

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Second Sunday after Easter

*April 19, 2015*

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 19th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Second Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Ken Skuba - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 20th 7:30 a.m.	Feria in Paschaltide, <i>IV Class</i> † Mrs. Loretta Ellis - <i>LaFata Family</i>
Tues. Apr. 21st 7:45 a.m.	St. Anselm, <i>Bp, Conf., &amp; Doctor, III Class</i> Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
Wed. Apr. 22nd 7:45 a.m.	Ss. Soter & Caius, <i>Popes &amp; Martyrs, III Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>Griffin Hospital Staff</i>
Thu. Apr. 23rd 7:45 a.m.	St. George, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> Frances Kacsur - <i>Mike &amp; Nancy Emig</i>
Fri. Apr. 24th 6:00 p.m.	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> John & Rosita Bellington
Sat. Apr. 25th 9:00 a.m.	St. Mark, <i>Evangelist, II Class</i> Contaldi Family - <i>Anthony &amp; Stephanie George</i>
Sun. Apr. 26th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Third Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Most Afflicted & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. James Hanisch</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

### **DEVOTIONS**

#### **Exposition-Benediction**

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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### INTROIT

*Ps. 32, 5, 6*

The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 32, 1.* Rejoice in the Lord, ye just: praise becometh the upright. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... The earth ...

### COLLECT

O God, Who by the humility of Thy Son hast lifted up a fallen world, grant that to those whom Thou hast delivered from the misfortunes of eternal death, Thou mayest insure everlasting happiness. Through our Lord.

### EPISTLE

*1 Peter 2, 21-25*

Dearly beloved, Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow His steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when He was reviled, did not revile; when He suffered, He threatened not; but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly: Who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree; that we being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.

### ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

*V. Luke 24, 35.* The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. *Alleluia. V. John 10, 14.* I am the good shepherd: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia.*

### GOSPEL

*John 10, 11-16*

At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees, I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth His life for His sheep; but the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flieth; and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling flieth because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am

the Good Shepherd; and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father, and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

### OFFERTORY

*Ps. 62, 2, 5*

O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day: and in Thy name I will lift up my hands, Alleluia.

### SECRET

Let the sacred offering, O Lord, ever confer salutary benediction upon us, perfecting in power what it doeth in symbol. Through our Lord.

### COMMUNION

*John 10, 14*

I am the Good Shepherd, alleluia: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me, alleluia, alleluia.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that, quickened by Thy grace, we may ever glory in Thy gifts. Through our Lord.



## **Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy***

I come to you, O Jesus, my Good Shepherd: lead me to the pasture of eternal life.

The liturgy for today sums up in the gentle figure of the Good Shepherd all that Jesus has done for our souls.

The shepherd is everything to his flock; their life, their sustenance, and their care is entirely in his hands, and if the shepherd is good, they will have nothing to fear under his protection, and they will want for nothing.

Jesus is preeminently the Good Shepherd: He not only loves, feeds, and guards His sheep, but He also gives them life at the cost of His own. In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God comes to earth in search of men who like stray sheep, have wandered away from the sheepfold and have become lost in the dark valley of sin. He comes as a most loving Shepherd who, in order to take better care of His flock, is not afraid to share their lot. Today's Epistle shows Him to us as He takes our sins upon Himself that He may heal us by His Passion: "Who His own self bore our sins in His Body upon the tree that we, being dead to sin, should live to justice; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but you are now converted to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I give my life for my sheep" and in the Office for Paschal time, the Church chants many times: "The Good shepherd is risen, He who gave His life for His sheep and who died for His flock." What could be a better synthesis of the whole work of the Redemption? It seems still more wonderful when we hear Jesus declare: "I am come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly". In truth, He could well repeat to each one of us: "What more could I have done for you that I have not done?" Oh, would that our generosity in giving ourselves to Him had no limits, after the pattern of His own liberality in giving Himself to us!

Again Jesus said: "I know Mine, and Mine know Me, even

as the Father knows Me and I know the Father." Although there is no question here of equality, but merely that of a simple comparison, it is nevertheless very consoling and glorious for us to see how Jesus likes to compare His relations with us to those He has with His Father. At the Last Supper also, He said: "As the Father hath loved Me, I also have loved you," and again: "as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us." This shows that between us, the sheep, and Jesus, our Shepherd, there is not only a relation of acquaintance, but also one of love, and better still, of a communion of life, similar to that which exists between the Son and the Father. It is by means of the grace, faith and charity, which the Good Shepherd acquired for us by His death, that we arrive at such intimacy with our God - so deep that it makes us share in His own divine life.

A close relationship of loving knowledge is here established between the Good Shepherd and His sheep - one so intimate that the Shepherd knows His sheep one by one and can call them by name; and they recognize His voice and follow Him with docility. Each soul can say: Jesus knows me and loves me, not in a general abstract way, but in the concrete aspect of my needs, of my desires, and of my life; for Him to know me and to love me is to do me good, to encompass me more and more with His grace, and to sanctify me. Precisely because He loves me, Jesus calls me by name: He calls me when in prayer He opens to me new horizons of the spiritual life, or when He enables me to know my faults and weaknesses better; He calls me when He reprimands me or purifies me by aridity, as well as when He consoles and encourages me by filling me with new fervor; He calls me when He makes me feel the need of greater generosity, and when He asks me for sacrifices or gives me joys, and still more, when He awakens in me a deeper love for Him. Hearing His call, my attitude should be that of a loving little sheep who recognizes the voice of its Shepherd and follows Him always.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH** wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

**Support FSSP Priestly Vocations:** The 2015 priestly vocation campaign is underway. This is an annual campaign which supports the formation of our priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton Nebraska. Please use the envelopes attached to the poster, which is located in the church vestibule and respond with your usual generosity to this appeal. Your donations will be used 100% for priestly formation, and are fully tax deductible. May God reward you.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is May 1st. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is May 2nd. Our Lady of Fatima requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

**MAY CROWNING** is May 3rd! All participants will

meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in vestibule of Church. Don't forget to wear your prettiest dresses. Any questions please call Mrs. McGuirk at 570-333-1484.

**The 2015 Knight at the Races** will be held by our Knights of Columbus on May 30th. This event is a family event, and proceeds will go to help local seminarians. Please support us by purchasing a horse for \$10. Each winner receives \$50 and there is a 1 in 10 chance of winning. Horses will be sold after each Sunday Mass from April 26th to May 24th.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- May 2nd - Confirmation Testing 10:00 a.m.
- May 3rd - May Crowning
- May 9th - Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- May 16th - First Communion Testing and First Penance 10:00 am
- May 24th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- August 15th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

**COLLECTION:** April 12 - \$2,075.00

*Altar Boys*

**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EASTER**

**April 19**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Joshua Sica  
**AC2** Timothy Sica

**TEAM A**

**MC** Timothy Emig  
**TH** Joseph McWhirter  
**AC1** John Gillenkirk  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Robert Seeley  
**S1** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**S2** Andrew Pheasant

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Joseph McWhirter  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday** John Mitchell  
**7:45 a.m.** Anthony Mitchell

**Thursday** Joshua Sica  
**7:45 a.m.** Timothy Sica

**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EASTER**

**April 26**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

**TEAM B**

**MC** Anthony Mitchell  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Stephen LaFata  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Brian LaFata  
**S3** Ian McGuirk