

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

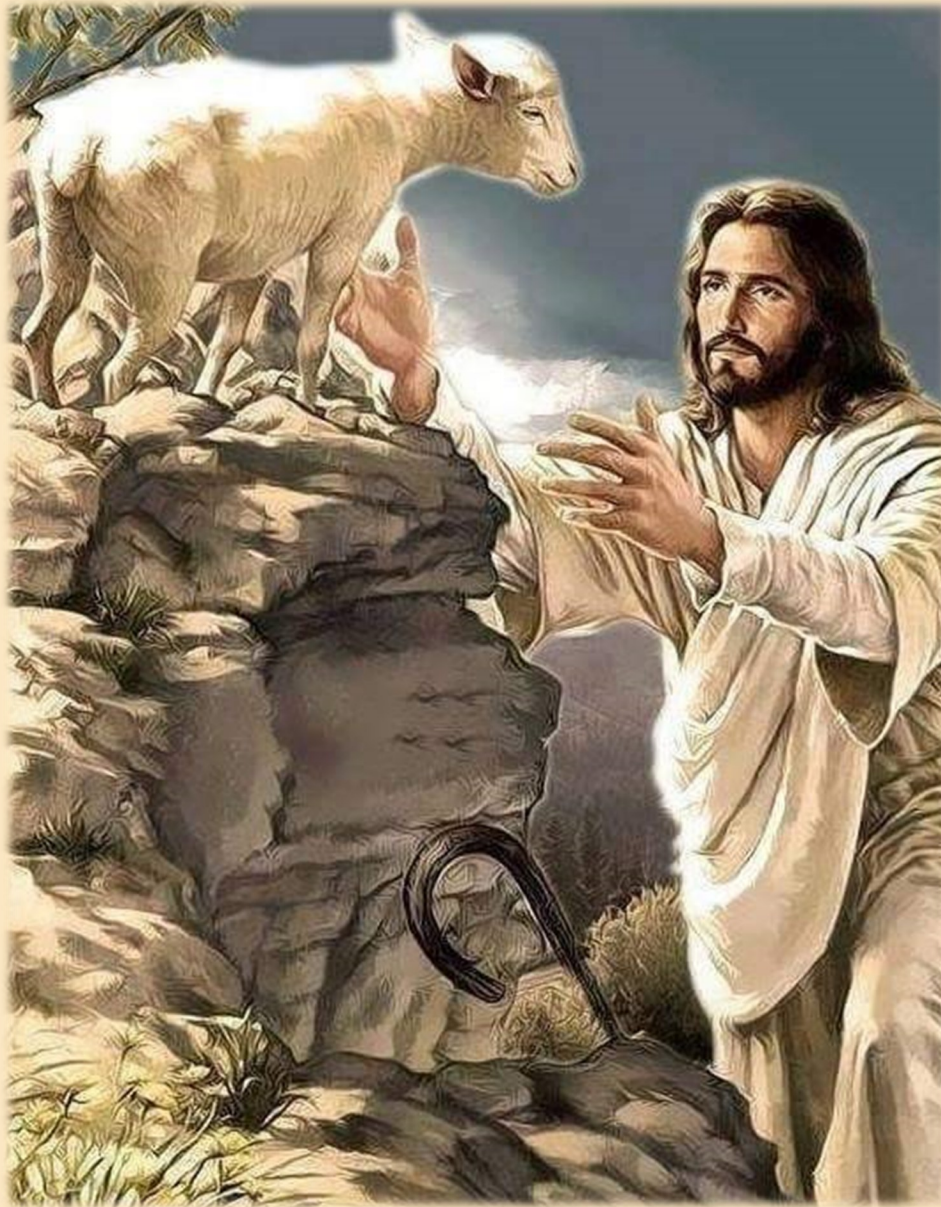


SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVĚTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



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.

