

**St. Monica
Catholic Church
(Est. 1858)**

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter



*Our Mission :To be a Home of
Small Christian Communities
Helping each other to connect life
and faith,
and Welcoming all to the
compassionate love of Jesus.*

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The fact that many monastic churches do not have a prominent tabernacle shapes the patterns of liturgical prayer. Monastic communities often protect the ancient value of "receiving from the same sacrifice," meaning that the communicants are assured that what they eat and drink in the Holy Mysteries actually comes from the same celebration. It surprises many to learn that the Church does not foresee, nor does it provide for, Communion of the faithful from the reserved Sacrament. Liturgical laws have long defended your right to receive from the same sacrifice, the same Mass, that you attend.

At one time, of course, the bread for the Eucharist was the ordinary bread of the day, except unleavened, probably prepared at home. It was broken and distributed to the faithful. Early on the loaf itself was referred to as the *hostia* in Latin, meaning the "sacrifice," the same word for the sacrificial animal in Jewish worship, and for Jesus as the Lamb of God. By giving his life on the cross, Jesus became the *hostia* for us. To this day in the Greek Church, one of the tasks of the priest's wife is to bake the bread for the Divine Liturgy, sometimes in a bakery oven dedicated to that purpose and called a "Bethlehem."

Today's familiar individual hosts first appeared in the eleventh century at about the time when tabernacles were coming into use. The turn away from "bready" bread allowed the hosts to be reserved since they did not spoil like regular bread, and made the annual "Easter duty" counts easier.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses - 8:30 a.m.

**First Friday Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
and Other Fridays Holy Hour - 9:00 a.m.**

Holy Day Masses

8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions - Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Or by Appointment

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	5/06	4:30 p.m.	+ Irene Roberts
Sun.	5/07	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	5/08	8:30 a.m.	Volunteers
Tue.	5/09	8:30 a.m.	+ Felisa Guanlao
Wed.	5/10	8:30 a.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell
Thur.	5/11	8:30 a.m.	+ Toni Caulk
Fri.	5/12	8:30 a.m.	+ Irene Roberts
Sat.	5/13	4:30 p.m.	Alberto David

Office Hours PARISH OFFICE

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Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Nancy Tatum, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Diane Mutchie, Stewardship & Dev. Director
Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday May 13th & Sunday May 14th

Saturday May 13th

Altar Servers:
Joe Iovino, Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal

Eucharistic Ministers
Joyce Fitzsimmons, Lina Majesky, Cathy Maus

Readers:
Mary Crawford, Karen Lee

Ushers:
JJ Nichols, Tommy Dobbs, Fred Lininger, Earl Wallace

Greeters:
Sandy Sharp, Cathy Dobbs

Sunday May 14th

Altar Servers:
Lizzie Fortner, Matthew Webb, Grant Fortner

Eucharistic Ministers
Walt Egan, Cheryl Carr, Silvana Gallo

Readers:
Carol Burridge, Harry Burridge

Ushers:
Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan, Ernie Poupore, David Gugal

Greeters:
Eddie Dubeck, Susan Walwik

April 30, 2017

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First Communion Mass Sunday May 14, 2017

please join us as we celebrate
this wonderful day with them!



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Protecting God's Children Class
will be offered
on Saturday
May 20th at 9:00 a.m.



If you are a diocesan employee (staff and ministries), or volunteer who has contact with children and youth, you are required to attend one program, or if you Parish requires you to attend the class for your ministry.

Please create an account online at Virtus, and sign up for the class. This class will fill up quickly, so sign up as soon as you can at www.dosafll.com. An

Registration Instruction sheet is located at each entrance to the Church.

Want to volunteer to work in Vacation Bible School? All adults must take Protecting God's Children, and be fingerprinted. Please call the office at 325-9777 or Cheryl Carr for details.

Remember parents cannot sit in on classes without PGC, classes.



June 12- 16
9am - Noon



The Sacrament of Baptism leaves an indelible mark. The baptized person is incorporated into Christ and therefore to Christ. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

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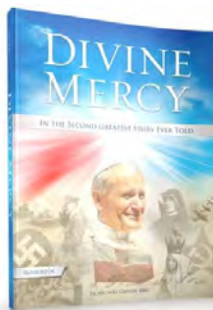


Cemetery Clean-up Day
May 14th 8:00 a.m.

St. Monica Cemetery,
Osceola & Kirby



The First Communion Tree in located in the back of the Church. Please celebrate with our children, by choosing a name from the tree, and buying a small gift in remembrance of their very special day.



The St. Monica Video Club will continue viewing Father Michael Gaitley's (speaker at the Eucharistic Congress) new Divine Mercy video series on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

All are welcome!

Those needing "Anointing of the Sick" or in need of a Priest, please call these telephone numbers only:

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