

**Shepherd's Thoughts (April 7, 2024)
Second Sunday of Easter**

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Luke being the author of the Acts of the Apostles gives us an idealized description of early Christians community life. They were one in common in heart and mind witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus and doing good works for all (Acts 4:32-35).

Our second reading today was written about 100 AD and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the Apostolic John and thus bears his name. Today's passage from the near end of this brief letter treats the fundamentals of Christian life if we love God, we will also keep his commandments and love the children of God and whoever is begotten by God conquers the world by faith. (Jn 5:1-6).

In the Gospel today, we are reminded of the necessity of personal encounter with Jesus especially when we are in doubt to believe in Him. He is present in our daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, believe in him, behold him, touch him and receive him wholeheartedly, don't be unbelieving but believe because Jesus is real. He is alive in our midst.

But for you, my brothers and sisters who are already believers in Christ, continue bringing the good news that Jesus is risen. Be like the other disciples who strongly professed, "We have seen the Lord."

As we celebrate this Second Sunday within the octave of Easter, we also remember the significant encounter between Jesus and his doubting apostle Thomas, Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:19-31).

As St. Bernadette of Soubirous said, "for those who believe in God no explanation is necessary, but those who don't none will suffice". Indeed, our faith should not rely only to what we see but we much depend on God to accept by heart the truth that we believe in. "To see is to believe" has no room therefore to those who believe by heart. Thus, when Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

It is John himself the beloved apostle of Jesus says this truth that Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Apr 6th, Mass

† Mark Pinchart

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Apr 6th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Apr 7th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Apr 7th, Mass

† Deceased members of Macco family,

† Norbert & Doris Kinnard

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Apr 9th, Mass

Wednesday 8:00AM, Brussels, Apr 10th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Apr 11th, Mass

† Bruce Vandervest

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Apr 12th, Mass

† Francis & Lorraine Charles

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Apr 13th, Mass

† For the People

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Apr 13th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Apr 14th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Apr 14th, Mass

† Dennis R. Malcore

Tuesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Apr 16th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Apr 17th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00AM, Lincoln, Apr 18th, Mass

† For the People

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Apr 19th, Mass

† Deceased members of Jim Knaapen family

Sanctuary Light

April 7-13: In mem Bruce Vandervest

April 14-20: In mem Andrew Engebose



Sacrificial Offerings

Mar 21-26, 2024: \$1,877.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

Mar 18-31 Sales: \$3525.00

Gross profit: \$170.50

FYTD profit: \$4548.48

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at Havel27sm@gmail.com.

Father Rex Shepherd Hours in Rosiere: On

Thursdays & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month. (Father is on vacation April 8-13.)

Liturgical Ministers:

April 6th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

April 7th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Bill Lohrey

Comm Distributors: Sandy Maccoux, Jason Jandrin

Servers: Danny Ducat & Kai Jimenez

April 13th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distributors: Matt Thayse, Wendy Vlies

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

April 14th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Comm Distributors: Jake Barta, Volunteer

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

Parish News

First Communion: Please keep our First Communion students in your prayers as they receive Our Lord for the first time on Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 Mass in Lincoln. May they continue to grow in their faith.

Orion Agamaite	Jamison Jauquet	Jude Parkos
Cecilia Barta	Nevaeh Kakuk	Carlene Pribeek
Kennedy Berceau	Chandler Kolmorgen	Benji Smith
Easton Blasier	Walker Malcore	Ryker Strnad
Michael Ducat	Liam Massart	Kenley Vlies
Caleb Everard	James May	

(Sunday, April 21 at 10:15 Mass in Lincoln – makeup First Communion for two students.)

Bishops Appeal 2024: Our goal is \$41,682 and we are at 38% of our goal due to the generosity of our 70 members who have already donated. Please return your pledge form from Bishop Ricken as soon as you can. Thank you!

Bingo: We have been having a great time playing Bingo! The next time will be Sunday, April 7 at 1 PM in the Lincoln church basement-please consider joining us.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who donated flowers, our choirs for the music, students, parents, and volunteers that helped with Easter Angel practices, the 12 Apostles, and any others that helped in any way to make our churches beautiful for Easter.

Thank You: to Rick & Wendy Vlies for donating the large Divine Mercy pictures (1 at Lincoln & 1 at Rosiere) in memory of their son Lance Vlies.

Area News

TOTUS TUUS: TOTUS TUUS is a weeklong “Parish Mission” for catholic youth in grades 1-12. It is dedicated to sharing the gospel and promoting the

catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and eucharistic worship. St Thomas the Apostle, Humboldt. The dates are July 21-26. Registration opens April 1st. Go to www.threecatholicchurches.com/totustuus.

Casco Am. Legion Post 319& Auxiliary Unit 319:

Casco American Legion & Auxiliary meeting on April 8 at 6:30pm at the Casco Village Hall – lower level.

GB Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Peninsula Vicariate (VII): will meet at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, Tisch Mills on Monday, April 8 at 2pm. Our Diocesan President, Roxanne Dyzak, will be our speaker. We will pray the Rosary followed by our meeting & a social. Call Pat Daubner 920-493-8705 with questions.

Kewaunee County Skin Cancer Screening:

Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 am-noon at Prevea Health Center 101 School Creek Trail, Luxemburg, open to all age groups, free spot checks by a medical professional. Register by calling Kew. Cty. Public Health Dept. at 920-388-7160. See flyer in church entrances.

Belgian Heritage Center Booyah & Bread:

Sunday, April 21 from 11am-1pm at BHC serving our famous booyah, bread & homemade desserts. Adults - \$12, Children 4-12 - \$8. Booyah to go available after 12 noon as quantities last for \$10/quart.

Door Cty Right to Life: will present a program on Saturday, April 20 from 2-3:30pm on “Embracing Dignity at the End of Life” at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 692 Tacoma Beach Road, Sturgeon Bay. The featured speaker will be Dr. Caitlyn Trader, Director of Bioethics at WI Right to Life. For information contact Bill Krueger at 920-677-2363 or email wmkrueger2@yahoo.com.

Casco Fire Dept 7th Annual Ugly Purse Auction:

on Sat, April 27, starts at 7 pm, at Rendezvous of Luxemburg, 100% of proceeds benefit Casco Fire Dept., to donate or be a sponsor call Debbie Haumschild at 920-255-2896 or mail to 509 Maple Str, Casco, WI.

Catholic Order of Foresters matching funds

Porkie Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5 at Lincoln church basement.

Gospel Readings for Week of April 7, 2024

Monday, Apr 8: Luke 1: 26-38 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Tuesday, Apr 9: John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday, Apr 10: John 3: 16-21

Thursday, Apr 11: John 3: 31-36 (St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr)

Friday, Apr 12: John 6: 1-15

Saturday, Apr 13: John 6: 16-21 (St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr)