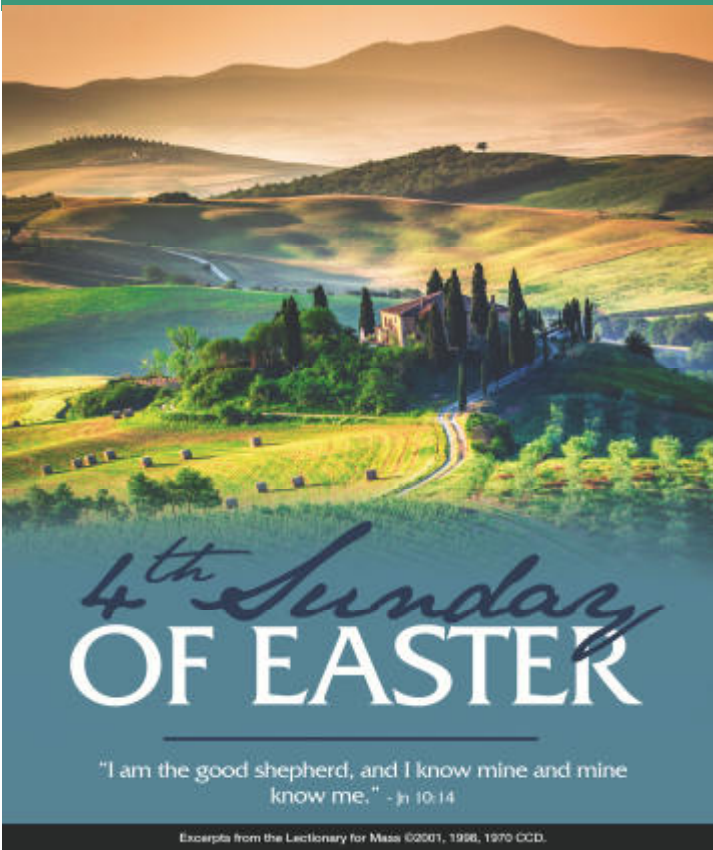


April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter



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MASS TIMES

Monday	April 26	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Weekday		8:30 am	*Annunciation	† Eleanor Brambrink
Tuesday	April 27	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Art & Nancy Kiffmeyer
Weekday		5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Scott Monson
		5:30 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Loretta Plafcan
Wednesday	April 28	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Gary Chaika
St. Peter Chanel		8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† John & Joyce Refinski
		7 pm	*Sacred Heart	Confirmation
Thursday	April 29	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Roger Trobec
St. Catherine of Siena		8 am	St. Stephen	† Deceased Lampert Family Members
		8:30 am	*Annunciation	Special Intention J.M.
Friday	April 30	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Dean Gill
St. Pius V		8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ray Middendorf
Saturday	May 1	5 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Bob Borgert
St. Joseph the Worker		5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob Kloss
		7 pm	St. Stephen	† Clarence Justin
Sunday	May 2	8:30 am	*Annunciation	For the People of the Parishes
5th Sunday		9 am	*Sacred Heart	† Linda Neu
of Easter		9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Elaine Johnson
		10:30 am	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4 pm St. Francis Xavier
7:50 pm St. Stephen
Sunday 7:50 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick

Home Bound Communion

Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation

If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11 am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.

*Livestreamed Masses



Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by noon on Mondays. Thank you!
Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Muslims worldwide are currently observing Ramadan (April 12 to May 11) a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. While strides to understand each other continue, there still exists tensions. I offer the following article by Biagio Mazza which offers a review of the church's

teaching on Islam from the Second Vatican Council.

She writes, "In the 1960s, the participants at the Second Vatican Council were very much aware of these tensions and distortions and addressed the relationship between Christians and Muslims in *Nostra Aetate*, the "Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions." (Promulgated October 28, 1965)

Nostra Aetate, contains a rather significant paragraph concerning Muslims and the church's relationship to them. The document first addressed the church's relation to non-Christian religions by stating: "The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. It has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from its own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men and women. ... Let Christians, while witnessing to their own faith and way of life, acknowledge, preserve and encourage the spiritual and moral truths found among non-Christians, together with their social life and culture" (*Nostra Aetate* #2).

