



# St. Ann Parish

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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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021



April 25, 2021

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor  
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### Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.  
First Friday Mass: 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. Saturday

### Parish Office Hours

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## St. Ann Parish Mission Statement

We are called by a loving God to make St. Ann of Lansing a Catholic community of faith.

We are a family of diverse people with various ministries:  
healing the body and spirit, teaching of God and His love,  
united in sacraments and prayer, reaching out to the extended community.

With God's revelation of Himself in Scripture as our guide,  
we strive to grow in His Spirit and to fulfill the promise of Christ's Kingdom.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: JN 10:11-18**

It is no wonder that the image of the shepherd was frequently upon the lips of Jesus our savior. It was a part of His heritage and culture. Abraham, the father of the nation, was the keeper of great flocks. Moses was tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God called him into a special service. David was a shepherd boy called in from the fields to be the King of Israel.

The imagery of the shepherd was also imprinted upon the literature of the day. The 23rd Psalm is frequently referred to as the Good Shepherd Psalm. *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters."*

When Isaiah spoke of the coming of the Messiah, he worded it by saying, "He will feed His flock like a shepherd! He will gather His lambs into His arms." Yes, the tradition of the shepherd was very much a part of the heritage of Christ.

This picture comes more clearly into focus in the New Testament. Jesus once told a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but one of them went astray. In our way of thinking a 99% return on our investment would be most desirable, but not this shepherd. He left the 99 to go in search of that one lost sheep. Later, when Jesus was speaking to a great crowd of people, Mark tells us that He had compassion upon them because they were *"like a sheep without a shepherd."*

Throughout the Judeo-Christian faith, then, the image of the shepherd has been stamped upon our thinking. In our scripture text for this weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus again taps into this imagery when he refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd. For a few moments in these few paragraphs here, I would like for us to examine together what He had in mind when He described Himself thus.

First, we have a shepherd that is a genuine shepherd. Jesus said now here are two shepherds. Outwardly there seems to be no difference. The skin of both has been bronzed by the sun and weathered by the wind. They both carry a fleece to keep them warm at night. Both carry a shepherd's crook. But one is a genuine shepherd and the other is a counterfeit. **One is a shepherd in his heart; the other is a shepherd for hire.**

On an ordinary day, you could never tell them apart. But let trouble come. Let a pack of wolves appear and then the difference comes out. The counterfeit runs because it is only money to him. He has no ownership. But the real shepherd stays. Jesus said in our text: I lay down my life for my sheep. That is the difference between the real shepherd and the counterfeit.

Here is the good news friends. I don't care how much trouble comes your way; the Good Shepherd will never leave your side. He will not desert you in times of trial. That is news that will let you get through the night; that is news that will enable you to keep your sanity.

Second, I think that the Good Shepherd knows His sheep. Jesus said, "My sheep know Me, and I know them." The question is: are we attuned to God's special whisper? I suppose all of us have seen the painting done in the 1930s of a dog looking at an old RCA phonograph with a cocked head. The name of the painting is His Master's Voice. I know that in my life I have not always recognized my master's voice. I have been too busy, too preoccupied, too self-centered. Sometimes, frankly, I am afraid to hear His voice; for I know that He will say what I may not want to hear. But I know that it is important for me to

hear once again the words of the Good Shepherd: I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me.

Let me give you another Good Shepherd. Certainly, to the modern ear there is nothing contradictory about that, until we learn that in the ancient world shepherding was really not considered the romantic, humble occupation that we think of it today. Shepherds were looked upon as gypsies are looked upon in some parts of Europe today. They were dirty, thieves. So despised were shepherds that under Jewish law, a shepherd could not be a witness in a trial. They were notorious liars.

Just when we think we've got shepherds figured out, Jesus throws us for a loop and uses the term **Good Shepherd**. You see, in God's flock, there are going to be so many people that you did not expect. There are some people who are not of my fold (and of course he is speaking of the gentiles) and I must bring them in too. This shepherd is an inclusive shepherd. Even those considered by some people as being on the "wrong side of the tracks."

The Good Shepherd also sacrifices. Jesus worded it this way: The shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. Lay down your life for a worthless animal!? It hardly seems reasonable. That is, until we remember that **we are the sheep that He is talking about**. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep. You don't have a life worth living for if you don't have a cause worth dying for. If we are to follow the shepherding model as laid down by Christ, then sacrifice must be a part of our faith. It means that the church must now lay down her life for a worthless and undeserving society.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd.

