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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 21st, 2024



## Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	4/20/2024	8:15pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	4/21/2024	9:00am	Ed & Irene Keller
Monday	4/22/2024	8:00am	Joe & Paula Kendig
Tuesday	4/23/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	4/24/2024	8:30am	Lenora Cooney †
Thursday	4/25/2024	8:00am	Gordon & Delores Rubenthaler †
Friday	4/26/2024	8:00am	Marie McGrenra
Saturday	4/27/2024	4:00pm	Gary Broemeling †
Sunday	4/28/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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**Office Hours** · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm



Our local Knights of Columbus puts out a scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors every year. This scholarship is based on leadership, church participation and community service/activities. If you are in the High School Graduating Class of 2024 and would like an application please stop by the church office during business hours to pick one up. Good Luck!

**Prayer Class** offered to students 1st through 4th grade starting next Sunday, April 28th in the church south annex from 11am-12:30pm. Please join us.

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***St. Jerome Emiliani***

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**Living Your Vocation Like a Good Shepherd**

In John 10:11-18 Jesus presents three distinct characters; the Good Shepherd, the hired hand, and the wolf. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He lays his life down for his sheep. FYI: you’re the sheep. So, what is the take away? Well, first off, Jesus loves us enough to die for us, and he does so knowing us. We are not a nameless sheep. He knows us, and we know him. At least we do if we are *his* sheep. Take a moment to really hear that. Jesus goes out of his way to tell us that the Good Shepherd knows his sheep. He knows you. Too often the concept that God died for “us” creeps into our mind, and we forget that God died for me. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep.

The second take away is a reminder that as followers of Christ we are supposed to be imitators of Christ. We are supposed to be like him. That means in our daily lives we should be seeking to offer our lives for others, the way he offers his life for us. That doesn’t just mean offering up the annoying circumstances of life. Listen to Jesus’ words about how he gives his life:

“No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord” (John 10:18).

Sounds like he is talking about something more than getting stuck in traffic and “offering it up.” Jesus’ sacrifice is more than incidental. It is intentional.

**Imitating the Good Shepherd in Marriage**

We too are called to intentionally offer our lives as “living sacrifices.” Most often that is going to take place within the context of our vocation, or state of life. Want to see the Good Shepherd lived out in a marriage? Watch the joyful self sacrifice of a father who wakes up before the sun to head to work so that he can sustain and support his wife and children.

There is a lot of death to self that happens when you rise at o’dark thirty. There is a real laying down of one’s life. Or, watch the wife, who manages the household with joy, so as to foster a happy, healthy home, where the love of God can be tangibly experienced. Married life is a powerful example of living out the call to be like Christ, the Good Shepherd ... at least, it can be.

**The Hired Worker**

Remember the second character, the hired worker? Well, too often this character is seen in married life. Rather than participating in the sacrifice of Christ, this person ends up acting out the life of the hired servant. I have been this guy far too often. It is the grumbling father who just wants to sit on the couch and be served, forgetting to serve. If you have ever found yourself keeping a mental ledger of what you are doing verses what your spouse is doing, then you are probably slipping into the hired servant category. The hired servant has a place. He does stuff, but he does stuff so that he can be rewarded.

In marriage, service should not be tied to reward. When times are good, the hired servant is fine. But, when the proverbial excrement hits that fan, the hired servant crumbles and runs. Again, living your vocation in the example of Christ, we had to remember that Christ did not run from the Cross. He did not come out swinging. He offers his life. He made himself totally present to the Cross. When trial and challenge faces your vocation, it isn’t time to go on a guys golf trip, or on a girls escape weekend. It is time to carry the cross, not for yourself, but for the sake of the beloved.

**The Wolf**

Not to be forgotten is the wolf. The wolf seeks to destroy, kill, and devour. You would be a fool to think there is no evil. You would be a fool to think that your holy marriage is not something the devil would like to destroy. The hired servant does not even look out for the wolf. He is taken by surprise and runs when it appears. If you are not actively seeking to strengthen your marriage and protect your marriage you might be the hired servant. The Good Shepherd would rather lay down his life than abandon the sheep. I cannot help but remember St. Paul’s words in Ephesians, chapter six:

*“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm” (Ephesians 6:13).*

You don’t put on armor unless you’re expecting a fight. St. Paul tells us to put it on and to be ready. In marriage that means standing guard against the temptations of the world, and being ready to rebuke them in Jesus’ name. Sloth, lust, arrogance, etc. Be on guard, and when the devil whispers his lies and temptations, be ready to fight. Better to die fighting than to give up the sheep.