Jn 10:14-15

MASS Intentions

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April 24, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Sr. Mary Andrea ❖ For Ed & Mary Hernandez
❖ For John Chasney III req. Mazurkiewicz Family
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Dorothy Torina ❖ For Sabah Babbie
❖ †Ruby Hunter ❖ †Joanne Fredal req. Linda Fredal
❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family

April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 2:1-5a 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

- 7:30AM For Pope Francis ❖ For Fr. Mark Desser
❖ For Brad Chasney (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Dominic Bihar (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Ricky Vennettilli (B'Day) req. Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
❖ †Esther Norris req. Steve & Gloria Winiarski
(Livestreamed)
- 11:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
(Slovak)
- For a Special Intention
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Leslie Schemm req. Friends from Time Inc.
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ †Marge Robine
❖ †Paul, Joseph, Wanda, & Peter Szwarz
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Plzak Family
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:
For the Rolling Family
- 8:30PM For the Knights of Columbus req. by St. Nicholas Council & BVM Assembly
❖ For Ernest & Maria Gaiera
❖ For Kareem Valdo & Basma Kareem
❖ For Rayath Nasser & Family ❖ †Gjek Gjolaj
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal ❖ †Asberry Davis

April 26, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For George E. Emmendorfer
❖ For Glen and Amy Varchetti & Family
❖ †Richard Mroczek
- 12:00PM †Andrea Korasiewicz
❖ †Michael J. Kehrig req. Vitale Family
❖ †Marge Robine

April 27, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Sr. Maria Veronica
❖ For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- 12:00PM For Lindsay Fayad (B'Day)
❖ For the Nathan Meier Family
❖ For Christine & †Jerry Ficek

April 28, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin)
For Lucy Timmerman (B'Day)
❖ For Cindy Desser
❖ †Thomas Langlois req. Langlois Family
- 12:00PM For Samantha Johnson (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Joel & Alexandra Haio (Wed. Ann.)
❖ For Vera, Franko, Andrea, Meri & Joseph Kasneci

April 29, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Andy Parker req. Langlois Family
❖ For Michael Desser (B'Day) ❖ For Henry Miller
- 12:00PM For Luke Pawlowski
❖ For Vita Walen req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
❖ †Edward & Agatha Smak
- 7:00PM For Mark Varchetti
❖ †Mark & Lena Pepaj req. Family
❖ †Rosie Davis

April 30, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Claudia Bihar (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖ For Nate and Theresa Robinson & Family
- 12:00PM †Rush Limbaugh req. Shirley Polakowski
❖ †Nicholas Burbary ❖ †Joe Romaniuk

May 1, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of the Rosary Society
❖ For Sean, Sarah & Isabelle Sandelands
❖ †Stella Orlowsky
- 12:00PM (PRIVATE HOLY MASS) *First Holy Communion
For the First Holy Communicants & their Families
- 5:30PM For Matthew Dzieciolowski ❖ For Noah Pablo (B'Day)
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Carl and †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Noreeya Israel ❖ For Heather Babbie
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal

May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 9:26-31 ; 1 Jn 3:18-24 ; Jn 15:1-8

- 7:30AM For Elena req. Meme & Papa
❖ For Samantha Debczak
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ †Richard Yamin ❖ †Josephine Davis
❖ †Gary & Roland Gasparsk
❖ †Angelina & Antonio Slongo req. Mike MacDonald
- 9:30AM (Livestreamed) *May Crowning Holy Mass
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Eleanor Burley req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Felipe Ching ❖ †Demon Gammo
❖ †Margaret Yanoschik ❖ †Joanne E. Fredal
❖ †Nancy Elebri req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

MASS SCHEDULE NOTE for SUNDAY, MAY 2:

This year, there will not be a Combined Holy Mass for May Crowning on Sunday, May 2.

The May Crowning will take place at the Sunday, May 2, 9:30AM Holy Mass.

There will not be a May Crowning Reception after the Holy Mass this year.

Hopefully, we'll ALL be able to celebrate together next year with our beautiful combined May Crowning tradition!



