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**May 12, 2019**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers

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**May 13 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Joseph Jalufka

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

**May 14 – Tuesday**

No Mass

**May 15 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Dan Kresta

**May 16 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

**May 17 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Deceased Members of Kutach & Berckenhoff Families

**May 18 – Saturday**

2:30 p.m. Wedding – Ondrusek & Harrington

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Kral & Cerny Families

**May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. Paul E. Stock

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 12**

Pope Francis has provided the following reflection for the 2019 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 12.

*Dear Friends: It is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers and educators – to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God’s plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God’s word, Eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment.*

*Pope Francis*

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. The parish Vocations Committee is making prayer cards available for people to pick up and use in praying for vocations. These cards can be found in church and in the Adoration Chapel where adorers are asked to pray specifically for vocations this week.

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**Today’s Gospel**



Today’s Gospel is from John 10:27-30. This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." In the Gospel we hear Jesus say: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life

for them. Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls.

Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century, including the twentieth. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd

The Fourth Sunday of Easter also marks the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. See an excerpt in the next column from Pope Francis message to the Church concerning the 2019 observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Excerpted from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

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**Mothers’ Day, May 12:** A spiritual bouquet of Masses for mothers is being offered in our church this Mothers’ Day weekend. We take this opportunity to thank mothers for all that they do and to wish all mothers and grandmothers a special day filled with love and joy!



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**Welcome 2019 Graduates!**

We are honoring the high school graduates of our community at the 9:30 a.m. Mass today, Sunday, May 12. We welcome in a special way all the 2019 graduates of Shiner High School and St. Paul High School. We congratulate them and wish them God’s blessings in their future endeavors.



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**Adoration Chapel Notes**

**We are in need of persons to fill the following hours:**  
**Sundays,** 12 noon to 1:00 pm; **Tuesdays,** 1:00 – 2:00 am and 2:00 to 3:00 am (every other week); **Wednesdays,** 3:00 – 4:00 am; **Thursdays,** 11:00 pm –12:00 midnight; **Fridays,** 11:00 am – noon. Call 594-3836 if you can take any of these hours.

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**Family Fun Day Thank You’s**

A big thank you goes to all who attended and supported our Parish Family Fun Day on May 5. Thanks to Father Bryan for his leadership and support and thanks to the Pastoral Council members for their help. Special thanks to the KC members for preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs and to the CDA for providing desserts. Thanks also to those who helped with serving, tickets, games, drinks and clean up. The event was a success due to everyone’s support and participation.

**Weekly Excerpt from Consoling the Heart of Jesus  
Retreat – By Father Mike Gaitley**

**Session 5: Our Weaknesses, Sinfulness, & Attachments**

Have you ever had the experience where, when it came time to pray, you found yourself dragging your feet? Do you remember a time when you went into the church itself, knelt down to pray, and your mind raced to other plans and activities, to anything but prayer. Distractions in prayer are common, but have you ever gone through those times when you actually welcomed distractions so as to avoid Jesus? Why do we sometimes avoid the Lord? If we look to St. Therese of Lisieux, she will help us find the courage to go to the Lord and not avoid Him. During the next two weeks we will take a look at our own: 1) weaknesses, 2) sinfulness and 3) attachments.

1) **Weaknesses** are our imperfections and inability to make concrete progress in the spiritual life. For instance, we may desire to be patient, gentle, and kind, but despite our resolutions and efforts, we find that we're often not as loving as we'd like to be. St. Therese says our weaknesses and lack of virtue aren't the problem. The problem is our lack of trust in the merciful love of God. She says we should: (a) accept and even love our weaknesses, (b) say no to temptations to give up our efforts to grow in holiness even after seemingly endless falls, and (c) look up at Jesus' merciful Heart with great confidence. If we can do this then Jesus will take us into His holy arms and lead us to holiness.

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**Parish Choir Practice Schedule for Polka Mass:**

Monday, May 13, 6 p.m. – Musicians only (downstairs)

Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. – Choir and Musicians.

**Totus Tuus Chorum: Combined Choir – Brass Quintet, Laudate Dominum, Totus Tuus Chorum:**

No rehearsals in May. Final Rehearsal of the year is on Monday, June 3 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on June 9.

