



St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

*"Never have so few done so much so
well for so long!"*

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April 14th, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday

✦ Announcements ✦

Please keep Shannon Schwab in your prayers as she has had some complications

Set Your Missal:

Mass High Mass: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Comm. & Proper Last Gospel of Easter III, Preface of St. Joseph

Low Mass: Easter III, Comm. St. Anselm, Oct. Paschal Preface

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 61 souls, \$960

Low Mass: 34 souls, \$ 1,525

✠ The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention: **Sandberg Family (Sandbergs)**

Server Schedule

Friday April 19th: **AC1:** Lawrence Scheeler **AC2:** Dominic Scheeler

Saturday April 20th: **AC1:** Andrew Kimpel **AC2:** Volunteer

Sunday April 21st: **High Mass:** **MC:** Timothy Sandberg **TH:**

Aleks Tobias **AC1:** Dominic Scheeler **AC2:** David Sandberg

CB: Andrew Sandberg **TB:** Andrew Sandberg and Christopher Scheeler **Usher:** Tonu Tobias

Low Mass: **AC1:** Seamus O'Connor **AC2:** Elias Larson

Usher: Jeff Kimpel

What is a Saint?

by Frank Duff

Fear the postponed beginnings. A chill grows up, and our great destiny is forgotten.

Oh, my God! Grant that I have not in my indecision let that day come upon myself. I confess that Your work has never been anything to me but occupations for an idle moment. My heart has been set upon the things that pass. But henceforth I will give myself entirely to You. Give me the time, and faithfully do I promise now to serve You. Give me back the years that the worm and the locust have devoured, that I may one day restore them to You full of achievement.

And I do not ask for the big things - the life of the missionary or the monk, or those others I see around me so full of accomplishment. I do not ask for any of these; but simply set my face to follow out unswervingly, untiringly, the common life which day by day stretches before me, satisfied in it I love You, and try to make You loved. Nature rebels against this life with its never-ending round of trivial tasks and full of the temptation to take relief in amusement or change. It seems so hard to be great in the small things, to be heroic in the doing of the commonplace, but still this life is Your Will for me. There must be a great destiny in it. And so I am content.

And then to crown the rest, dear Jesus, I beg of You to give me this . . . fidelity to the end . . . to be at my post when the final call comes, and to take my last weary breath in your embrace. A valiant life . . . and faithful to the end. A short wish, dearest Jesus, but it covers all.

Good Shepherd Sunday

We must not overlook the emphatic personal note struck by every formula of the beautiful liturgy of this Sunday. Again and again it is impressed upon us that Our Lord is mindful of His creatures, not as in a confused flock, but as distinct individuals. This is apparent in the choice of the term "shepherd"; for in those Eastern lands the shepherd knows each sheep, and calls each by name, and the sheep recognize his call. St. Paul brings home to us this personal love of Our Lord: He "loved me and delivered Himself for me." It is the realization of this truth

which will render our service worthy of so loving a Lord. But it is not so easy to realize it as it might at first sight appear. If we believe that Jesus Christ is God, we are bound to believe that He has always known each of us in a personal way, and does so still. He came “to seek and to save.” No man seeks out a person for whom he does not feel a special desire. As our Good Shepherd, He sought each of us. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Egypt, Judea, Jerusalem, Calvary,—all give evidence of the intense interest Our Lord had, and still has, for man. “I know Mine,” He says. Each one is to Him as though no other being existed; for each He would have come to earth and died. He knows our sorrows, our pains, our weakness; and He sympathizes with us in all. He knows our sins, and yet bears with us and desires earnestly our salvation. It is impossible to meditate thus upon Our Good Shepherd’s loving care without being impelled to give Him our whole heart’s love.

Solemnity of St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church

On March 19 we celebrated a feast in memory of St. Joseph’s sanctity and holiness. Today he is presented to us as the patron and protector of the Church. On this day we should thank this mighty protector and renew our faith in him. This day should bring us renewed confidence in the efficacy of his help and protection. This should spur us on to seek his help in the many dangers that threaten us. “Go to Joseph.”

St. Joseph is the protector and patron of Holy Mother the Church. In 1870, when the church was in great peril, Pius IX selected St. Joseph as the patron of the universal Church; the Holy Family of Nazareth has become the family of God, the Church Universal. The duties which Joseph once performed for Jesus and Mary he now performs for Holy Mother the Church and all her children. He performs these functions for us with the same love, the same fidelity, the same strength which he once displayed with respect to Jesus and Mary.

