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"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." —JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Deadline for content in the
weekly bulletin is noon on
Mondays*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15
p.m.)

**Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. &
10:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m.–8:15
a.m. & 9:35 a.m.–9:50 a.m.)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday –Friday: Mass 8:00
a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -
7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard
anytime outside of listed times
by appointment*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**The Daily Mass and
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass are
broadcast on our YouTube
channel. Go to our parish
website homepage to find
the direct link.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22nd

Tuesday, April 23rd

*†Audrey Engelhard by Diane Wittmayer

Wednesday, April 24th

*†Adeline Vannatta by Arlene Fiedler

8:30 a.m.—7 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Rosary Club

6:00 p.m.

Youth Religious Education

Thursday, April 25th

*†Clara Harvey by Agnes Brandt

Friday, April 26th

*†Donald Keller by Parishioners

Saturday, April 27th

4:30 p.m. Mass: †Douglas Zahn by Denise Zahn

Sunday, April 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass: †Pat Limke by Dan & Tracy Christen

10:00 a.m. Mass: For the Parish

†: Indicates deceased

***Mass intentions said privately while Fr. Phillips is away. Daily Mass will
not be offered at Little Flower this week**

Gospel Meditation

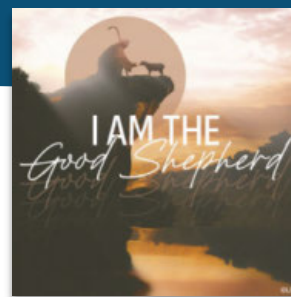
**April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter**

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

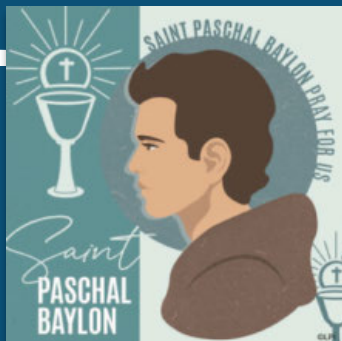
— Father John Muir ©LPi



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Saint of the Week

St. Paschal Baylón (1540-1592) was born in Spain to impoverished Catholic parents. He worked alongside his father as a shepherd from his childhood until his 20's. He often prayed while working in the fields, listening daily for the church bells that would ring at the point of Elevation of the Eucharist during Mass to remind him to spend time with the Lord. He was known for his work ethic and honesty among his neighbors and desired a religious life from a young age.



Baylón taught himself to read so he could pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, a prayer popular in his time. He would give parts of his dinner away to those in need when it was brought to him as he was shepherding in the field. He also had great compassion for the sick.

At age 24, Baylón joined the Friars Minor and although invited to study to be a priest, he chose to be a brother. In this vocation he served his brothers in many ways, including as a chef, door man, gardener, and official beggar. As a Franciscan lay brother, he took a vow of poverty but remained generous to those poor who came begging at the monastery — to the point that the other friars sometimes tried to limit his giving.

St. Paschal found particular solace while praying before the Blessed Sacrament. His devotion to Christ in the Eucharist was tangible as he was known to spend most of his free time in adoration and would occasionally experience visions after all-night prayer. Because of this devotion, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies. He was also known widely for his spiritual council. People all over the region would visit him to talk about faith and life. St. Paschal Baylón, pray for us!

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Monday: Earth Day
 Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day
 Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist
 Friday: Arbor Day
 Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:

There will be NO Daily Mass **April 23rd – 26th** as Father is taking his dad to Mayo Clinic to have surgery. All Mass intentions will be said privately while Father is gone.

Please keep Fr. Phillips and his dad in your prayers for safe travels and a positive outcome!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting numerous families, providing for needs including utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You! SvDP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM. (701)833-1269

Mass Ministry Schedule for April 27th & 28th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
Greeter	Rose Bjelland Varden Lang	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Daunte Schiff Lucious Schiff	Harper Miller Stella Miller	Emmy Schaefer Hannah Schaefer
Lector	Joe Palkovick	Steve Miller	Barb Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Kalamaha	Jerry Aarseth	
In-Home Ministry	Deb Mellum		
Scrip Sales	Cindy Larcombe	Lisa Krogman	Katy Schaefer

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact Jill in the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.

MARCH 2024 OFFERTORY

	Actual	Budget
Adult Collections	\$20,099	\$17,500
Student Envelopes	\$0	\$0
Loose Collection	\$1,995	\$1,250
Holy Day Collection	\$107	\$833
ACH/Online Giving	\$6,745	\$7,083
March Totals	\$28,945	\$26,666
March Overage	\$2,279	

EASY OFFERTORY GIVING!

As summer approaches, make your offertory donations easy with ACH (automatic bank withdrawals). Wherever your summer travels take you, you'll know that your offertory giving will continue at Little Flower. Your donations help our parish pay the bills. Contact Kathy in the parish office or fill out the form on our parish website under the GIVING tab to set up bi-weekly or monthly withdrawals.

PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS BEGIN MAY 1ST!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in the region are April 27-28 in Owatonna, Minn. and May 3-5 in Buffalo, Minn. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at ndwwme.org or contact Rob and Angie at Applications@ndwwme.org or 701-347-1998.

