

Welcome To  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
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“ This is what the Lord asks of you: to act justly,  
to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

February 28, 2021



*2nd Sunday*  
**OF LENT**

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from  
the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen  
to him.” - Mk 9:7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.



**I Will Walk before my God  
in the Land of the Living**

As Christians, we find in today’s psalm response another affirmation of the resurrection promised to us in Jesus. The selected verses of the psalm speak of unshaken confidence and gratitude, linking the sentiments of Abraham to the gospel. Our Lenten journey will lead us to the foot of the cross and then on to the joy of the empty tomb and the waters of baptism that bring us to new birth and a life in Christ that will never end. May we continue to change our hearts and become the LIGHT.

(adapted from *Living Liturgy, 2021, pg. 73* and *The Cultural World of the Prophets, Year B*, by John J. Pilch, © The Liturgical Press).

I kept faith, even when I said:  
“I am greatly afflicted.”

Precious in your sight is the  
death of your faithful ones.

Indeed, I am your servant;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
I will offer sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on your holy name.

I will make my vows to you in the  
presence of all your people,  
in the courts of your holy house,  
in the midst of all your saints.

[verses adapted from *People’s Companion  
to the Breviary* © 1997 by the Carmelites of  
Indianapolis]

**Upcoming Events:**

- March 02** No 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd because of a funeral
- March 06** 3:30 PM Reconciliation before Mass  
4:30 PM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for Richard & Carl Karch  
4:30 PM Live Stream Mass from St. James
- March 07** Pre-recorded Mass on the Website  
9:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for the Parish
- March 09** 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for Ronald Schmidt

**Our Mission Statement:**

Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries reach out with active concern to those in need.

Visit us online at: [mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org)

### Obligation to Attend Mass

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation has expired and it will be the responsibility of those who are capable and not prohibited by other circumstances to attend Mass.

#### **There are circumstances where the obligation cannot be fulfilled.**

- If a person is ill, especially during this pandemic, they should remain at home.
- If a person is at risk because of age, underlying medical conditions, or a compromised immune system, one would be excused from the obligation.
- If a person is caring for a sick person, even if they are not sick, they would be excused from the obligation out of charity.

It is up to each individual to weigh their own circumstances through an examination of their conscience and determine, by use of their conscience, whether or not they are excused from the Mass obligation. Remember, a well-formed conscience is upright and truthful.

### Repairers of the Breach Coat Drive

Thank you to the wonderfully generous people of Good Shepherd. The coats, hats, gloves and warm clothing you donated were delivered to Repairers of the Breach on Tuesday, January 19. Thanks to your generosity, we had two vans and one car filled to capacity to deliver to Repairers. May all your hearts be warmed knowing that your donations will keep others warm this winter. Good Shepherd, you are the greatest! May God's richest blessings descend upon you and give you peace.

Chuck Koenings and Jean Gatton

### SANITIZING MINISTRY

With having two Masses, both Saturday and Sunday, we are in need of some volunteers to help sanitize the church after the Saturday Mass each week. Please contact Corinna in the Christian Formation office if you would be interested in being added to a rotation for this new sanitizing ministry.

## LENT CHANGE OUR HEARTS: A Lenten Guided Meditation



**What:** A weekly guided meditation on our Lenten theme: Change Our Hearts, Become the Light

**When:** Most Wednesdays during Lent, 7:00 pm - 30 minutes

**Dates:** March 10, 17, 24, and 31

**Where:** Virtual – For link, see Adult formation website tab, or email blast, or parish app message from Good Shepherd

**Action:** 30 minute of meditation and prayer

**Who:** Open to All

More Information: Contact Marguerite at the parish office or email [thompsonm@mygoodshepherd.org](mailto:thompsonm@mygoodshepherd.org)

## Youth Corner for Middle and High School Students



### Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

Middle and High Schoolers are welcome to attend the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally virtually, but together at Good Shepherd, on Saturday, March 13th from 8:30am -12:30pm. We will stream the rally to Good Shepherd. We will Join the thousands of youth around the state of Wisconsin and We will have some activities just for us. We ask that you maintain social distancing and masks will be required.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes a box lunch with other rally goodies. Registration is due by March 7th.

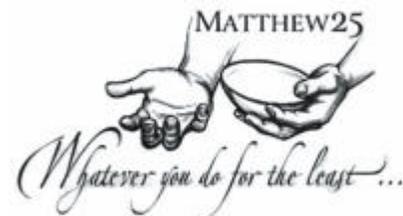
**Tell your friends from Good Shepherd, St. James or anywhere else.**

### Matthew 25 Local Work Camp

Matthew 25 Local Work Camp registration is open now for those currently in 5th-12th grades! Camp is June 21-25, 2021.