The Cord of St. Joseph

Devotion to the cord of St. Joseph began in 1637, in the town of Antwerp, Belgium. An Augustinian nun named Sister Elizabeth was suffering from a painful illness. The doctors who examined her concluded that this condition would likely lead to her death.

Sister Elizabeth had a special devotion to St. Joseph, and, seeing no hope for relief by natural means, she turned to her patron. She had a cord blessed in honor of St. Joseph and girded herself with it. After a few days of fervent prayer to St. Joseph, Sister Elizabeth's pain disappeared. Multiple doctors, including a Protestant doctor, examined her and proclaimed the cure to be miraculous.

Devotion to the cord of St. Joseph spread in the 1800s, and Pope Pius IX approved a special formula for the blessing of the cord. The cord itself is a white cord with seven knots in honor of the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph. The faithful who wear it are to recite the Glory Be seven times a day for this reason. There are five main graces attached to the faithful wearing of the cord and recitation of its corresponding prayers: 1) St. Joseph's special protection; 2) Purity of soul; 3) The grace of chastity according to one's station; 4) Final perseverance; 5) Particular assistance at the hour of death.

The wearing of a cord or girdle in honor of a saint is an ancient custom. An early known example is St. Monica, who received a black leather belt from the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Francis wore a rough cord in honor of the cord which bound Jesus during His Passion, and St. Thomas Aquinas, upon conquering a temptation against holy purity, received a girdle from angels and afterwards had no similar temptation ever again. All these girdles have their own confraternities of those who wear similar girdles and practice corresponding devotions.

In our own times, holy purity is relentlessly attacked, as well as all other virtues. Not only is this so, but the very visibility of virtue and our holy Faith is clouded over by veritable mountains of vice and confusion. Let us be intimately devoted to the saints, girding ourselves daily with treasures of the Faith passed down to us by God's faithful friends. If we desire aid, we need only ask. If we seek, we shall find. – *Levi Giese*

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

It seems that almost overnight, the trees and bushes in Cincinnati have gone from bare to green and things around town look wonderfully alive. Speaking of alive, the local wildlife has also come out of its winter lethargy. The other night, I heard some strange noises outside at night. Going out to explore what kind of nocturnal monster lurked in the woods around St. Gertrude's, I spotted a fox climbing high in a tree. These little guys make the craziest of noises and are probably hunting the ample bunny population around the church.

Speaking of natural wonders, we were able to witness the total solar eclipse, which passed over us in Ohio. It was, indeed, quite beautiful to witness and it was really neat to see day turned into night and the effect of a mid-day "sunset" on the horizon. While the spectacle was something to behold, it was somewhat less spectacular to witness so many people travel across the country to be present for it. The days before the eclipse, I was in Dallas (also a location of totality) and these travelers turn the airport and traffic into a zoo. If eclipse travelers are a reflection on the state of our society, we are doomed. I can't believe how many people can't figure out how basic life works. Several times I found myself laying on the horn (I am from Boston, after all) for some stargazer stopped in the middle of the road trying to set his GPS. These people are so daft, there were literally LED signs telling people not to stop in the middle of the highway to view the eclipse...I am afraid the virtue of patience was the greatest casualty of that weekend, haha!

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen McKenna

This Week's Schedule

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| Mon | 4/15/24 | Ferial Day |
| Tue | 4/16/24 | Ferial Day |
| Wed | 4/17/24 | Solemnity of St. Joseph |
| Thu | 4/18/24 | Within the Octave 6:00 PM Holy Hour |
| Fri | 4/19/24 | Within the Octave 5:20 PM Confessions, Rosary 6:00 PM Mass, Benediction <i>Jolene, Kamari, and Baby Sanders (Karen Dempsey)</i> |
| Sat | 4/20/24 | Within the Octave 8:30 AM Confessions 9:00 AM Mass, <i>Elizabeth Scheeler (Karen Dempsey)</i> |
| Sun | 4/21/24 | Easter III St. Anselm, BpCD 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass, <i>My Grandfather (Mary Beahm)</i> 10:45 AM Confessions, Rosary 11:15 AM Low Mass, <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i> |

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say “Amen” after the priest says “*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*”

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.