

**Readings for the Week**

<b>Mon 4-21</b>	Acts of Apostles 14:5-18 John 14:21-26
<b>Tues 4-22</b>	Acts of Apostles 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a
<b>Wed 4-23</b>	Acts of Apostles 15:1-6 John 15:1-8
<b>Thurs 4-24</b>	Acts of Apostles 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
<b>Fri 4-25</b>	1 Peter 5:5b-14 Mark 16:15-20
<b>Sat 4-26</b>	Acts of Apostles 16:1-10 John 15:18-21
<b>Sun 4-27</b>	Acts of Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

**\*\*Weekend Offerings \*\***

Envelopes (86)	\$1,841.00
Plate	\$ 318.55
Children (32)	\$ 39.18
Building Maint.	\$ 62.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,260.73</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>

**\*\* Church Donations \*\***

Stipends	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 4.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 149.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 173.01</b>

**Respect Life/Pro Life Corner**

“We are knee deep in a culture of death... Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and a culture of death. God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them”.

~Late Rep. Henry Hyde, eloquent defender of unborn



**Wounded and Ashamed**

A priest friend of mine used to be very excited about the school masses, as he loved children. Now, he’s nervous, thinking of canceling masses for the kids altogether. “I don’t know what’s appropriate anymore” he said. He could no more be spontaneous. With all the conversation about pedophiles in Catholic priesthood, we priests are under a cloud. Fear, shame, doubt and anxiety have gripped most of us. We’re wounded and ashamed. Thoughtless offenses of a handful of people have inflicted irreparable wounds to the priests, forty-seven thousand of them. Day after day we lead worship with this woundedness and minister in shame.

There’s consolation in the words of Jesus: “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me” (Jn 14:1). Wasn’t he broken for our sins and ridiculed for our offenses? We minister in his shoes.

But in fact, it is our woundedness that actually qualifies us as ministers. We bind up the wounds of each other, and become “wounded healers.” Our wounds make us more human and put us in solidarity with those who suffer, with greater sensitivity. Not in anger and bitterness do we come to serve, but in sincere love and compassion.

Fr Xavier

**Spring Clean-Up this Saturday**

Volunteers of all ages are needed this Saturday, April 26 beginning at 8:00 am to clean the inside of the church as well as the parish grounds. It is a great family activity and fun to spend time with other church members while preparing the property for Father’s beautiful flowers!



**Prayer Corner**

We pray for Fr Xavier, who will be in retreat this week at Holy Hill, Milwaukee, that he may be renewed both in spirit and body.



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, April 20

After Mass 1st Communion, RCIA Reception  
 After Mass RCIA  
 6:30 pm Gamblers' Anonymous

### Monday, April 21

6:30 pm Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 23

12:00 - 4:00 pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm Youth Choir  
 6:30 pm Faith Formation

### Thursday, April 24

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting  
 3:00 - 9:00 pm Directory Portraits

### Friday, April 25

3:00 - 9:00 pm Directory Portraits

### Saturday, April 26

8:00 am Spring Clean-up  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Directory Portraits

**Our monthly Food Drive will be  
 next weekend, April 26 - 27**



### Saints of the Week

**Apr 21** *Anselm, bishop, doctor; †* 1109; abbot of Bec in Normandy; later (1093) archbishop of Canterbury; twice exiled for defending the rights of the Church; theologian and philosopher: *fides quaerens intellectum*; authored *Proslogion*, *Cur Deus Homo*, and *The Procession of the Holy Spirit*; known as the "Father of Scholasticism"

**Apr 23** *George, martyr; Tradition holds that George was decapitated perhaps in Palestine sometime before the reign of Constantine († 337); 12th c. legend portrays him as a knight and dragon slayer; since the crusades, the patron of England and Constantinople.*

*Adalbert, bishop, martyr; †* 997; born of a noble family in Bohemia; at age 26, elected bishop of Prague; forced to leave his See twice due to violent political opposition; preached in Pomerania to the Prussians who murdered him on 23 Apr. 997; buried in Gniezo, the first capital of Poland; patron of Bohemia, the Czech Republic, and Prussia; a patron of Poland.

**Apr 24** *Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr; †* 1622 in Switzerland; from Swabia; known as the "lawyer of the poor" before becoming a Capuchin; preached in the canton of the Grisons; protomartyr of Propaganda Fide.

**Apr 25** *(John) Mark, evangelist; †* 1st c.; cousin of Barnabas; associated with Paul and Peter; the gospel ascribed to him (cf. Acts 12:12) is the oldest and shortest; largely a collection of narratives that depict Jesus as being almost constantly active; presents Jesus as the Son of God whose ministry was marked by a series of mighty works, signs of God's power and kingdom; tradition holds Mark as the first bishop of Alexandria; portrayed as a winged lion; patron of notaries, of Egypt and Venice.

