



A note  
from our Pastor

In the childhood game of 'Follow the leader' one person is picked, and whatever they did or said is imitated by the rest of the group; when someone fails some

aspect of imitation, they sit down. The last person to be still standing is the winner and they become the leader in the next round of the game.

There are many powerful images and symbols used to talk about and describe Jesus. He even described Himself as the *Bread of Life, the Vine, the Light of the World* and the *Water of Life*. However, perhaps the most universally well known is *Jesus the Good Shepherd*. He is shown in many paintings, posters and prayer cards as the shepherd carrying a lamb on His shoulders.

We live in a modern world and society of famous, glamorous people; celebrities. They are on our televisions most evenings. There are magazines dedicated to them and their wealthy lifestyles. And now because of the internet and social media, we are told we can 'follow' them as they keep us up to date and informed as to what they are doing on daily basis. Some of these celebrities claim to have millions of followers. However, as we are all aware celebrities come and go very quickly. What is fashionable and trendy one month may not be as popular the next.

At the beginning of His ministry Jesus called people to follow Him with these powerful and challenging words, 'If you want to be My and disciple, come take up your cross and follow Me.' There is nothing popular, trendy or fashionable about following Jesus. In fact, I suggest it is the very opposite. This call to follow Jesus is a real, relevant and radical today for us as when Jesus first said it. Jesus is not a celebrity. He won't be fashionable one month and gone the next. He has promised to be with each of us all the time and until the end of time. He won't disappear, He won't let us down and we can rely on His word and what He says to us.

The call to follow Jesus the Good Shepherd is in open invitation. Jesus simply says, 'Come follow me.' He doesn't demand that we follow Him and He can't make us follow Him. Jesus the Good Shepherd freely invites us and asks that we follow Him out love. He invites us freely and the choice to follow Him is one that we need to make freely. Our response to follow Jesus the Shepherd needs to be based on freedom. He calls us by our name and waits for us to respond freely.

'The Lord is like a shepherd feeding His flock, gathering lambs in His arms and holding them close.' (Isaiah 40.11)

When Jesus the Good Shepherd calls us by our name to follow Him, may we respond freely, and wholly out of love.



## Majority of One

Sacred Heart's Majority of One (for single adults) will be having dinner at Bistro Bella Luna (55 E. College, Ste. 4) at 4:30 on Thursday, May 2nd. Adult singles from St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart are most welcome. RSVP to Carrol W. (440-647-3251) by Tuesday evening, April 30th.

Last call for dropping off your **Rice Bowl!** Perhaps you have forgotten or misplaced your Rice Bowl? Please check around your home and drop it off within the next two weekends. The Rice Bowl Collection boxes will remain by the church doors until the end of the month. After that, you may drop rice bowls off at the parish office during office hours. You cannot imagine how many lives are changed by your generosity. Thank you.



This Sunday, April 21st,  
after the 10:30 am Mass  
Please join us!



### Collection Report for March

Sunday Offering .....	\$12022.04
Outreach .....	\$259.99
Maintenance.....	\$200.00
Designated for Parish Use Only .....	\$7092.88
Total Received .....	\$19574.91

*Thank you for sharing that which God  
has so generously shared with you!*



### Items needed for OBERLIN COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Canned Soups       Canned Meat
- Cereals

Donated items may be placed in the green bins in the back of the church marked Oberlin Community Services. Thank you for your generosity!

**Visit us at [SHOJ.CC](http://SHOJ.CC)**

If you are interested in serving Sacred Heart as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server or Usher, please contact the parish office by phone (440-707-6707 Ext. 0) or by email ([secretary@shoj.cc](mailto:secretary@shoj.cc)).

*Spend some quiet time with the Lord*

April 21 — April 27

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

The full text of readings at: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



# Mass Intentions

for the week

### Monday, April 22

8:45 am at St. Patrick ..... Lance Grether

### Tuesday, April 23

8:00 am ..... Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Wednesday, April 24

6:30 pm at St. Patrick ..... Brian Peabody

### Thursday, April 25

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Elsie McCormick

### Friday, April 26

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

### Saturday, April 27

4:00 pm at SH..... William Manierre, Jr.

6:00 pm at St. Patrick ..... Parishioners

### Sunday, April 28

8:15 am at St. Patrick ..... Confirmandi & Parishioners

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Confirmandi & Parishioners

## APRIL

### 21, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:30 am DIGGING DEEPER into the Sunday scriptures

After Mass Donut Sunday

### 25, Thursday

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting

### 26, Friday

7:00 am Eucharistic Adoration/Confession

### 28, Sunday

9:15 NO PSR

9:30 am DIGGING DEEPER into the Sunday scriptures

## MAY

### 2, Thursday

7:00 pm Peace & Justice Meeting

### 3, Friday

7:00 am Eucharistic Adoration/Confession

Parish  
Calendar

### Liturgical Ministers — 27/28 April 2024

	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
<b>LECTORS</b>	J. Secrist	A. Reichle
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	K. Carpenter—H E. Carpenter—C K. Secrist—C	C. Leverknight—H T. Leverknight—C J. Marks—C
<b>SERVERS</b>	K. Bussard K. Bussard	L. Dayton S. Reichle