Nostra Aetate then goes on to address various non-Christian faith traditions such as Hinduism and Buddhism, with a large section devoted to the church's relationship with Jews and Judaism. *Nostra Aetate* #3 addresses the church's relationship with Muslims in a very pastorally significant and truly insightful understanding of Islam and its beliefs and practices.

Muslims worship God who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has also spoken to humanity. They endeavor to submit themselves without reserve to the hidden decrees of God, just as Abraham submitted himself to God's plan, to whose faith Muslims eagerly link their own. Although not acknowledging him as God, they venerate Jesus as a prophet; his virgin mother they also honor, and even at times devoutly invoke. Further, they await the day of judgment and the reward of God following the resurrection of the dead. For this reason, they highly esteem an upright life and worship God, especially by way of prayer, almsgiving and fasting" (*Nostra Aetate* #3).

The Second Vatican Council acknowledges that we have much in common with Islam, both in belief and in practice, regarding the promotion of peace, social justice and moral values. Despite extremists on both sides, most Muslims, like most Christians, desire to express their belief in and love of God by their inclusive love of all God's people and all God's creation. Vatican II's challenge to us today is still as powerful and prophetic as it was 50 years ago. (April 2015, *Celebration*, p.12, The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.)

Fr. Ron

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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KC Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

The **Bishop Trobec Council Knights of Columbus** is having it's annual *Tootsie Roll Fundraiser* this weekend. Last year this did not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. You will find KC members at both the Pine Cone and Riverside Coborn's stores on Friday and Saturday and after both Masses at St. Francis Xavier this weekend. Donations received go to help those with intellectual and developmental challenges – including such causes as The Special Olympics, Camp Courage near Annandale and even the special education department in the Sartell-St. Stephen school district. Please enjoy a treat and if you will, make a donation.

STEWARDSHIP



A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost.
- St. Basil the Great

When I consider my Family Tree I believe my work ethic is rooted in my father's example. My love of music is rooted in my mother's. My prayer life is rooted in my church family life.

Ask yourself: So what am I sharing and mentoring with each of my children? Do my deeds support my spouse?
What is the fruit of our deeds at home this past week? Is our family tree thriving well?

"See Page 6 for more examples of stewardship practiced during Lent at SFX."

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (Gilman) welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of over 150 Sacred Relics.

Among the treasures will be relics of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

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See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information.



American Red Cross

On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank the sixty-four potential blood donors who came to the Rice Area Spring Blood Drive which was held at Shepherd of the Pines Church on Monday, April 12. Sixty units of blood were collected so others can be helped in the weeks ahead. Lora Knafla, Volunteer Coordinator

Day of Service

Saturday May 8, 9am to 12pm. All are invited to help with yard raking and other outside projects to help parishioners in need prepare their yards/property for the beauty of spring. Please contact Dcn Joe or Philip if you would like to help serve God and others through this fun outreach event. Also if you are seeking support with outside spring raking and clean-up please contact Dcn Joe or Philip.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



- I Blake Guggenberger & Emily Sufka
- I Alexis Ripley and John Bemboom.
- II Luke Carpenter & Carolyn Urbanski

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:



Maxton Michael James Kast, son of Nicholus & Ashley, baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

Mason Michael Boyer, son of Grant & Carissa, baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers the family of Aubrey Ann Dirks from Sacred Heart who passed away April 9, and the Family of Leon Koshenina formerly of St. Stephen who passed away April 18. Eternal Rest grant unto them.

HOLY HOUR FOR YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As part of our observance for the Year of St. Joseph, we are offering a series of Holy Hours from 8:30-9:30am at Sacred Heart with common and silent prayer and Benediction. We will begin after the 8am Mass on April 30 and May 7. All from our ACC and beyond are welcome.