*"Life truly is a boomerang. What you give, you get"*  
 ~Dale Carnegie

### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of April 20 - 26

Tues	8 am	Word & Communion
Wed	8 am	Word & Communion
Thurs	8 am	Word & Communion
Sat	5 pm	Sheila Mitchell †
Sun	9 am	Parishioners

### Happy Anniversary!

Bruce and Christine Nowak (33 years)  
 Robert and Laura Kennen (7 years)  
 Paula and Kevin Dahl (21 years)



### Birthdays of the Week

**4-21** Ruth Tomczyk **4-22** Joseph Anderson, Bruce Nowak, Stephen Yurick **4-23** Magdalene Carlson, Debra Drevecky, Clarence Larson, Frank Smith, Lawrence Walker **4-24** Patricia Anstett **4-25** Laura Diedrich, Blake Minke, Mary Rohlf **4-26** Jordan Mitchell

**Happy Birthday**

**\*\* Next Week Liturgical Roles \*\***

**Saturday, April 26, 2008 5:00 pm**

**Food Drive, Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

**Lector:** Mary Ann Lunseth  
**Commentator:** Chelcie Gamache  
**Communion:** Mary Stenger, Loring Olson  
Deacon Larry  
**Gifts:** Drevecky Family  
**Ushers:** Jim Thorn, Butch Anderson  
Josh Swanson  
**Servers:** Anika Kost, Kyler Sempel

**Sunday, April 27, 2008 9:00 am**

**Food Drive, Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

**Lector:** Alan Walz  
**Commentator:** Teri Jungels  
**Communion:** Lil Jungels, Jim Yanta  
Deacon Larry  
**Gifts:** Peterson Family  
**Ushers:** Ken Kirchberg, Gary Weiden  
Rodney Swanson  
**Servers:** Jordyn Churchsmith, Tom Jungels

**Ascension of the Lord**

Only a few ecclesiastical provinces in the United States have retained the celebration of Ascension on the proper Thursday. In the province of St. Paul - Minneapolis this solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday, May 4 (Seventh Sunday of Easter).

**Operation Rice Bowl**

Our total Operation Rice Bowl donations in 2008 were \$1,021.43. In 2007 we collected \$950.54. This year the Faith Formation students, teachers, and parents showed greater enthusiasm. It paid off! Your generosity is appreciated!

**Those Who Need Our Prayers**

Darold Anderson, Michael Gaul, Michael Kalkbrenner, Jim Kirchberg, Earl McDonald, Betty Odendahl, Roy Ortner, and Frank Storm.



**Walk for Life**

Next Saturday, April 26, Pregnancy Resource Center of Cambridge will sponsor a Walk For Life. Registration is at 9:00 am in the City Center Mall parking lot with the Walk beginning at 10:00. Sponsor forms, which include detailed information regarding the Walk, can be found in the back of the church.

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Next Sunday, our parish will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports missions here in the United States. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal offers Catholics across our country a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the Southwest, Puerto Rico, and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. This appeal is a practical way for our parish to share its faith and resources with the mission Church here at home. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support pastors in the priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children. Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It's one practical way our parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference.



**Vocation Views**

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of His People today.

# Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet Monday, April 21 at 6:30 in the Parish House. We will continue reading and discussing chapter 13. All are welcome to join us as we discuss these parables and their messages for today.

~Deacon Larry

## RCIA

RCIA will meet for our final session on Sunday, April 27 after Mass in the Parish House. We will study the Scripture for Ascension Matthew 28: 16-20. Our topics for the morning will be How the Spirit Guides the Church and the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Although this is our last session for this year, the quest for candidates for RCIA continues year around. See Father Xavier or Deacon Larry for more information.

~Deacon Larry

### What does the bishop expect from his deacons?

Toward the end of the day at a diocesan gathering of permanent deacons and their wives, along with a number of priests of the diocese, the diocesan bishop joined the gathering. Standing in the center of the room, surrounded by his deacons, the bishop began his remarks by saying, "When I ordained you, you assumed an obligation to share the concerns of my heart for the pastoral care of this diocese. Today, let me share what is on my heart, so that it may be on your hearts, too!" The insights of this bishop are profound, and capture the essence of the relationship that should exist between the bishop and his deacons. Furthermore, we can see what the bishop expects from his deacons: that they share in his own apostolic ministry to care for the people of his diocese.

First and foremost, therefore, the bishop should expect his deacons to understand his responsibility for the entire diocese and to understand that their responsibility is to help the bishop throughout the diocese. In the early days of the renewed diaconate, some deacons and priests, and perhaps even some bishops, thought of a deacon as being a parish minister rather than a diocesan minister. Gradually and fortunately, this understanding is giving way to a clearer appreciation of the diocesan scope of the deacon's responsibility.

Second, the bishop should be able to expect his deacons to be competent across the full spectrum of diaconal functions: ministers of the Word, ministers of Sacrament, and ministers of charity. Deacons cannot simply choose one or two functions that they will perform and disregard the rest. This threefold office should be fully integrated into the ministry and life of the deacon, and the deacon is expected to be competent in all of them. Notice that "competence" does not mean that every deacon must try to be a new Fulton Sheen in his preaching; it does mean, however, that he understands the purpose of liturgical preaching and can be effective in doing it. Similarly, no one can be an expert in every type of social justice ministry. Some people do better in prison ministry than hospital ministry; others do better in bereavement ministry than they do in counseling couples for marriage. Nonetheless, the deacon must be able to handle situations competently.

Finally, the bishop should expect his deacons to be operating on the fringes of society, preaching the good news and being in contact with those people no one else will touch. At a recent statewide gathering of more than five hundred deacons and wives, one of the bishops in attendance was asked how he saw the diaconate being used in his diocese over the next five to ten years. The bishop replied that there was a particular geographic region in his diocese that had almost no Catholics and, in fact, was well known for its anti-Catholic attitudes. The bishop announced that he had decided to "let loose the deacons". This shows a great appreciation of the sacramental identity of the deacon as envisioned by those who brought the idea of a renewed diaconate to the table at the Second Vatican Council.