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 or try to test their boundaries, we also stray from God, test our limits, and even follow false shepherds. Let us look inward and examine our hearts for the times we might have stopped faithfully praying or coming to Mass each week or let money, status, or anything else rule our lives.

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.

As Peter states in our first reading, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Jesus is our true Shepherd. There is no other way to happiness or salvation than to remain in His flock. At times it will be challenging to do so. Complacency and sin are enticing, yet every moment we choose Him or return to Him, we will experience peace and freedom that no false independence will suffice. It is through dependence on our Shepherd that we will become liberated.

Also, what to remember today is that it is not enough that we simply remain sheep. Christ is calling us into the role of shepherd. Jesus asked Simon Peter one day, "Peter, do you love me?" "Lord," he said, "you know that I do love you." "Then," came the reply, "feed my sheep." If we are to be faithful, there is no alternative. Amen.

*Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor*



# Mass Intentions

## Monday, April 26

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

## Tuesday, April 27

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Maggie Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

## Wednesday, April 28 (St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Bernice K. (Carol & Machiraju)

## Thursday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Joan Kaim (Roxanne & Stephen Duff)

† Dennis Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

## Friday, April 30 (St. Pius V)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

## Saturday, May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† Joan Kaim (Women's Club)

† Jim Pasyk (The Hutter Family)

† Mary Siminski (Family)

## Sunday, May 2 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Diane Abbott (The Abbott Family)

† Joseph Grabarek

† Joan Kaim (Virginia Piszczek)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

**The 2021 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule Mass intentions.**

### New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or fill one out online at [saintanncatholicparish.com/join.php](http://saintanncatholicparish.com/join.php)

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## Responding to the Call

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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### Miss Me—But Let Me Go

*Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared.  
Miss me—but let me go.*

*In Loving Memory of  
Martha Bolke*

# Money Matters

4-11-2021

WEEKLY BUDGET:	\$ 12,000.00
DROP OFF/MAIL IN:	5,266.26
ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL:	1,333.00
	<b>\$ -5,400.74</b>
ST. ANN 50-50 CLUB:	\$ 495.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	\$ 1,025.19



*Thank you for your continued support of St. Ann.  
Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in,  
dropped-off, and online contributions.*

## St. Ann's 50-50 Club

**Our April 11 winning number was #2728.  
#2728 WON \$1,025.19. CONGRATULATIONS!**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday.**

**★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★**  
**You may make your 50-50 donation at  
Give Central, along with your weekly  
and other contributions!**  
**If you donate by check, you need to write  
two separate checks.**

## ST. ANN PARISH NEEDS YOU!

With many parishioners still not back in church yet, our collections are way down. Luckily, we already have secure electronic giving established through Give Central, where our faithful can make offertory donations without coming in contact with anyone. With the diminished weekly collection, we will find it difficult to keep going: ministry, maintenance, staff, and other expenses rely on our parishioners' weekly generosity. If you've not previously signed up, please visit our Give Central link below.

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/100>



**You may also mail in your envelopes,  
or drop them through the mail slot in the  
Parish Office door facing the school building  
(go inside the little screened porch, and you  
will find the slot on the inside door).**



Look for "St. Ann Catholic Parish" and "St. Ann Catholic School, Lansing" on facebook, and "like" us to receive updates and breaking news about the parish and the school.

## Baby Bottle Project

May 8-9 - June 19-20

St. Ann's will participate in the Baby Bottle Project to benefit the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland, a non-profit organization that assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year, the Women's Center sees over 5,000 expectant mothers in their three locations, one of which is located at Our Lady of Knock in Calumet City. They estimate to have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the Narthex the weekend of May 8-9, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of June 19-20. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to The Women's Center. You may also visit [GoTWC.org](http://GoTWC.org) or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

This is a simple but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note that the baby bottles cost nearly \$1 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please be sure to return them at the end of the project. Thank you for helping to defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

**SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

COVID-19 protocols are still in place for the time being for the safety and well-being of all our faithful.

To help manage that, we ask that you please make reservations for attending weekend Masses.

To RSVP online please visit this direct link  
**[bit.ly/stannmassreservations](https://bit.ly/stannmassreservations)**

or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700

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Tell your friends!



