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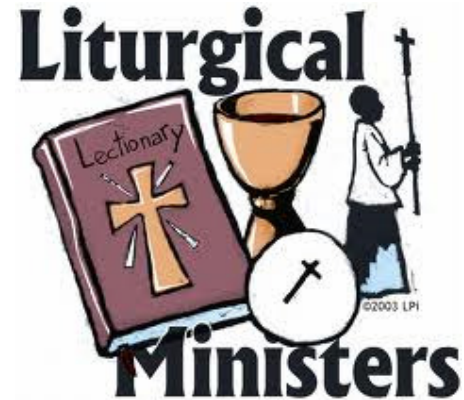
Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Today's Readings – Pg. 924**

Welcome Father Peter Egielewa

**4th Sunday of Easter**

The readings of today are intimately linked with the second theme of this Sunday. Not only is it **Good Shepherd Sunday**, it is also **“Vocations Sunday”**. On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of such leaders, at least in the traditional sense – priests and religious. But, while we may earnestly pray that our Church is supplied with the leaders it needs, not merely as priests and religious but lay persons who would lead people to God. At the same time we must be clear of the term vocation. We have for too long given a much too narrow meaning to the word ‘vocation’. We tend to limit it to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious institute. But, in fact, every single one of us has a vocation, as we are being called by God to be spouses, parents, teachers, doctors, and civil servants, running a business, salespersons... or whatever. That is the calling which demands fidelity to God and to the task personally chosen. **God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel.** Today, the Church invites us to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. It reminds us that the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. Here the Church seeks to emphasize the beauty of the religious life through the consecration of one’s mind, heart, body and soul as a religious brother or sister. While these dedicated individuals are not always in the forefront of the Church, they are the backbone of the Body of Christ.



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## NEWS ...

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**Altar Servers Needed** - Please arrive at 12:30 and “on the job training” will be provided. Please consider joining us. Many of our Altar Servers are moving away this summer so we need you!!

**Choir Members needed too!** Join us at 12:15 before Mass to practice. All are welcome to sing with us!

**OTHER Volunteer opportunities....** If you would like to lead members in a new way (ex. Bible group, Religious Sunday teaching/reading with children during Mass, Coordinating a Retreat, Organizing a church get-together activity – please email us! We would love to have volunteers help our community grow – but we need your help. Thanks!!

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If you would like to be added to our email list please send your contact information to:

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