Movie Night Sunday,

May 2nd, 6-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Church (Parish Hall). Joseph of Nazareth: The Man Closest to

Christ - The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. All are welcome to attend as we continue to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. Contact Deacon Joe with questions.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, April 18th, 2021

Adult Sunday	\$2,015.25
Visitor	\$21.00
Youth	\$12.50
Votive Candles	\$1.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Easter	\$200.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$140.00
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Total Income	\$2,450.75
<i>*Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00*</i>	

Sunday 8:30am Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

Lector: Shirley Scapanski

Eucharist: Anita Montag

Ushers: Tom, Barb, Jeremy Brand and David Lentner.

Happy Birthday: *We pray for strength through God's grace; God's peace in times of stress; and that the Church alive in their home bears witness to God's love for all His people.*
Todd Lubbesmeier, Robert Boe, Peyton Keeville, Leah Rajkowski, Phillip Nelson, Lori Popp, Henry Dinnebier, Nicholas Kaeter, Julie Warzecha, Clarence Kiffmeyer.



Religious Education:

Sun. May 23rd 8:30am Graduation Sunday
Wed. April 28 7pm Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church.
Please Pray for our Confirmation Students & their family.



WWME "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Oct. 8-10, in Buffalo. 612-756-8720

Mon. May 31st Memorial Day Mass, 10:30am at cemetery (weather permitting) otherwise will be moved to the church.



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings—April 17 & 18

Adult.....	\$ 1,930.00
Plate.....	90.00
Children.....	7.00
Easter.....	505.00
Holy Thursday.....	5.00
Good Friday.....	5.00
TOTAL: \$ 2,542.00	

Online Giving April 10-16..... 445.00
Weekly Adult offering needed to make budget: 2,800.00

Blessing of Tractors & Seeds: Bring your tractors (big and small) and seeds to church on **April 25** for our annual Blessing after the 10:30 Mass.

Breakfast Sunday, April 25, from 8:30-12:30 in the Parish Hall put on by KSKJ St. Stephen Lodge 197—matching grant. Free will offering. Sausage & ham, scrambled eggs, cheese potatoes, palacinka, fruit, carmel rolls & coffee.

Slovenian Heritage Display, Ukrainian eggs, wood working/carvings, paintings will be on display upstairs in the Hall. Chances for the 150th Anniversary quilts will also be available.

150th Anniversary Books: Each registered family of St. Stephen will receive a free, complimentary copy of the 150th Anniversary book. If anyone else would like a copy of the book please call the St. Stephen Parish office. The cost for additional books is \$15.00. Deadline to order is **April 28**.



St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary will have a meeting at the Rusty Nail on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 pm.



Prayer Line: Do you know of someone who needs prayers or would you like us to pray for you? Please call the St. Stephen Church office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.

Upcoming Events:

- May 2-First Communion at 10:30 Mass
- May 4-150th Anniversary meeting 6:15 pm
- May 11-Vibrancy Committee meeting 6:15 pm
- May 16-Baccalaureate Mass 10:30
- May 18-150th Anniversary meeting 6:15 pm
- June 4-Car Show
- June 6-150th Anniversary Mass & celebration

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Tuesday and Thursday 8am-4pm
Wednesday and Friday – 8:30am-4pm

ALL Masses at Sacred Heart are livestreamed.
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LIVESTREAM