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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • lmarek@saintcyrils.churchFr. Juraj Nuota, Associate Pastor • jnuota@saintcyrils.churchDeacon Phil McCown • wadephil@yahoo.comDeacon Gerald Smigell • vgsmigell@gmail.comParish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrils.church**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:****SATURDAYS: 9AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)****SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6 PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM****MONDAYS: 9AM & 12PM****TUESDAYS: 6AM & 12PM****WEDNESDAYS: 9AM & 12PM****THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6AM, 12PM & 7PM****FRIDAYS: 6AM & 12PM*****WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:****MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10AM - 2PM****TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM****THURSDAYS: 11:AM - 5PM*****Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass****Mother's Day Novenas Available**

Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift --- a beautiful Mother's Day Novena Mass card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, stepmothers, mother-in-laws, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. The novena begins on Monday, May 10. Novena Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available now in the Parish Office on weekdays or you may have your card mailed to you or your loved one.

If you would like to have your card mailed, please follow the directions as outlined below. Please:

- ♦ Email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church
- ♦ In the subject line, write: MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- ♦ Put the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed.
- ♦ Indicate how you would like each card signed (i.e. "Love, Joey", "You're the best mom, Suzie", etc.)
- ♦ Make donation for cards by either:
 - ◇ using [PushPay](#) on our parish website-or-
 - ◇ making check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish". In memo line, write: "MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA" and mail it to: 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Novena



THE LORD JESUS GAVE PETER THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM. . .
 . . HE GAVE HIS MOTHER MARY THE KEYS TO HIS HEART.

POPE PIUS XII

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary 33-Day Preparation begins: April 28

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound and deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists of, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. He recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Louis de Montfort stands in a long tradition of saints completely devoted to Our Lady, and his work has been influential in the lives of many other saints, one of the most famous among them is Pope St. John Paul II, who took his papal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours) from de Montfort.

This "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation followed by a period of three consecutive weeks, each week focusing on a different theme. It is recommended that the consecration be done on a major feast day of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation would begin 33 days prior. That is, after the 33-day program is completed, the formal Act of Consecration is made on a Marian feast day. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. Keep in mind that this is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also, that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan - i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God.

The next preparation begins this Wednesday, April 28, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the parish office for \$10.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please contact:
the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

Happy Mothers' Day from RTL-LIFESPAN

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all mothers for choosing life for their children, for nurturing those lives, and for teaching them the value and sanctity of human life. Without your selfless "Yes!" to love, none of us would be here. Having been blessed with life, love, and a voice, we strive to share our blessings by advocating for those whose lives are in jeopardy.

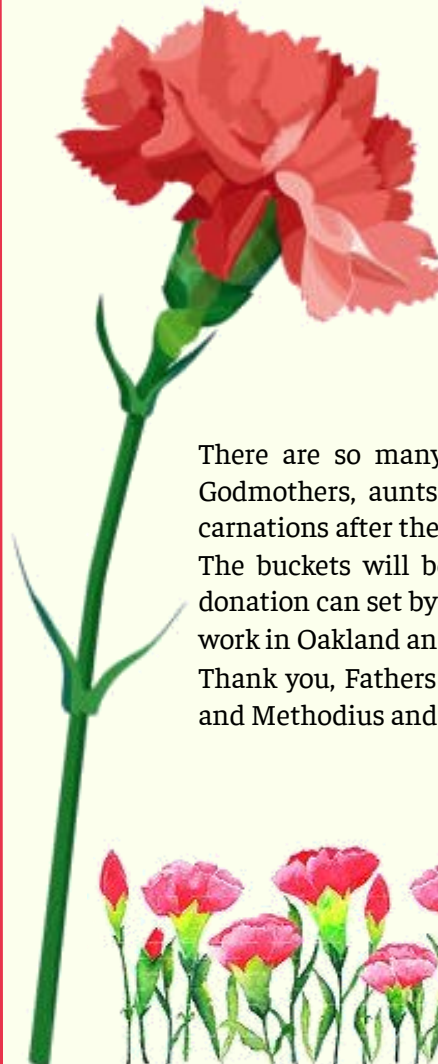
A small way in which you can say THANK YOU to your Mother, help save the unborn, AND prevent mothers from emptiness and regret is by supporting your local pro-life educators, Right to Life-LIFESPAN. We will be having our annual Mothers' Day Carnations available after all Holy Masses on Mothers' Day weekend. Suggested donation is \$1 each.