**Combined Choir – Brass Quintet, Laudate Dominum, Totus Tuus:**

Many thanks for the time and effort you dedicated to the Combined Choir Masses this year. The talents and dedication of each of you, vocalists and instrumentalists, are very much appreciated, especially through the long rehearsals. Thanks for all your help, thanks for an enjoyable year and thanks for the cookies – Marty Egan

**Wanted – Pianist:** Lily Egan, the pianist for both *Laudate Dominum* and *Totus Tuus* graduates this year and will head off to college in August. Therefore, *Totus Tuus* needs a new accompanist. *Totus Tuus* rehearses most Wednesdays during the school year from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m., following religious education classes. *Totus Tuus* provides music for the CCD Masses, regular Sunday Masses at 9:30 a.m. and combines with *Laudate Dominum* and the Brass Quintet to provide music on special feast days. Interested persons, please contact Marty Egan at [marthaegan110@gmail.com](mailto:marthaegan110@gmail.com) or text to:361-401-9807.

**Ministry Schedules for May and June** can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

**Bible Study:** Mondays, 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome!

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**The Altar Society** will meet **Tuesday, May 14**, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. This is the last meeting before the summer break. Members who haven't paid dues are asked to send to: Mary Rose Barta, at 1003 S Peck St., Shiner. To check on status of your dues, text or call 361-798-6556.

**K.C. Meeting, Thursday, May 16.** Officers meeting at 6:00 p.m.; regular meeting to follow.

**CDA Meeting, May 20:** Due to Memorial Day, the Catholic Daughters will hold their meeting on Monday, May 20. Convention delegates will report on the recent convention and provide a meal. To honor the Blessed Mother, a Rosary will be prayed at 6:15 p.m. along with a May crowning of Mary, followed by the meal and meeting.

**Kids Kamp** will be held June 17 – June 21, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for students entering Kinder-7<sup>th</sup> grades. Brochures are available in the back of church or online at [sscmshiner.org](http://sscmshiner.org) or contact the office of Youth Ministry at 361-594-3234.

**Teen ACTS Retreat, July 18-21:** For more details pick up an application form from the church foyer.

**Young Adults ACTS Retreat, (For Ages 20-30) June 6-9:** Forms are available in the church foyer with more information.

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**Flowers on the Altar**

In Honor of the High School Graduates of the Shiner Community

**Church Bulletin Sponsor**

In memory of John & Olga Petru, Ludwig & Natalia Caka, & Jeffery Petru by Melvin & Angeline Petru

**Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Memory of Father Pat Fidgeon & Deceased Fidgeon Family Members by Mary Rose & Clarence Barta

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Eugene & Lois Jirkovsky  
By Glen & Jo Ann Kloesel & Family

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

George & Nancy Martinsen

**Vocations Cross**

Kirwin & Betty Kosler

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**Spring Picnic, May 26**

**Picnic Workers' Lists** (sorted by activity) were mailed out this past Friday. This same workers list, sorted by family, will be emailed to you through the CCD email list, the SCS email list, and the Picnic Worker email list. If you have not received these lists through email by Tuesday, check your spam. If not there, email [shinerpicnic1@gmail.com](mailto:shinerpicnic1@gmail.com) to receive lists via email. If you would like your family's work schedule texted to you, text 281-703-8943 with instructions.

**Cattle & Other Auction Donations Needed:** Please call the parish office at 594-3836 if you have cattle to donate. Other donations may be brought to the parish office so they can be logged in the computer in advance.

**A Ring Toss Chairperson(s)** is still needed. Contact the parish office at 594-3836 for details if you can help in this capacity.

**Please help!** If you have an hour or two to spare, please consider helping with the distribution of Picnic flyers for posting at various Shiner businesses. We have one volunteer but need one or two more to help with this. Call the office at 594-3836 as soon as possible if you can help.

**Thank You** to the following for sharing their time to help with Picnic mailings: Dolores Brandl, Lorraine Couvillon, Helen Faltysek, Sharon Fuller, Anita Grabarkievtz, Rosalie Hagens, Rita Kasper, Betty Kosler, Micki Kosler, Bea Krejci, Stacy Kubecka, Edwin & Mildred Machacek, Robert & Ann Meyer, Vicki Netardus, Mary Jane Patek, Debbie Pavliska, Barbara Pesek, Fran Pesek, Margie & Donald Prause, George & Gail Rodgers, Mildred Timm, Margaret Zimmerman.

**Thank You** to Mike Pokluda Construction Co. for fabricating and donating 12 new stew paddles for the Picnic.

**Thank You** to Dr. Humberto Rivas, the picnic-pacs sponsor for our Spring Picnic.

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**Church A/C Update:** After 45+ years the church air-conditioners are in dire need of attention. One unit is in need of replacing and the second unit is in need of repairs. We apologize for any discomfort as a result of these issues, but it is hoped by next weekend both of the units will be in full working order. Need we emphasize that your donations to the Repair Fund will certainly be appreciated.

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**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes .....	\$ 7,347.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 1,021.00
Repair Fund .....	\$ 532.79

**Special Collection:** Next weekend's second collection will be for the Priests of the Victoria Diocese who are Retired and have Special Needs.