Dear Parishioners and Families,

Only six weeks left until our final days of class at St. Ann School, so we are diving into our Time Capsule project in earnest! We are seeking photos, letters, and other '20-'21 SAS memorabilia to be included in a time capsule that will be opened 20 years from now. Were you a student or teacher who was ever involved in a Time Capsule Project here? We have been told there may be one buried somewhere on the grounds and maybe another behind a chalkboard, but we have no idea where to begin looking. Any clue as to their whereabouts would be greatly appreciated!

SAS alum Louis Gray is working on his Boy Scout Eagle Project, which will be to relocate the class photos from the school building to the Narthex so that all may continue to enjoy them. Fr. Mark has graciously offered a large wall expanse for their installation, and Lou is in the process of organizing and readying the 70 years of photos for hanging. Several are missing however. If anyone has their class composites from 1991, 2001, 2004-2011, 2013, 2017, or 2019 and would be willing to let us make a copy, we would be very grateful (not the group casual photos, but the graduation composites). If you can help with any of those, please contact Jennifer Gray at jengray72@yahoo.com.

**FINAL FAREWELL UPDATE:** The St. Ann School Board met to plan the school's Final Farewell event, which we had aimed to take place on Saturday, June 5, the day after our last day of school. But due to updated COVID-19 guidance by the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have had to move to tentative status. We will monitor week to week to see if we can pull this off at any time this summer. Please stay tuned for more information.

We ask your continued prayers for our families, faculty, and staff, as they look for new schools and determine where this uncertain road may lead them. St. Ann, pray for us!

Eliza Gonzalez, Principal



## SUPPER CLUB

ST. ANN



**TUESDAY APRIL 27**

St. Ann Supper Club is a monthly fundraiser in which local establishments return to us a percentage of all food purchases made by St. Ann community members and friends.

**CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL**  
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It's time for a Supper Club at Chipotle! Come in any time between 4:00 & 8:00 p.m., turn in your voucher or show it on your phone, and we will earn back 33% of all St. Ann supporters' dine-in and carry-out purchases. Look for vouchers in this week's bulletin, on Facebook, and the school website. Please invite your friends! There is also a Facebook event invitation for easy sharing.



**Good news! The votive candle room to the east of the main doors as you enter the Narthex will now be open to the public again.**

**Only one person or one family may enter at a time, so when you go in to light a candle for a loved one, please be mindful that someone might be waiting behind you. A brief stay in the room will be appreciated to eliminate any crowd in the Narthex.**



Members of the St. Ann School NJHS and fellow SAS students joined Scouts BSA Troops 276 and 219 for the Village of Lansing Annual Cleanup Day. They tackled the area in front of the former Petsmart and did an amazing job. Thanks everyone! More photos can be seen on our Facebook page.

## Upcoming Events

Supper Club at Chipotle: April 27

Boy Scout Car Wash: May 1

Good Neighbor Day Parade: May 1

First Communion: May 2 & 8

Baby Bottle Project: May 8 - June 20

Confirmation: May 16

8th Grade Graduation: May 28

Boy Scout Car Wash: May 29

Last Day of School: June 4



Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce  
**LANSING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
*presents the* **53<sup>rd</sup> Good Neighbor Day**  
**PARADE SUPERHEROES OF LANSING**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**  
**NEW & IMPROVED ROUTE**  
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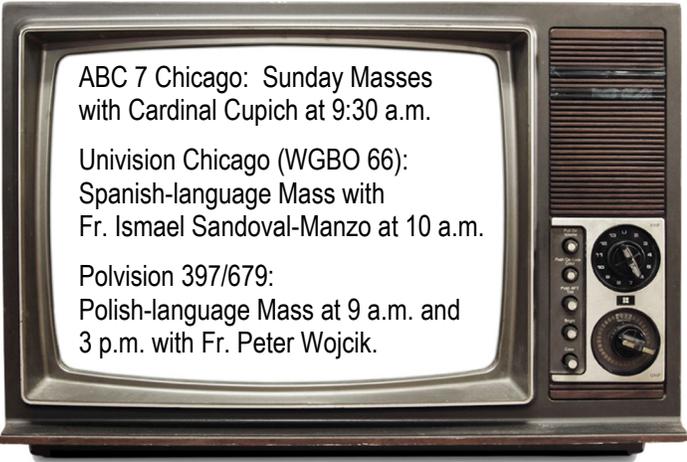


**SATURDAY, MAY 1**  
**BOY SCOUT CAR WASH**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
**BENEFITING TROOP 276 PHILMONT CREW**  
 8:00 A.M. - NOON AT ST. ANN - CHICAGO AVE NORTH OF RIDGE RD

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A group of our enterprising Boy Scouts are still fundraising for the trip of a lifetime they will be taking in August to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. These are many of the same Scouts whose Eagle Projects have benefitted the parish and the Lansing community in so many ways over the years. They are hoping to cover the cost of their cross-country transportation by washing cars on May 1 and May 29 for free-will donations. Come on out and support them!