FIRST COMMUNION



Congratulations to those receiving First Communion April 18:
Sophia Anderson, Ivalea Floren, Logan Kiffmeyer, Sawyer
Murphy, Mary Pesta, Blake Steinberg, Nolan Steinberg, Alyssa
Swanson, Zachary Vickstrom and Allison Waldoch.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are so grateful for our parishioners who take the time to contribute to Sacred Heart through their involvement on the Pastoral Council. We will have openings on our Pastoral Council this summer. Please consider who you think would be a good representative of Sacred Heart and nominate them (or yourself). Nominations are due to the Parish Office by May 2.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Catholic United Financial will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, April 27 in the Parish Hall. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25; 9am—First Communion
April 25; 10am—Mission Trip Gathering
April 25; 6:30pm—Confirmation Practice
April 26; 6pm—Maintenance Committee Meeting
April 27; 6:30pm—Finance Council
April 27; 6:30pm—Faith Formation Committee Meeting
April 27; 7pm—Catholic United Financial Meeting
April 28; 7pm—Confirmation at Sacred Heart
April 30; 8:30am—Year of St. Joseph Holy Hour
May 1; 5pm—First Communion
May 2; 10am—Mission Trip Gathering
May 2; 6pm—Joseph of Nazareth Movie Night
May 2, 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
May 4; 6:30pm—Baptism Prep at Sacred Heart

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for week ending April 18, 2021

Adult Collection	\$14,516.80
Children's Offering	\$9.00
Central MN Catholic	\$20.00
Friends in Need	\$5.00
Improvements	\$20.00
Easter	\$445.00
Rice Bowl	\$80.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget	\$16,346

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that we have two options for automatic giving? You can submit an ACH form that will make your donation directly from the checking or savings account you choose, or you can use our online system to set up automatic giving on either your credit card or a bank account. Your regular gifts help us tremendously, especially as we head in to summer and “weekends at the cabin” season. Help us end the year on strong financial footing.

BAPTISM PREP



Parents expecting the birth of a child, please call and register for a baptismal prep session; the earlier the better! The next session will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart. Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 320-251-8115 to register.

LIVESTREAMING

As more people attend Mass in person there are a few changes on the livestream. The main livestream camera is now positioned in the back of the church. This is to allow for more seating.

The families who use the ASL interpreter are returning to in person worship. The interpreter will be standing near them and will no longer have a black background on the livestream.

If you use the interpreter service on the livestream or know of someone that does, please let us know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115: Max Finlayson, Gary Forner, Joanne Mick, Randy Midas, Sue Nelson, Cynthia Schauland, Mary Beth Sebas and Pam Smoley.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Thank you to all who wrote their “acts of love” on hearts and placed them on the Cross during Lent. Called by our baptism to love God and others, here is a bit of what our faith community offered to the Lord:

prayed for grandparents – my family – our community – **for all who are alone**

I cleaned the dishes – **made my bed** – told a teacher she was great

prayed the rosary daily – prayed for all with cancer – **shared my ice cream**

played cards with my 87 year-old Mom – **prayed for priests**

made and shared a meal with an elderly neighbor – **prayed often for more patience**

bought the meal for a person behind me in the drive-thru – thanked God in prayer more often

chose to smile and share joy – **donated clothes to the needy** – thought about my own actions

said thank you more often, **helped others, tried to be more kind**

help a young man I didn't know **get a job interview** – held the door open for people

invited grandparents over for a meal to spend time with them – **gave more hugs to my family**

prayed for the unborn – for the end of abortion – walked and peacefully prayed with 40 Days for Life brought a tray of St. Patty's cookies for the ladies bowling league

wrote letters to family members & friends – **attended by friend's mother's funeral**

made a fidget blanket for a resident at Country Manor – cried with a friend whose father died

got my COVID 19 vaccine – prayed for those who died of COVID and their families

spent four days with my mother – **shoveled my grandparent's driveway**

gave our neighbors eggs from our chickens – **brought Communion each week to an elderly friend**

I tried not mess around at bedtime – played with my sister more

took cookies to a family who lost a father/grandfather – entertained my co-workers

studied the Bible daily – **repaired a quilt for a Country Manor resident**

told my kiddos they are loved – attended my son's basketball game

sent a care package to a friend in the nursing home – made a meal weekly for elderly parent

helped my teacher wipe tables after class – **practiced patience with my retired husband**

thanked my pharmacist for her kindness and knowledge – **I helped mom cook supper**

helped others to get their vaccinations – I forgave others – I was nice to my siblings

visited a special needs brother, then took him to see Dad – prayed more at home

And all the unwritten acts of love that we share with the world each day.
May we continue to grow in love for God and all people!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$19,230.77
Collected 04/18/2021	\$29,251.00
Excess (Deficit)	\$10,020.23

YTD Collection Budget	\$807,692.31
YTD Collected	\$804,152.71
Excess (Deficit)	\$(3,539.60)

Easter Offerings YTD	\$28,982.00
Easter Budget	\$37,000.00

ADORATION

Adoration will be on April 26 from 4-7pm. Thank all of you for being so faithful to spending time with Jesus.