Jesus calls us to imitate him. He tells us that we too are called to lay down our lives. It is not an incidental offering, but an intentional one. Most often, the place you will be called to imitate the shepherd is in your vocation. It is only in giving up our lives that we truly live.

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# Holy Family Catholic School

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Are you a HFS alumni? We would love to have your support for our HFS Auction in May! Please see the insert in the bulletin to contribute to the Alumni Project. We appreciate your continued support!

Do you have a middle or high school student who would be willing to babysit the night of our HFS Auction? We are looking to put a list together for school families. Babysitting would be at private residences. If your child is qualified and would like to be on our list, please contact Principal Sheri Gehring, [sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com](mailto:sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com) or call the school, 509-758-6621.



Preschool-8th grade ENROLLMENT for the 2024-2025 school year continues! If you know of someone who is interested in joining our school family, or seeking a faith-based education, please encourage them to contact the office, schedule a tour or apply online. Enrolled families can join our Summer Program!



- 4/21 - HFS Spring Clean Up Day! Join us from 12-2 p.m. (yardwork, dusting, cleaning) getting our school and campus ready for spring and the auction.
- 4/24 - Mass 8:30 a.m. by 3rd grade
- 4/25 - K-8 Tuition Assistance Applications are DUE
- 4/26 - NO SCHOOL/Office is closed - Asotin Co Fair
- Is the Auction on your calendar!? May 11th
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Our Spring Program is Wed, May 15, 6 p.m. in the church

*Did you know that the staff and students of Holy Family School pray the rosary twice a month for the healing of those who are sick or battling cancer? As supporters of our church and mission, you are remembered in our daily prayers. Thank YOU for praying for us and our school.*

Our Mission: Holy Family School is a faith-filled community dedicated to the moral development of students who live to serve Christ. Our staff and parents strive to educate the whole child in academic excellence, a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith, spiritual growth and nurture socially responsible members of society in a safe learning environment.



## Holy Week Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday April 27th 4:00pm	Brian Shinn	Evelyn Williams	Ella Miller Not Filled	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper
Sunday April 28th 9:00am	Tina Cunningham Kathy Dobbs	Bob Uptagrafft	Anna Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Tom Ledgerwood Steve Nuxoll Greg Paris Doug Weaver

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The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 6:00pm in the Church.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!

CRS Rice Bowls– Please return your filled rice bowls *no later* than April 28th to the plastic bins in entry ways. Thank you!

### This week at Holy Family...

- Sunday, April 21st:
  - Mass 9:00am
  - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- Monday, April 22nd:
  - Mass 8:00am
  - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, April 23rd:
  - No Mass
- Wednesday, April 24th:
  - Mass 8:30am
  - Sacrament Class 3:30pm

- Thursday, April 25th:
  - Mass 8:00am
  - Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Friday, April 26th:
  - Mass 8:00am
- Saturday, April 27th:
  - Confessions 3:00pm
  - Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday, April 28th:
  - Mass 9:00am
  - Coffee & Donuts
  - Prayer Group for grades 1-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex

## Letter from Father

21 April 2024  
4th Sunday of Easter  
Feelings and Sin

Greetings,

I had an amusing conversation recently with one of our young parishioners. He asked me a very serious question. He wanted to know why, at the beginning of every Mass, do I ask everyone to “call to mind our sins and feelings”. I had to suppress a grin at this question because he was serious and I didn’t want to make him think that he was wrong to ask. When I regained my composure, I explained that I wasn’t asking people to contemplate their sins and feelings but their sins and failings instead. His eyes widened as he understood that feelings weren’t sinful and he made the universal signal for understanding, “Ooooooooooh! I thought you said feelings!”

