



World Day of Prayer for Vocations



**Good Shepherds Still Needed
John 10:27-30**

The image of the crucified Lord was rarely found in art before the fourth century, but Jesus as the Good Shepherd is found in the catacombs in Rome going back to the early days of the church. Every Easter season our

liturgy places this image before us to contemplate.

God spoke through the prophet Ezekiel, promising to shepherd Israel (Ezekiel 34:11ff), so it is not surprising that Jesus himself used the image of the shepherd to speak of his mission. Nor was it surprising that the first mission of his apostles was described as being sent out to gather the lost sheep of Israel (Mathew 10:6). Going further, in his own ministry, Jesus reached out to those beyond the boundaries of Judaism, bringing healing to some Gentiles by exorcising their demons (Mark 5:1ff and 7:24ff). And the vision of Revelation reveals the Lamb as one who shepherds people of every nation, race, and tongue.

The role of shepherding was given to Peter in the gospels, while the example and letters of Paul certainly show his own acceptance of this role in the various communities of Gentiles. Today's first reading presents Paul as the one who will be God's instrument in bringing God's light, Christ, to the Gentiles outside Israel through his preaching. The Greek word for "good" (kilos) used to characterize the shepherd does not refer to moral character-though that is certainly a necessary attribute of all shepherds-but this particular word indicates that the shepherd is one who is "good at" shepherding. This helpful distinction challenges all that are called to participate in ministry in whatever capacity, however small, that concerns the nurturing and care of God's people. Competence and skill must accompany holiness and wisdom. When all these qualities are in play, there is greater certitude that the Church will have good shepherds.

- Have you experienced Jesus as a Good Shepherd?
- How does your calling to be a disciple involve you in the work of the Good Shepherd caring for his lambs and sheep being good at bringing others closer to God?

Gentle Shepherd, continue to raise up good shepherds for your church. May all you have called to shepherd your people continue to be attentive to the guidance of your voice and follow your example in all that they do. Direct and protect our shepherds as they tend to your people.

-Taken from the Living Word-

"If we want to act for the common good, the good of all, in our nation, then we will seek to convert our lives each day to Christ, especially through the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. Christ desires to announce the Gospel of Life and bring about its saving effects in our nation by the complete conversion of our lives to Him for the sake of all our brothers and sisters, without boundary, and for the sake of the preservation of the sanctuary of human life, marriage and the family."

~ Archbishop Raymond Burke, Keynote Address at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, May 8, 2009 ~



1:00pm Sunday, April 21st – 1st Communion SLC-CCD
7:00pm Tuesday, May 7th – Confirmation Mass

Weekly Mass Intentions

<u>Monday,</u> 8:30am	<u>April 22, 2013 MASS</u> For Vocations
<u>Tuesday,</u> 8:00am	<u>April 23, 2013 MASS</u> + In Memory of Pete & Dominga Martinez's Wedding Anniversary + In Memory of Ralph & Annette Tschirhart's Wedding Anniversary + Taline Dadian Infante
<u>Wednesday,</u> 8:30am	<u>April 24, 2013 MASS</u> + Herman Mechler's Ann. of Death + Howard Mechler's 15 th Ann. of Death
<u>Thursday,</u> 8:30am	<u>April 25, 2013 MASS</u> + Alfred & Elvie Stein's Family + Royce & Selma Haby + Helen Kempf + Laura Oppelt
<u>Friday,</u> 8:30am	<u>April 26, 2013 MASS</u> + In Memory of Marian Argodale's Birthday + Catherine Langlinais
<u>Saturday,</u> 11:00 AVFII 5:30pm	<u>April 27, 2013 MASS</u> + Cathleen Tolbert + Ida Keller's Anniversary of Death + Felix & Mary Pollok + For Louis & Pauline Franger Mehr & Their Deceased Family Members + Jerry Holzhaus
<u>Sunday,</u> 8:00am 10:30am	<u>April 28, 2013 MASS</u> + Marion "Billy" & Ethel Tschirhart's Wedding Anniversary + Helen Rihn + Mary L. Burell + Connie Jungman + Don Debner + Linda Gates + Dr. John P. Pfeiffer, Jr. + Teresa Cunningham

Weekly Readings for (April 22nd – April 26th)

Monday,	Acts 11:1-18/ Gospel John 10:1-10
Tuesday,	Acts 11:19-26/ Gospel John 10:22-30
Wednesday,	Acts 12:24-13:5/ Gospel John 12:44-50
Thursday,	1 Peter 5:5b-14/ Gospel Mark 16:15-20
Friday,	Acts 13:26-33/ Gospel John 14:1-6

In Thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for the rain received and we ask:

God our heavenly Father through your Son you promised to those seeking first your kingdom and your righteousness all things necessary for bodily welfare:
send us, we pray, in this time of need,
rain to water the earth,
that we may receive its produce
to strengthen and sustain us
and always praise you for your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Collections

Thank you for your continual support to our Church!
Weekly Budget Goal.....\$8,500.00
Weekly Collections.....\$11,225.00
Weekly Surplus.....+\$ 2,725.00
Children's Collection \$43.47



Assumption Seminary
 A second collection will be taken up this weekend April 20th & 21st. We ask that you give generously.