**Sunday Masses Continue to be Televised**  
 Sunday Masses at Holy Name Cathedral will continue to be televised in English, Spanish, and Polish while the dispensation continues.



ABC 7 Chicago: Sunday Masses with Cardinal Cupich at 9:30 a.m.

Univision Chicago (WGBO 66): Spanish-language Mass with Fr. Ismael Sandoval-Manzo at 10 a.m.

Polvision 397/679: Polish-language Mass at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. with Fr. Peter Wojcik.



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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

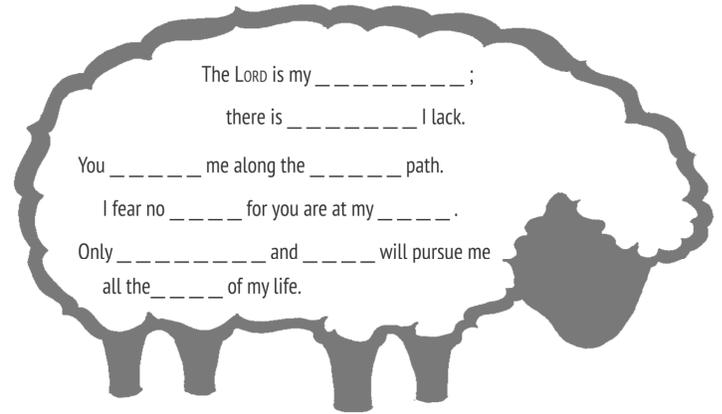
The scriptures of the Fourth Sunday of Easter present images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Many people think the most beautiful psalm in the entire Bible is Psalm 23, the psalm about God as a loving shepherd. The words comfort us and remind us that God takes care of us, gives us courage, and promises us joy.

Inside this sheep are some verses from Psalm 23 (23:1, 3b, 4b, 6ab).

Choose from the list below to fill in the missing words. Each line stands for a letter, so you can use that as a clue.

Which words comfort you most?

Try to learn some of the verses of this psalm by heart so you can pray them when you need them.



The LORD is my \_\_\_\_\_ ;

there is \_\_\_\_\_ I lack.

You \_\_\_\_\_ me along the \_\_\_\_\_ path.

I fear no \_\_\_\_\_ for you are at my \_\_\_\_\_ .

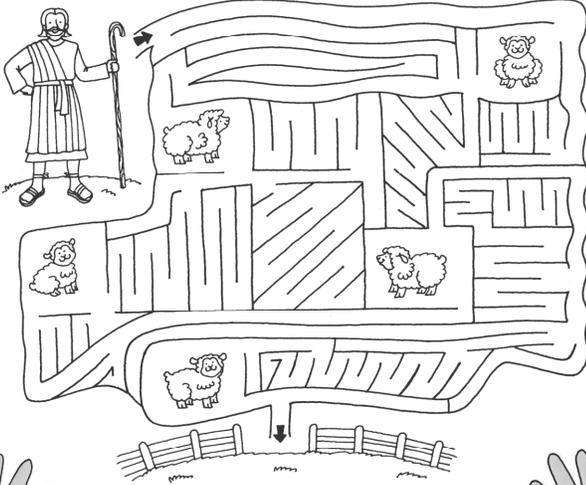
Only \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will pursue me  
all the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, our good shepherd,  
wants to gather all his sheep (people everywhere) to himself.

He wants us to come to know and follow him!

Lead Jesus to all the sheep and then to the pasture below



"Beloved, we are God's children now." I John 3 : 2



While Jesus was alive people didn't realize  
that he would be the one to save them.  
Peter told them that Jesus was like a stone rejected by builders.  
But in the end, Jesus became the cornerstone!  
Look at this stone wall.

Draw a line from each black hole to the stone that will fit in that space.



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Be who God meant  
you to be, and you will  
set the world on fire.

**St. Catherine of Siena**

Dominican theologian who had great influence in  
the Church in the 14th century; patroness of fire  
prevention and of those ridiculed for their faith

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April 29

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