I have long been frustrated with the emergence of emotion as our main method of reasoning. Starting in the 1990s, data and truth started to take a back seat to how a person felt about an issue. It is no longer required to have a good, logical argument in order to defend one’s position. Instead, the one who has the strongest feelings and expresses their feelings with the highest volume, “wins” the argument. This is evident in every social setting from an argument between patrons at a bar to the classroom to the halls of Congress. The loudest voice is usually deemed to be the correct voice, even if just to keep the peace.

In a way, this trend is sinful. If one allows himself to be led only by his feelings and emotions, while ignoring what is true, he is engaging in a form of lying. If he is not lying to others, he is at least lying to himself and certainly always to God. This is also the reason that we cannot disagree with each other anymore without being accused of hating the person with whom we disagree. Have we really sunk to such an intellectual low as to believe that simple disagreement equates to personal hatred? Imagine what our nation would look like if the members of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Conventions used that as a model for their deliberations. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams detested each other, but they were able to set those feelings aside for the greater good and between them, created the Declaration of Independence.

As Christians, we must walk a certain line between data and emotion. Just as Christ showed us, there are times when we must consider an immediate situation over what the Law prescribes. Jesus allowed his disciples to pluck heads of grain on the Sabbath, he healed the sick on the Sabbath, he restored sight to the blind on the Sabbath. He showed us that there are times that mercy must take precedence over legalism. What he never did, not once was supersede the Truth. He never once proclaimed that he “felt” like this was what we were to do or that we should follow our hearts, he always said that the things he was telling us to do was the will of his Father, the source of all Truth.

Feelings and emotions are important parts of what makes us human. They help us to have sympathy and empathy for others and to understand them. But they cannot replace the beautiful gift of our ability to reason, our ability to look objectively at a situation and make determinations about it. No other animal has the ability to be objective about ideas and situations. But we cannot be ruled by them. On the other end of the spectrum, we cannot be stoic automatons either. Just as we must have a well-formed conscience in order to really know right from wrong, so too must we have a well-formed intellect that allows us to decide if what we are saying is based in emotion or fact. This is required for us to be honest with others and with ourselves.

OK, I feel like that is enough for this week...

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

## *Laying Down Your Life*

*Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.” John 10:11*

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” This is because the readings for this Sunday from all three liturgical years come from the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel in which Jesus teaches clearly and repeatedly about His role of being the Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be a shepherd? More specifically, how is it that Jesus most perfectly acts as the Good Shepherd of us all?

The image of Jesus being a shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have shown Jesus as a gentle and kind man holding a sheep in His arms or on His shoulders. In part, it is this holy image that we put before our mind’s eye to ponder today. This is an inviting image and one that helps us to turn to our Lord, as a child would turn to a parent in need. But though this gentle and endearing image of Jesus as a shepherd is quite inviting, there are other aspects of His role as Shepherd that should also be considered.

The Gospel quoted above gives us the heart of Jesus’ definition of the most important quality of a good shepherd. He is one who “lays down his life for the sheep.” He is one who is willing to suffer, out of love, for those entrusted to his care. He is one who chooses the life of the sheep over his own life. At the heart of this teaching is sacrifice. A shepherd is sacrificial. And being sacrificial is the truest and most accurate definition of love.

Though Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” Who gave His life for us all, we must also daily strive to imitate His sacrificial love for others. We must be Christ, the Good Shepherd, to others every day. And the way we do this is by looking for ways to lay our lives down for others, putting them first, overcoming every selfish tendency, and serving them with our lives. Love is not only experiencing endearing and heartwarming moments with others; first and foremost, love is about being sacrificial.

Reflect, today, upon these two images of Jesus the Good Shepherd. First, ponder the tender and gentle Lord Who welcomes you and cares for you in a holy, compassionate, and endearing way. But then turn your eyes to the Crucifixion. Our Good Shepherd did, indeed, give His life for us all. His shepherding love led Him to suffer greatly and to lay His life down so that we could be saved. Jesus was not afraid to die for us, because His love was perfect. We are the ones who matter to Him, and He was willing to do anything necessary to love us, including sacrificing His life out of love. Ponder this most holy and pure sacrificial love and strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom you are called to love.

*Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

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