Assumption Seminary, a blessing to the Church!

Assumption Seminary is indeed a blessing to the people of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and to those called to the priesthood from throughout the United States and many parts of the world. All who have come before me, archbishops, seminary administration, faculty, staff, and most importantly seminarians have built an inspired foundation for the preparation of men to serve the people of God. Assumption Seminary has established itself in an international leadership role in the formation of future priests who are called to minister in the multicultural reality that requires a special understanding and respect for the diversity that will continue to be the Church of the future.

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S.



Prayers for Vocations

God our father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

AMEN.



St. Louis School News

Registration for the 2013-2014 School year is in progress. As of last week we are at 51 students. Remember the best publicity is word of mouth for increasing enrollment. For more information call 830/931-3455.

Catholic schools teach wisdom and life vision in the context of faith. They interweave reason and faith through subject matter, and help students form a Christian vision of the world that they not only strive to live out, but can articulate to others so that they can share truth and values. Curriculum is not taught only for the attainment of knowledge, but also for helping students embark on a search for truth. Through their study, students explore the mysteries of God and realize their call to live out their Catholic faith in an imperfect and challenging world



Congratulations to Judy Clutter St. Louis Catholic School Teacher of the Year!

This Week in Our Parish

Sun.- 4/21	2 nd Collection/Assumption Seminary
8:00am	MASS
	Guadalupana Taco Breakfast
10:30am	MASS
1:00pm	1 st Communion Mass/St. Louis Church CCD
Sat.-4/27	2 nd Collection/Catholic Home Mission Appeal
11am	MASS AVFII
4:30pm	Confessions/Church
5:30pm	MASS
Sun.-4/28	2 nd Collection/Catholic Home Mission Appeal
8:00am	MASS
10:30am	MASS



Pray for : Richard J. Schott, James & Eugenia Wright, Gene Karam, Nick Morgan, Cindy Haby Keller, Jane Steffey, Helen Groff, Minnie Dominguez, Michael Nolan, Christiane Wood, Elton Tondre, Grace Kempf, Isabel Martinez, Bryce Haby (son of Eddie & Lori Haby), Jean Marty, Wyatt Ducos (son of Weston & Chesney Ducos), Shelia Crawford, Otelia Jurcak, Connor Tondre, Andrea Ramos, Joe & Eva Varga, Dolores De La Fuente, Linda Morales, Dorse "Ken" Whiteside, Edwina Sievers, Fr. Plutarco Belanggo, cism, John & Pauline Morrow, William Snaveley, Harley Tschirhart, Paulette Martin, Dominga Ybarra, Dorothy Jurcak, Fr. Willy Verboomen, cism., and those who care for them.

Perpetual Candles (April 19th - April 25th)

In Memory of:
 Herman Mechler's Anniversary of Death
 Dahlia Holzhaus
 Howard & Florence Tschirhart
 Ralph & Selma Beck
 Helen Roberts Gordon
 Barb Goddard

 In Thanksgiving for all the Blessings Received



Mother's Day Triduum of Masses

Mother's Day is May 12th. Envelopes are now available in the pews for your Mother's Day remembrance. After completing the envelope you may place it in the collection basket or bring it to the office ASAP so that we can prepare the Mother's Day Book of Remembrance. All of our parish Masses that weekend are "for all of our mothers, living and deceased."

Sponsor of the Week



For the Safe Return of:

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| 1 st Lt. Andrew Pipes | 1 st Lt. Jamie Brunette |
| 1 st Sgt. Brandon Whiting | SSG Robert T. Cummings |
| Lance Cpl. Patrick Uresti | Cpt. Jodiah T. Dawson |
| Capt. Ryan Dorsey-Spitz | 2 nd Lt. Brenden Dorsey-Spitz |
| PFC Hillary Tuttlebee | |



For our Military Family Returning Safely

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**Congratulations to St. Louis School
First Communicants**

- Kendra Allen
Sierra Christa
Emily De La Fuente
Lauren McAlister
Savannah Persyn
Jordan Schott
Bowen Forman

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St. Ann's Society News

St. Ann's Altar Society will hold its annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 19th at 12 noon, at the David De Cock Gym.

