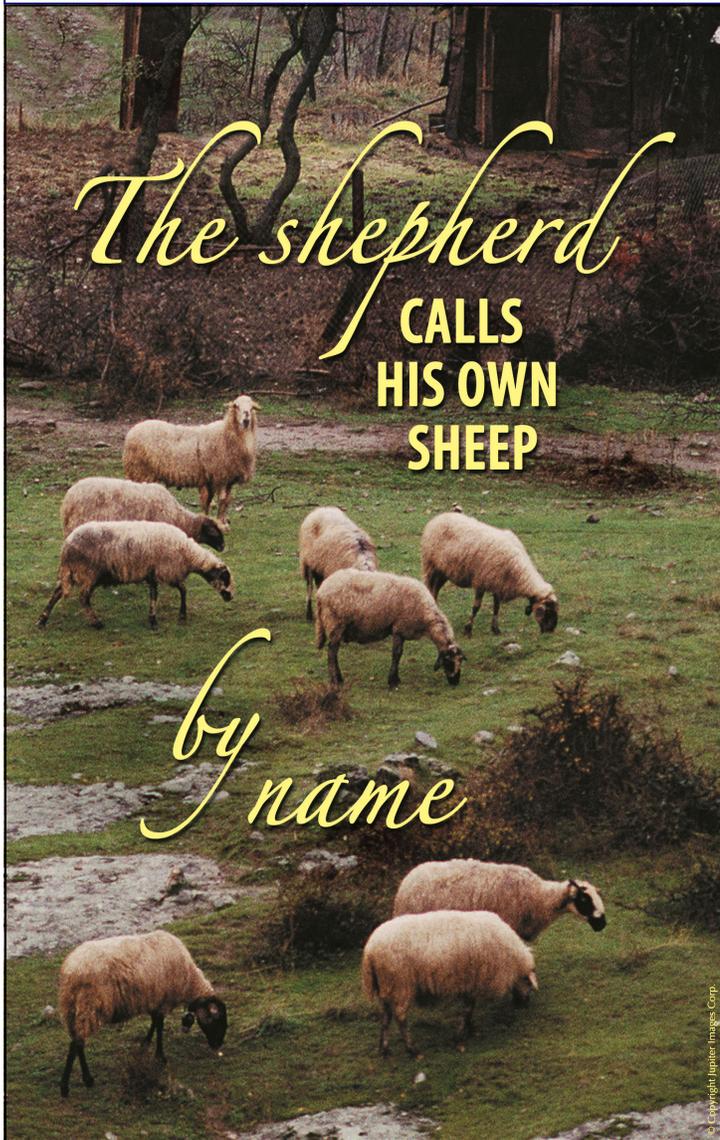


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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Father Tom is available for Confession by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Currently suspended.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Grand Knight: Troy Lively

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Information During This Special Time

Our parish office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The church is unlocked every day by 8:00 am and locked by 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to go in the church for private prayer, just keeping your social distancing, if others are there also. To receive the bulletin by email, just send us your email address. Printed copies are also placed in the church vestibule.

PARISH OFFICE

Temporary Hours:

Tues. & Thurs., 8:30 am—4:30 pm
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 2	St. Athanasius Jane Colbert
Sun, May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners
Mon., May 4	Easter Weekday Ray Matthews
Tues., May 5	Easter Weekday M/M David Gulash (L)
Wed., May 6	Easter Weekday Ray Matthews
Thur., May 7	Easter Weekday Sharon Forrester
Fri., May 8	Easter Weekday Bob Zakrzewski
Sat., May 9	Easter Weekday Betty Bast
Sun., May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Mary Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Linda Leverich, Richard Swift, Virginia Forehand, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**

PARISH OFFERINGS

Many thanks to all who continue to send in your parish contributions!! They are greatly needed to keep our parish and school running! **There is a mail slot** on the outside of the office door for anyone who would like to drop their donation off. Also, you can **make donations on-line** by setting up an account at www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. Once you set an account up, you have complete control of every donation you make. You can start and stop at any time. This bulletin was sent in for printing before donations received the past week were opened and recorded. We will include 2 weeks in the next bulletin.

Attention Men of the Parish

Fr. Tom's Steak, Scotch and Cigar night will be May 31, 2020 this year. This is a fun night and ALL the proceeds go to Father Tom to help for people from our Parish in Financial need. This is money for Father to dispense, Without Approval from anyone. Please donate \$100.00 per Person. IF you are not able to donate \$100.00 to Fr. Tom's fund Donate what you can. However, please keep in mind the cost per person for this event is \$45.00, so please donate \$45.00 or more. Dinner will include Black Angus Steak, Castelli's salad with bread and Castelli's pasta, please bring your favorite Scotch (or other beverage) to share, beer will be furnished, starting time is 5:30 P. M. The event will be held at Rich and Sue Hayes home at 668 Monaco Drive in Holiday Shores (Edwardsville) we are limiting this to 20 people. To reserve your place please e-mail richardhayesllc@gmail.com or text Rich at 618-407-5400 please do not use our land line it is there ONLY to support our computer service.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel reading was the story of the two disciples walking to the small town of Emmaus. As they were walking along, they were discussing all that had happened to Jesus. At that moment, Jesus came up to them and started a conversation; however, they did not recognize him. He asked what they were talking about as they journeyed to Emmaus. They were dumbfounded that he did not know what had transpired in Jerusalem. Jesus was also dumbfounded at their lack of understanding of what was written about him. So for the rest of journey he opened the meaning of the scriptures to them.

