

Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church
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Saint Genevieve - Pray for us!

May 3, 2020

Stewardship Awareness ~ 4th Sunday of Easter And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..." (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Mass Intentions

Fr. Nemeth will be saying Private Masses daily.

Monday, May 4th
Kay Basler

Tuesday, May 5th
Walter & Hilda Schilling

Wednesday, May 6th
Doris Hagan (Anniv.)

Thursday, May 7th
Danny Bahr

Friday, May 8th
Charles Flieg

Saturday May 9th
Ed & Wilma Bauman

Sunday, May 10th
-Harold, Ida, Robert, Oliver & Lorene
-Helen B. Naeger

WORDS TO LIVE BY...

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

St. FLORIAN Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18
and John 10:11-18

Tuesday

ST. HILARY Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26
and John 10:22-30

Wednesday

ST. EDBERT Acts of the Apostles 12:24 --
13:5 and John 12:44-50

Thursday

ST. JOHN Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25
and John 13:16-20

Friday

ST. BONIFACE IV Acts of the Apostles
13:26-33 and John 14:1-6

Saturday

ST. PACHOMIUS Acts of the Apostles
13:44-52 and John 14:7-14

Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts of
the Apostles 6:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:4-9
and John 14:1-12

Together we pray for those who are sick: Aly Bauman, Jaida Fallert, Bob Mueller, Anna Van Houten, Virginia Marchek, Pat Marzucio, Shirley Kern, Marilyn Burgert, Miles Woodward, Sarah Rash, Julia Ann Jennings, Dick Basler, Michael Bader, Mary Martin, Lewis Pruneau, Erna Kist, Shirley Valle, Vernon E. Roth, Jerry Woods, Wallace "Gump" Roth, Elizabeth "Ellie" Castorena, Amanda Nesslein, Rosalie Brumfield, Jean Fisher, Margie Klein, John Como, Sawyer Gullett, Bill Naeger, Anna Mae Grieshaber, Rick Johnson, Barb Schweiss, Mary Meyer.

A Letter From Father

Dear Parish Family:

Archbishop Carlson has directed for the suspension of public Masses until May 8.

In the meantime, the Archdiocese will be offering suggestions and guidance about how to open public Masses safely and responsibly. I have been working on a plan for our Parish which will most likely be compromised of several phases to coincide with the phases of reopening around us. I would like to thank Fr. Michael Rozier, S.J. for his collaboration and guidance in creating a plan for responsible opening of public Masses in our parish; his knowledge of science/healthcare and the Faith has been invaluable to the Church during this time. Please be watching in the coming week for those guidelines and procedures. While I cannot wait to celebrate Mass with you once again, we must realize that our Masses would be one of the largest gatherings of people at any one time, in the County. We must be prudent and responsible in keeping one another healthy and well once we do return.

I am so proud of our community for how well we have banded together during this challenging time! Once again, the people of Ste. Genevieve show what makes us such a special community. I know we will continue to be vigilant, prudent, and responsible in our public interactions and our worship.

Let us continue to pray for one another!

Father Nemeth

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholics to intercede for Vocations. Will you may a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Prayer for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living & dead.
- Keep our parish priest and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children and grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

For Your Information

- The Parish Center Office is closed. If you need to speak to someone in the office, please leave a message. The office staff will be checking voicemails regularly.
- Church will remain open each day for private prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Hours open: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue on Fridays at 3 pm.
- Confessions: Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Friday 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Daily Mass at 8 a.m. will be live stream on Parish FB Page.
- Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. will be live stream on Parish FB Page.
- Sunday Mass will be live on the radio at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday on AM 980.
- Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. will be live stream on Parish FB Page and posted on YouTube.
- Ste. Gen. TV will show the Mass at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. (Recorded 8:30 a.m. Mass).

Church Offertory

4/26/2020	Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,125.00	Easter	\$1,259.00
	On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 3,474.00</u>		
	TOTAL	\$ 9,599.00		

We thank you for your generosity.

May is the month of Mary... Let's honor Our Lady during the month of May by bringing flowers from our own yards and placing them on the altar.

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend will be delayed so pastors, parish staff and volunteers can focus on their Parish needs. The ACA Office is still accepting donations. They can be mailed to: 20 Archbishop May Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119 or give online: aca.archstl.org.

