



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024



The Good Shepherd



Benedictine Bound Eighth Graders

## MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish  
Embracing its African American culture, Empowering  
its members  
And sharing its love of Christ  
Through service to the community.

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#### St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

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#### Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator

Fr. Anthony Simone .....Parish Priest

K Frank Jones.....St. Aloysius School Principal

Carol Bunn ..... Hunger Center Director

Kim James .....Preschool Director

#### Parish Leadership

Sandra Morgan.....Pastoral Council

Kevin Ford..... Finance Council

Belinda Sims ..... Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee

Carol Bunn..... St. Vincent dePaul Society

Marguerite Strickland..... Choir Representative

Chris Sledge ..... Men's Club President

Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

#### Community Services

Project Hope .....Andrea Wasdovoich-Duffner

Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

#### Eucharistic Celebration

**Sunday Mass:** .....10 am

**Reconciliation:** Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

**Marriages:** Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

**Baptisms:** Contact the Parish House.

**First Communion, First Reconciliation:** Contact the Parish House.

**Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits:** Contact the Parish House.

**Funerals:** All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

**Registration:** Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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## Sr. Mary Jean's Reflection

I am pleased to share with you today this thoughtful article written by Sr. Erin Zubal, one of my Ursuline sisters. Erin works with NETWORK, a social justice lobby, in Washington DC.

Waiting in line outside a school gymnasium in the early morning hours. Feeling the chill of November in the air. Greeting the poll workers. Making selections on an electronic menu screen. The experience of voting is many things, but not too many people would probably think of it as helping us to grow in holiness. But listening closely to Pope Francis, it's clear that this election year offers yet another opportunity for many people to journey closer to the God who loves and saves the world.

In his 2018 letter on the call to holiness, *Gaudete Et Exultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), Pope Francis waded into explicitly political waters when he cautioned against limiting one's political concern and advocacy to just one or two issues, as so many Catholics tend to do in the U.S. "Equally sacred," he affirmed, are the lives of people in poverty and all who are rejected and discarded by society. "We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in the world," he wrote.

That same year, the Vatican's doctrine office also published a document on "certain aspects of Christian salvation." This document rejects "individualistic and merely interior visions of salvation" as being against the "economy through which God willed to save the human person." This means people must journey beyond themselves, out into the world, to participate in the grace of the salvation story that culminates when "each person will be judged on the concreteness of his or her love." (Placuit Deo #13)

This too is political. Voting is concrete. It is an act. It is a choice. It's an imperfect choice, because often voters are not faced with specific policy proposals but with individual office-seekers who may be better on certain issues than others and whose performance once they are elected can be quite unpredictable. Will they advocate for people on the margins? Are they able to be bought by wealthy corporate interests? Do they take the weight of responsibility of their office seriously? The answers to these questions can and do produce wildly different **outcomes**.

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## Fish Fry Wrap-up

At our Fish Fry on April 12 we sold 34 perch dinners, 26 catfish dinners, and 3 sandwiches. After expense, our profit was \$268.59.

Thank you to everyone who helped out to support this parish activity.

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## MINISTERS FOR April 28,2024

LECTORS	
Lizann Hudson	Debra Paul
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims Paul Martin	Annie Easterling Cleo Nettles

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 21—28,2024

Sunday	10 am	Faithful Departed
Wednesday	11:30 am	Faithful Departed
Sunday	10 am	Faithful Departed

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ronald Redmon	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	James Harland
Jaxon Peck	Jordyn Peck
Clarice & Reginald Rucker	Mary McCombs
Madelyn Harland	Denise Brewster
Cezzanne Whittington	Victoria Harden
Melissa Kennedy	Cleo Nettles
Angela Comedy	Deborah Howard
Vermonte Wright	Rosetta Mackey
Eugene Jones	

## HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
August & Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Kevin Strickland	Alvin Payne
Evelyn Davis	
Rosemary McKeon	Letcher Epps
Colleen Holt	Vyrdye Hopes
Bernadette Boone	Andrew Johnson

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	April 21	<b>10 AM Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Apr 22	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Apr 23	<b>5-6 PM COMMUNITY MEAL 6:30 PM Scripture in Guild Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Apr 24	<b>11:30 AM Mass 7 PM Holy Hour @ St. Jerome's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Apr 25	
<b>Friday</b>	Apr 26	
<b>Saturday</b>	Apr 27	
<b>Sunday</b>	Apr 28	<b>10 AM Mass</b>

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But what remains is this: In the act of voting, a person creates a small ripple in the social fabric, a ripple that may end up part of a larger current or movement that impacts the lives of millions of other people. This can be used for good or ill.

Using one's vote for ill often means voting as a means of lashing out against people or groups of people whom voters have been told to fear. Very often this means migrants and other people struggling to survive on the peripheries of society.

The act of voting may take only an instant, but the harm inflicted by bad immigration policy compounds over years. It is felt in the lives of families and children who might never recover from the devastation they experience.

Even more could be said about the pain intentionally inflicted on Black and Brown communities by the stoking of Christian nationalist and white supremacist narratives. What does it mean for this country that so many neighbors chose to vote in this way?

But the opposite is also possible. A person can use their vote to build up rather than tear down, to show welcome rather than hostility, to contribute to love rather than hate. And in an election year that looks to be decided by a small number of people in a few states and localities, the choice of one person to choose solidarity, to make their vote an act of love, is as consequential as it's ever been. It might just play a part in saving the world.

Sr. Erin Zubal, OSU, is NETWORK's Chief of Staff

## COLLECTION FOR

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Offertory	\$1902.50
Easter	\$97.00
Special Collections	\$60.00
Target Year to Date	\$75,920.00
Collection Year to Date	\$74,346.23

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading:** Acts 4:8-12 Peter preaches that only in Christ is there salvation.  
**2nd Reading** 1 John 3:1-2 The love of the Father allows us to be called children of God.  
**Gospel Reading:** John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep."

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Apr 22 Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18  
 Tues Apr 23 Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30  
 Weds Apr 24 Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50  
 Thurs Apr 25 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20  
 Fri Apr 26 Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
 Sat Apr 27 Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14  
 Sun Apr 21 Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

## SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to share that our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade scholars will be participating in a cooking class with Chef Vic starting next week. Our scholars will participate in six lessons and learn about preparing different foods. A wonderful, hands-on learning experience for our scholars. Go Tigers!

## SPIRITUAL TEA FOR WOMEN

**"Meeting Jesus at the Seashore"** with speaker **Lisa Frey.**

*Treat yourself to an inspiring message, and refreshments & women's wisdom*

**Sunday, April 28 from 2-4 pm** at the Church of the Resurrection.

Please bring your favorite teacup!

Registration fee of \$20 can be dropped off at the Church of the Resurrection in a marked envelope. Deadline is April 21.

Registrations can be given to Sr. Mary Jean by April 21. Transportation will be provided from St. Aloysius to the Church of the Resurrection.