All ladies of the parish and daughters, 12 years or older are invited to join us in celebrating the 42nd anniversary of the Mother/Daughter Banquet with guest Speaker Fr. Jim Fischler, cicm. Please note: "You do not have to be a member of St. Ann's to attend or be a mother- we are all daughters."

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Last Names (A-H) are asked to bring Vegetables; (I-N) Salads; and (O-Z) Desserts. The society will provide the meat for the meal. We will be honoring our 50 year members as well as our newly graduated senior girls. In addition to the delicious food and a wonderful speaker, we will have many door prizes. Please come and enjoy a couple of hours with your family and friends. Your RSVP with the number attending is requested by Monday, May 13th. You may call the rectory at 931-2826 or Jeannine Persyn at 931-9099.



God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirits' over 'religious nuts!'



The Comet Open-Benefiting St. Louis Catholic School will take place on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 at the Alsatian Golf Club. 12:00pm, Registration, Range

Open - 1:30pm Shotgun start and 5:30pm Awards and Happy Hour. Business Sponsorship Packages and Player Sponsorship Packages available. For more information call Cindy Guzman at 210/273-8055.

E- Giving

E- Giving is an automatic online giving option. You can use your checking/savings accounts to go online to your bank and use the pay feature, add St. Louis Church as a Payee, entering the information requested on the screen (ie address of payee 610 Madrid Street, Castroville, TX 78009). Screen will prompt you to enter the amount of the payment and the frequency of the payment. Make this payment recurring, either weekly, monthly, or whatever works for you. The bank will then mail checks to St. Louis Church based on the information you provided. The checks will be processed and recorded like any other placed in the basket. We have several parishioners using this system.



St. Louis Day may seem a ways off, but it's closer than you think folks!

We are now accepting trash & treasure items. PLEASE NOTE: The following items are not accepted for T & T; clothes, computers or electronics, appliances, T.V's, broken items, bedding/mattresses etc., you may come by the rectory office to check out a key and pick up a diagram of where your items go. Thank you for your donations and support!



A 2nd Collection for Home Missions Appeal will take place on the weekend of April 26 & 27-

One way the Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is needed. Please help strengthen the church at home by making a generous gift to next week's Appeal.



Men's Discernment Retreat
Will take place on May 24 & 25, 2013
Come join us in this opportunity to pray, share and learn more about the priesthood.

Seraphic Sisters' Retreat House

2130 Beethoven Street
San Antonio, Texas 78210

Contact person Ana Bojorquez- aborjorquez@archsa.org or Sr. Jane Mary Gawlik, CSSF- Jane-gwlik@archsa.org

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Discover the "Big Picture" of THE BIBLE



**The Bible Timeline with
Jeff Cavins
Do You Want to Read the Bible, But
Don't Know How to Begin?**

If you have ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then *The Bible Timeline Parish Study* is for you.

The Bible Timeline will be offered at St. Louis Church on Thursdays, beginning on April 4th from 6-8pm. To learn more, call Ernest Salazar at 210/825-8843 or catechism133@aol.com.

Forms are available at the main entrance of church or at the rectory.



Welcoming Sunday Thoughts

I saw you out of the corner of my eye, while I was answering someone else's question. I looked for you later to welcome you and chat but I couldn't find you. I had noticed your searching eyes,

looking for a connection. A missed opportunity to meet someone new and help them start to connect to our community. I felt sorry and frustrated. Perhaps all of us, parishioners new or long standing could make a concerted effort to seek out the unfamiliar face instead of the old friend and offer a few words of greeting or a welcome. If each of us made an effort it could really make a difference in a new parishioner's day. Let's share in a smile and a warm, welcoming hello!

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<p><i>Compliments Of</i> The Air Force Village II Catholic Community</p>		<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Kolby Zinsmeyer <i>Your Smile Will Forever Be In Our Hearts</i> Love, Troy, Melissa & Joshua</p>		<p>QRC Health Mart Pharmacy Inside Lowe's Market 408 Hwy 90 W-B • 931-2116</p>	<p>St. Vincent DePaul Wed. 6:30pm-8pm Fri. 9am-10:30am 931-3890 1300 Angelo St.</p>	
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<p><i>"My Jesus, pardon and mercy, by the merits of Thy Holy Wounds."</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of Families of</i> Verstraeten & Laskowski Love, Richard, Patricia & Family</p>	<p>La Boheme 1101 Fiorella St. www.facebook.com/shoplaboheme</p>		<p>SSS TRIPLE-S STEEL SUPPLY CO. INTSEL STEEL DISTRIBUTORS 800-725-4776 • www.sss-steel.com 2042 West Thompson @ Port San Antonio in San Antonio</p>		

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