take a bullet for me?" The husband replied "Taking things that belong to other people is called stealing and I'm no thief."

Dear Mothers: Best wishes to you and your family at this special time of celebration. Thank you for all your love and dedication!

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Paper Products!

Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.
Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

In the Event of a Death: Please notify the parish office

Those interested in being put on a prayer list: Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

Register w/the Parish: There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

Parish Hall: Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info.
Suggested Donation \$50.00

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$393

Envelopes: \$1,340

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter:

Reading 1 Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

Reading 2 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, May 10, 4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, May 11, 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 Our Parish

Monday, May 12, No Mass Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 13, 8:00 Health for Marie Botts

6:30pm Parish Council

Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 + Fr. Charles Herman

Thursday, May 15, 8:00 The Lavagnilio Family

5:00 Community Dinner

Friday May 16, 8:00 + Peter Kuzma

Saturday, May 17, 4:00 + Patrick Perry

Sunday, May 18, 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 Our Parish

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Tuesday, May 13th,

Parish Council Meeting

6:30pm

Thursday, May 15th,

Community Dinner

5:00pm

Sunday, May 26th,

7:30 Summer Mass

7:30am

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, May 17, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Lector:

Sunday, May 18, 9:00am

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Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of

Carolyn Perry, Roman Martinez, & Maggie Elipusan. We continue to

pray for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and

wisdom and health for our new pontiff Pope Leo XIV!

Parish Announcements:

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Knights of Columbus:

There will be a Church campus clean up on Tuesday, May 20th starting at 6pm. All are invited to help. Please bring lawn equipment such as rakes, trimmers, gloves, etc., if you have them.

Women's Fellowship Group:

Please join you fellow women of the parish on Thursday, June 19th for a picnic, rosary, and reflection in the biblical gardens located at Center Lake Park. Time to be announced soon.

Fall Adult Bible Study:

Thank you to everyone who participated this Lenten Season for study of the Jewish Roots of Mary and the Jewish Roots of Holy Week.

Prison Pen Pal Program Isaiah 42 Ministry:

The jail ministry program at Sacred Heart Warsaw has an immediate need for pen pals for prison inmates. There are parishioners from several churches within the Diocese already serving on this ministry team. We currently have five men who are waiting to be matched to someone who will write a monthly letter and be a positive influence by offering encouragement and hope through friendship, scripture and prayer. Our pen pal program has been in place for over eight years and we currently have 32 members on the team. For safety and to protect privacy, only your first name is used and mail is always sent and received using the ministry's post office box address. If you are interested in this ministry and would like more information, please call/text Jody Burns at 574-267-6447 or e-mail jodyburns6927@gmail.com

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