There are so many who play a motherly role of some kind in our lives (mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, neighbors, etc.). Volunteers will be near the buckets of pretty carnations after the Holy Masses on Saturday, May 8, evening and Sunday, May 9, morning and evening. The buckets will be outside the main entrance of the church under the overhang. There will be a donation can set by the buckets for anyone who wishes to give a donation to LIFESPAN for their pro-life work in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Thank you, Fathers Libor and Juraj, for permitting LIFESPAN to offer carnations again at Saints Cyril and Methodius and thanks to all those who will choose to give a donation to LIFESPAN that weekend.

God bless you all!

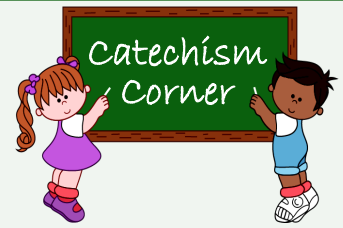
Lynn Gura, Youth Director Right to Life - LIFESPAN



Catechism Corner

** PLEASE TAKE NOTE **

Our Confirmation Holy Mass takes place on First Friday, May 7th. Due to the limited space available for our Confirmation Families, it will be a private Holy Mass. Therefore, if you wish to fulfill your First Friday Devotion, please plan to attend either the 6:00AM or 12:00 Noon Holy Mass on that day (Friday, May 7). We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Questions: *Paul or Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Religious Education, cschuller@saintcyrils.church or (586) 726-6911

Wednesday, April 28: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM
 Friday, April 30: First Confessions and Communion Rehearsal (Arrive 5:45PM)
 Saturday May 1: **Private** First Communion Holy Mass at 12:00PM
 Sunday May 2: May Crowning at 10:00AM Holy Mass
 Wednesday, May 5: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM
 (Rehearsal & Confession for Confirmandi (8th Graders) in the Activity Center)
 Friday, May 7: **Private** Confirmation Holy Mass 7:00PM
 Wednesday, May 12: Last Week of Catechism from 6:15PM - 7:30PM

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, April 26

"Insecurity - A Night about:

Having the Confidence to Reach Out to Others"

7:00PM - 8:45PM

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, April 29

"Fearfully & Wonderfully Made: A Night about:

Self-image"

7:00PM - 8:45PM

If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE,
 please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or

lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, May 1

During this Easter Season, and always, we have so much to be thankful for - especially God's love for us, our Faith in God's promises and eternal salvation through Jesus. We are also blessed with the gift of life, with mother's and spiritual mother's - and most of all, Our Blessed Mother!

Please celebrate life and mom's by joining us at the following Pro-Life activities:

- ◇ The monthly Pro-Life prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic takes place on Saturday, May 1, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. The facility is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road) - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Bring your friends, family, and rosary. Prayer events are not usually cancelled, but may be shortened due to weather.
- ◇ A Pro-Life rosary is recited at church on Saturday mornings. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Holy Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are prayed after 9:00AM Holy Mass, starting around 9:45AM. This schedule may change due to parish events.

For more information

or if you are interested in clinic prayer during the week,

please contact:

Anne Marie at (586) 873-2004

Catholic Family Conference • Saturday, May 1

Get inspired! The Catholic Family Conference is a vibrant event that will enlighten, encourage, and fortify your family life with the truths of the Faith. This year, the 2nd Annual Conference takes place on Saturday, May 1. It will be live-streamed from the Westin Irving Convention Center in Irving, TX. There is a stellar lineup of speakers including: Cardinal George Pell, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Trent Horn, Dr. Ralph Martin, Noelle Merriam, and Steve Ray, with Dave Palmer of Guadalupe Radio Network as Master of Ceremonies.