During our own sojourning through this most difficult time of isolation it is important for us not to lose sight of the beauty of the scriptures. Given all the time that we have at home, this is a great time to spend some quality time reading the Bible. There are so many fantastic stories of faith, love, courage, charity, and hope that we can find in the Bible. Take some time to delve into this treasure of the written word of God and to be moved by the great gift that has been given to us in the Bible.

Another part of the story of the two disciples is how and when they eventually did recognize Jesus. When they arrived at Emmaus, Jesus gave the indication that he was going on farther. The two disciples pleaded with him to stay with them for the night. Jesus agreed and went in to have supper with them. When he took the bread, said the blessing, and broke it, that is when they recognized him...in the breaking of the bread. It has been six weeks since we have been separated from each other at the breaking of the bread during mass. Now, it looks like it may still be longer before we can come together once more. Since we cannot be together as a parish family physically in church, let us remember each other in our daily prayers so that we may be united spiritually as the parish family of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

**May the Risen Christ bestow His blessings
and mercy on all of you,**

Father Tom

PreSchool News

Enroll your child now in our Preschool classes for next year by calling the school office, 377-6401. Messages are checked daily and we will call you back.

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'Pandemic Home Visits'



Our **Family Life Ministry** visited a few parishioners (and a **favorite parish priest**) yesterday to let them know we miss seeing them. To all our parishioners, we would love to visit each and everyone of you, but we hope we will all be back together soon celebrating in church. But here's to you (sung to the tune of We Wish You a Merry Christmas):

"We miss you our parishioners, we miss you our parishioners, we wish you our parishioners, and hope you are well.

It won't be much longer, til-we're together again, so stay safe and be careful, we'll be together real soon.

Now stay in till they tell us, now stay in till they tell us, now stay in till they tell us, it's safe to come out.

We miss you our parishioners, we miss you our parishioners, we wish you our parishioners, and hope you stay well."



A Message From Our Principal

I hope this finds you doing well, staying safe, and staying home as much as possible. These are, indeed, strange times for everyone. The change in life style as well as in every aspect of what we do has been tremendous for all of us, including the teachers/staff of the school! It seems one day we were in school doing our normal thing that we do so well, educating students, and then the next day we were doing all of this from home! What challenging times for our teachers, and educators everywhere... and of course, for parents who are teaching, monitoring, overseeing their children's learning from home! What an awesome job our parents and all of our students are doing in this difficult situation. The teachers have developed many different ways of insuring engagement and connectivity with all of their students, and students are doing such an incredible job of working from home, showing their engagement, and doing the work mostly in a digital forum! Depending on grade level, most teachers have classroom meetings with students where they are all able to see each other and talk. Virtual show and tells, meeting just to connect with everyone, and meeting with questions they have for their teachers, in addition to instructional videos the teachers are recording and giving their students... these and much more are ongoing and extremely important in making sure our students continue learning from home. We are confident that through all the different methods being used throughout all grades, we are successfully closing that gap in learning between when we last met in our classrooms, and the next day we will gather again, which at this time will be August 13. We all need, more than ever, our parishioners' prayers and support as we continue this endeavor of distance learning, and thank you for all you do to make your parish school as high a priority as OLQP Parishioners have always made it!! Each year I share our student scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the standardized test taken by schools throughout the nation in March. Once again, OLQP students performed at levels that are concrete proof of the benefit parents who send their children to our school are getting from making this decision for their child! In the results below, all scores you see are percentile scores. For instance, if you see a 75 on a sub-test for our 3rd grade class, this means that our 3rd grade class scored better than 75 percent of the other 3rd grade classes in the nation that took this same test. A score of 50 is average.

English Language Arts

3rd : 81 5th: 68 7th: 77 8th: 75

Math

3rd: 67 5th: 57 7th: 81 8th: 79

Science

3rd: 72 5th: 62 7th: 73 8th: 63

Composite Score

3rd: 74 5th: 61 7th: 77 8th: 76

**Please make note of how our 7th and 8th graders score. These scores are very typical of how they do every year and show the benefit to students who have attended OLQP school for all or a good portion of their elementary years! These scores along with word of mouth are our best marketing tools! Please always do what you can do to help us get the good word out about the excellence of OLQP School and the excellent, Catholic education and high level of preparedness our students achieve when they leave us!! We continue to pray for all of our parishioners and once again, thank you for your continued support in all we do!!!

Eve Remiszewski



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