Lost Keys?



We found keys to a Honda in the pocket of a jacket that was left in the church quite a long time ago. Call Adam in the parish office to claim.

Parish Council Seeking Candidates

St. Francis Xavier is seeking several successors for Council member seats. The Council acts as an advisory board and meets the 4th Thursday of the month, nine times a year (no meeting in December, July or August). Terms are for three years. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please call Adam at 320-252-1363 or email avonderahe@stfrancissartell.org. We will also have nomination forms in the pews the weekend of May 8-9. All nominees will be contacted and invited to the meeting on May 27, not the April meeting as previously noted.

SFX SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings,

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported St. Francis Xavier School's Spring for Students Annual Appeal. Thank you for tuning in for the program and donating to the scholarship fund. Thank you to Bitstream Productions for live streaming the event. To watch the program you may connect to the link: https://youtu.be/N_TZ3bgQLvw.

St. Francis Xavier Preschool is now enrolling new students for Fall of 2021! We are offering personal tours of our exceptional school. If you or someone you know is interested in faith-based education with academic excellence, please contact the school office at schooloffice@sfx61.org or call 320-252-9940.



Please remember to continue to pray for all those affected by illness, their caregivers and public officials working to keep us safe. **Please pray** • for legal protection for unborn children • for peace in our world • for all pregnant women • for all those lost to COVID • for those seeking cancer treatment • for God's wisdom for our President and all world leaders • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for all Parish Prayer Line requests and those who have recently received prayer blankets.
Please visit your Parish website for those in your Parish needing prayers.

Chicago Mission Trip
 There are still openings for this wonderful mission experience taking place the week of July 17-23, 2021. Join us for this intergenerational mission as we collaborate in service and solidarity with three Hispanic parishes. Contact Deacon Joe or Philip if you would like to learn more about the amazing opportunity.



We ask you to please take a moment pray for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the vital ministries it supports. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

A Caring Shepherd



How are we to understand the image of the Good Shepherd? In speaking or hearing the term we most certainly think of Jesus Christ: but why the image of a shepherd and a flock? We need to look back to our ancestors in faith; the Israelites; a group of people who traveled from one countryside to another, many of them tending sheep as a part of their everyday life. They fully understood the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep and indeed when the shepherd spoke, the sheep responded because they knew the voice of their caregiver. The shepherd was fully responsible for the sheep of his flock, he knew of each and counted them among his own and it was not unusual for the shepherd to put his own life at risk to save his sheep from predators who attempted to draw them away from the flock and in the end take their very life. The shepherd was gentle with his sheep, moving them along slowly, guiding them to a new hill rich with grass, that which would provide food for them to sustain life. And when a sheep would stray from the flock, the shepherd would search and then lift the lost one and with love and care bring them home to the flock.

How wise is our Lord! How appropriate the image of shepherd! The Lord is our Shepherd, we are his people. He guides us and leads us, moving us gently toward that which will sustain our lives. He nourishes us in the Eucharist with His own Body and Blood; that which will bring us to everlasting life. And when we are struggling or have fallen away, when we in a sense are lost, he gently lifts us in his loving arms and brings us home to Himself. Jesus, our Shepherd laid down his life for us. He died and rose again so that the predator, the evil one, might not consume us. We live because the Good Shepherd loved enough to lay down His life for us.

Who is it that we shepherd in our lives? Who are we willing to lay down our lives for? Good Shepherd, teach us!

Peace and joy in the Risen Lord,
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