Online tickets are available at catholicfamilyconference.com.

Online Tickets are \$40 per household.

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2021

The theme for CSA 2021 is Fuel the Mission. St. Paul wrote to the Colossians, *"Whatever you do, do from the heart"*. (Colossians 3:23).

As we face so many challenges in 2021, we are reminded of our call as missionary disciples to act out of the heart that God has formed in us. The CSA raises funds that make our work possible, including supporting more than 100 ministries, programs, and services. This includes helping the hungry and homeless, support for our parishes, priests and seminarians, and promoting the work of the Catholic schools, and so much more.

Our parish goal for CSA 2021 is \$160,134. Anyone who contributed to CSA in the last four years should have received the first appeal in the mail directly from the Archdiocese. In this mailing, you should have also received a pledge card. Donations to CSA can be made by returning the pledge card with a check, or anyone may make their contribution online at givecsa.org/ or by calling (888) 331-8695.

If you are not comfortable with any of those methods you can also write a check out to "Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA" and return your check using the green CSA envelope that will be arriving with your next batch of envelopes and we can process and forward your contribution to the CSA office.

The official kickoff for CSA will be in May so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS † APRIL 25, 2021

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Who callest to Thy service whomsoever Thou wilt, let the light of Thy Face and the tenderness of Thy Heart rest upon the young men of our own parishes and families. Grant that those whom Thou hast chosen from among us may hear Thy invitation and respond to Thy call with generosity and courage.

For our part, we are resolved to welcome and support priestly vocations in our midst with gratitude, humility, and joy. We promise to pray tirelessly for those whom Thou hast set apart to preach Thy Word, to offer Thy Sacrifice, and to nourish, heal, and comfort our souls. Confident that Thou hast already heard our prayer, we entrust the future priests among us to the Immaculate Heart of Thy Virgin Mother that, for each one, she may be a guiding star in the night and, day by day, a perpetual help.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS WOMEN

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of religious vocations in the hearts of many holy women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more women go forth as religious sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more ... and serving You, be truly happy.

Amen.



PARENTS PRAYER

FOR THE VOCATIONS OF THEIR CHILDREN

God our Father, we entrust to You the lives and future vocations of our children. We ask that the Holy Spirit be present to them at all times as they learn and journey toward adulthood.

Draw your children close to You and open their hearts to discern the life which You have called them to, be it a vocation to marriage, holy orders, consecrated life, or single hood. Impress upon our children their own need to continually pray and seek that *your will be done* in whatever time or circumstances You have appointed.

Give us, their parents, grace to model the Christian life with sincerity and faithfulness. Perfect our own vision for our children's lives, Lord, and allow us to abandon ourselves to your will in whatever form that may take. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Christ, the Good Shepherd

A Homily by Pope Saint Gregory the Great (540-604 AD)

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know my own- by which I mean, I love them and my own know me.

*In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me,
for anyone who does not love the Truth has not yet come to know it.*

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. yourselves whether you belong to His flock, whether you know Him, whether the light of His Truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know Him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping His commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly He means that laying down His life for His sheep gives evidence of His knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of Him. In other words, by the love with which He dies for His sheep, He shows how greatly He loves His Father. Again He says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this, He had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach, their grazing ground, where all who follow Him in simplicity of heart, will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There, the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision, and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way.

No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.



Monthly Prayer Request for Priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Would you pray for a priest each day?

- † April 25: Rev. B. Meldrum
Rev. J. Meyer
- † April 26: Rev. G. Michalik
- † April 27: Rev. J. Michalski, S. CHR
- † April 28: Rev. C. McDonell
- † April 29: Msgr. G. Miller
- † April 30: Rev. J. McKenzie
- † May 1: Rev. M. Mitchell, L.C.
- † Daily - Rev. Libor Marek & Rev. Juraj Nuota



"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— St. John Vianney