31 ROSARY CLUB

Are you willing to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? April 21, 2024 marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Serra Club of North Central North Dakota is again coordinating the prayer initiative entitled the "31 Rosary Club" in each parish in the Bismarck Diocese. We are requesting parishioners to sign-up to pray the rosary for vocations on a selected day of each month for one year.

The parish has a sign-up sheet and prayer cards for those willing to participate. We can only imagine the fruits that may be realized in the Bismarck diocese with active participation in this prayer initiative. If we persevere, Mary will prevail.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

67TH ANNUAL GOD'S SHARE APPEAL

The Annual God's Share Appeal, which supports the work of the Catholic Church in western North Dakota, will be conducted in every parish in two weeks. The God's Share Appeal is not just another Sunday collection. It is a unified effort in which all Catholics of the Bismarck Diocese join together to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in western North Dakota. It is an opportunity to voluntarily support the work of the larger Church by returning a portion of what God has given to us through a pledge to the God's Share Appeal. In the next two weeks, you will be receiving a letter, brochure and pledge envelope from Bishop Kagan. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of this important ministry.

JOB OPENING

The Bismarck Diocese is seeking a well-qualified and highly motivated individual to fill the position of Director of Catechesis and Youth. The ideal candidate loves the Catholic Church and its ministries, enjoys working with people, is goal orientated and a self-starter. The Director will provide leadership and serve as a liaison to parishes in the design and implementation of catechesis and youth/young adult ministry in the diocese. The Director will also coordinate and support catechetical and youth/young adult events and programming to nurture the faith and discipleship of young people across the diocese. Competitive salary and benefits package provided. A detailed job description can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com under the "Job Openings" tab. Please submit cover letter, resume, three references and diocesan application for employment to Denise Jordan, djordan@bismarckdiocese.com or PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON ERIC ARTZ!

From the Bismarck Diocese:

The Reverend Mr. Eric Artz, upon ordination to the sacred priesthood, to be parochial vicar for the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Minot, and religion instructor at Bishop Ryan Catholic School.

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS MAY 17 & 18, 2024

A small group from Little Flower parish is traveling to this event in Bemidji, MN and has room for a few others to join them. The event, co-hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Diocese of Crookston) and Bishop Daniel J. Felton (Diocese of Duluth), will lead up to the main Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July in Indianapolis, and is a great opportunity to hear the same presenters including Bishop Robert Barron (Winona-Rochester) and Father Mike Schmitz (Duluth) as well as attending Sunday Mass at Itasca State Park. For the complete schedule and information on how to register go to <https://crookstoneucharist.org>. The cost to attend the 2-day event is \$40 plus Ticketmaster fees. There is limited space in one of the vehicles and two double-occupancy rooms available at the Country Inn & Suites (at the event center) with this group. For more information, please contact Linda Aleshire at lindamaleshire@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Embark on a transformative spiritual journey! The Bismarck Diocese and the University of Mary warmly invite you to join us on a seven-day pilgrimage (July 16-22, 2024) to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Take part in a historic gathering of missionary disciples and experience what promises to be a "new Pentecost" for the American Catholic Church. Register today at www.umary.edu/NEC.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a hero and give blood at the KC Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 23rd. The blood drive will be held in the basement of St. Leo's from 1pm-6pm. To sign up, call Jim at (701) 837-6200.

ST. LEO'S KC BREAKFAST ON APRIL 28

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will serve a breakfast on Sunday, April 28 in the St. Leo's Church Basement from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Biscuits and gravy, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. Free will offering will support the Priest Retirement Fund. Everyone is welcome!



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.

Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?" -St. John Baptist de la Salle

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: **Elementary Teacher, High School English Teacher, High School Physical Education Teacher and a Varsity Football Coach.** For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit bishopryan.com/employment.

SCRIP NEWS: Remember to use Scrip gift cards for gifts, and to pay for your purchases. Scrip Gift Cards are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office, and at Bishop Ryan, and you can use them for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires and accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more. The more Scrip gift cards you use, the more support goes towards Catholic education in Minot, so continue using Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. We are so grateful for your support!





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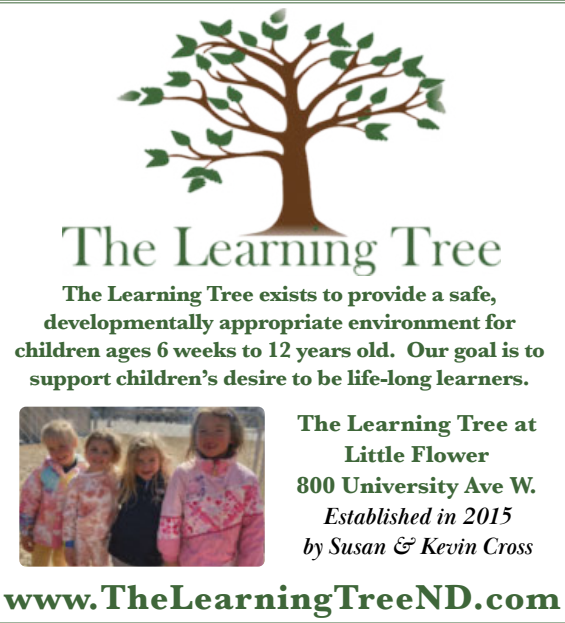
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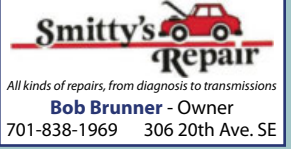
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