Tan Books, a Catholic Publisher based in North Carolina and someone Ste. Genevieve Parish does business with, has graciously offered books at a discount rate of 30% until May 31, 2020. Additionally, 30% of all sales from our Parish will be sent back to our Church as a donation. Simply go to their website: www.tanbooks.com and use Code: GENE63670 at checkout to receive the discount.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! ~ Abundance of Life

How comforting it is to know that Jesus came that we may have life more abundantly. The spring is a wonderful time to observe the beauty of life present in God's creation. Plants are blooming, birds are singing, and the people are more visible outdoors because of the warm weather. What does it mean to live more abundantly though? It means living as a person whom God has destined for greatness. It means that Jesus has justified us by His precious blood and called to be people of great sanctity to deposit the scent of holiness everywhere we go. The grace of justification transforms us to live more fully with hope, joy, and zealous charity for God and neighbor. Because of the life Christ gives us, we are a new creation destined for eternal glory in heaven with the Triune God.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to You in our weakness. We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust. For You alone are our hope. We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Giving understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fears from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care. (mention your particular concerns and prayers now) Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

Attention: All Parents & Active School Volunteers: Reminder: Please remember to update your Training!

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. ***Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020.*** This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children Workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children Workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register and contact your Parish Child Safety Coordinator @ 883-2731 with any questions or for further assistance.

Help Wanted – St. Joseph Parish – Zell Office Position working 3 days a week beginning June 29. Computer skills are required. The computer program used by the Archdiocese is Servantkeeper 7. There are many duties to perform so the job is being advertised early to give enough time to get acquainted with the job. Please call (573) 883-3481 if interested.

St. Agnes Elementary School is now Hiring Middle School Math & Language Arts Teachers

For 2020-2021 School Year, St. Agnes Elementary School, in Bloomsdale, MO, is seeking two highly dynamic teachers who live their Catholic Faith. St. Agnes Elementary School is committed to helping students discover the joy of learning and the joy of the Gospel, while building the skills and virtues necessary for success in today's world. Candidates should have a passion for Catholic Education and be familiar with VBRD (Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline). One opening is for an Upper Grade Homeroom 5th – 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher. Teacher certification and a strong Language Arts background is required. The other opening is for an Upper Grade Homeroom 5th – 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher. Teacher certification and strong mathematics skills are required. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Michael Benz @ frmichaelbenz@yahoo.com or St. Agnes Parish, P.O. Box 124, Bloomsdale, MO 63627.

St. Agnes Elementary School is now Hiring a Principal For 2020-2021 School Year, St. Agnes Elementary School (K-8) in Bloomsdale, MO, is seeking a highly dynamic Principal who lives the Catholic Faith. St. Agnes Elementary School is committed to helping students discover the joy of learning and the joy of the Gospel, while building the skills and virtues necessary for success in today's world. A successful candidate will possess a passion for Catholic education, have great organizational, communication and leadership skills, and demonstrate knowledge of Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline (VBRD). Please send cover letter and curriculum vitae to Fr. Michael Benz @ frmichaelbenz@yahoo.com or St. Agnes Parish, P.O. Box 124, Bloomsdale, MO 63627.

Good News!

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) • Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular Shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus' teaching today. Because most of us don't raise sheep or know much about them, we don't realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It's similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That's what Jesus is describing. He's suggesting: "Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection."

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: "Repent!" There is that challenging word—the word we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: "Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you." All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Clearly, that's smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

How the 2020 Census helps communities



Why is responding to the 2020 Census important?

Federal funding

Federal, state, and municipal lawmakers make decisions about how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated for schools, roads and bridges, fire and emergency services, healthcare, and more based on census statistics. Programs informed by census statistics include those for:

Older people and low-income populations:

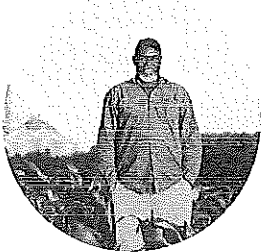
- > Medicare
- > Medicaid
- > Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- > Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

College students:

- > Federal Pell Grants
- > Career and technical education grants
- > Adult education grants

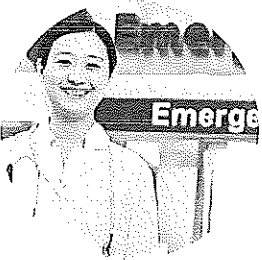
Young children:

- > Head Start
- > National School Lunch Program
- > Title IX funding



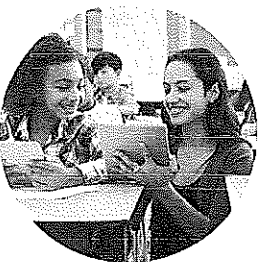
Congressional representation

2020 Census results will determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives. Results also impact congressional and state legislative districts.



Business decisions

Businesses owners use census statistics to create economic and employment opportunities. The statistics help determine where to hire new employees, open new locations, and more.



Important dates

After completing the 2020 Census count, the U.S. Census Bureau must deliver the results by two deadlines:

> **December 31, 2020:** The Census Bureau will announce the total population count for each state. These totals determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives.

> **April 1, 2021:** The Census Bureau will release 2020 Census statistics used by state and local officials to redraw boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts and public school districts.

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