Sleep in your own beds each night, but meet at Good Shepherd every day to go out to serve God's people right here in the Milwaukee/Waukesha area.

Registration can be found on our website or parish app. Adult chaperones are always needed. Friends are always welcome! Cost is just \$75 for the whole week.



**Contact Corinna Ramsey, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries,  
at [ramseyc@mygoodshepherd.org](mailto:ramseyc@mygoodshepherd.org)  
or 262-345-3897.**

## Prayer Network

If you have a prayer request, please call Carol Weber (262-415-8937) or click on the "Prayer Request" on Good Shepherd's Website ([mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org)), found on the left side of the Home page, or found in the Monday email blast.

If you would like to help us in praying for those requests, please contact Carol so she can add you to her email list.



## Social Justice Corner

### A message from our Catholic brothers and sisters in Milwaukee and surrounding areas:

In the midst of this summer's protests, many lay Catholics took to the streets to cry out for justice for our Black brothers and sisters. Seeing one another and thirsting for a way to bring our faith onto the street, we began gathering every week to stand in witness of the sacredness of Black lives. We have now stood on streets and corners all over the city of Milwaukee every week since July through our "Black Lives Are Sacred" public witnesses. We gather in unity, hold signs testifying to the sacredness of Black lives, and kneel in silent prayer. You can see more information and photos of our recent events at [www.facebook.com/blacklivesaresacredmke](https://www.facebook.com/blacklivesaresacredmke).

As we enter into the sacred time of Lent, we invite you to join us. Our witnesses are spaces of prayer and reflection, where we hope to grow in our understanding of racism and find holy ways to combat it.

[See "Solidarity" theme of Catholic Social Teaching

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity> ]

## ZOOM IN THE SPOTLIGHT

February 28, 2021

11:00 am via Zoom. Zoom room opens at 10:45 am.

See parish email blast, website or

contact [thompsonm@mygoodshepherd.org](mailto:thompsonm@mygoodshepherd.org) for a link to the event.

### Pope Francis - A 2021 Vision for Christians with Ed Zywiec

Pope Francis, in his new book *Let Us Dream*, offers an inspiring and actionable blueprint for building a better world for all humanity by putting the poor and the planet at the heart of new thinking. For this plan, he draws not only on sacred sources, but on the latest findings from renowned scientists, economists, activists, and other thinkers. Yet, rather than simply offering prescriptions, he shows how ordinary people acting together despite their differences can discover unforeseen possibilities.

Next Spotlight:

March 7, 2021

### Just Offer It Up: The Spiritual Value of Sacrifice with Mike Crain

## Ellacuria Online Fair Trade Sale



The Good Shepherd/St. James Ellacuria El Salvador committee is holding another online Fair-Trade Sale from **March 1-15**. Here's another chance to purchase coffee, candy bars, hot cocoa and olive oil.

Thanks to all who participated in the previous online sales!

**To order:** Use the online order form in the weekly parish email on **March 1**. Order forms will also be available after Mass the weekends of **February 27-28 and March 6-7**. There will now be an option to pay by credit card using the parish *We Share* link which will be included on the order form.

Your order will be confirmed via email or phone if you do not have email. **Order deadline is Monday, March 15. Pick up is Saturday, March 20 from 8:30 to 11:00 am.** Drive up to the Good Shepherd (main) west entrance and a committee member will place your order in your car. If you have not paid using the parish, *We Share* link, only checks will be accepted made out to Good Shepherd. All proceeds will benefit our brothers and sisters in Ellacuria.

~Thank you for your support~

Then a cloud appeared  
and enveloped them,  
and a voice came from the cloud;

"This is my Son,  
whom I love.

Listen to him!"

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

*God's commandments lead us on the path to life.  
"What path will you choose to walk?"*

# THE GIFT OF SUNDAY

## Lenten Missions

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 7:00-8:30 pm

LIVE STREAM CAN BE WATCHED WITHOUT REGISTRATION

St James will be hosting one of 18 Lenten Missions taking place throughout the archdiocese on the evening of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This Mission is based on *The Gift of Sunday*, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listekci. The evening will be held in the context of a prayer service and will highlight the importance of Sunday Mass in living out our faith on a daily basis. Live Stream is free. **Due to limited seating, people are asked to register in advance for the Lenten Missions at [www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions](http://www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions) or Contact: Rosalita Villa at [villar@archmil.org](mailto:villar@archmil.org) or 414-758-2217.**

## Young Adult Faith Group



Beginning on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00pm all young adults (ages 18-25) from Good Shepherd, St. James and friends are invited to join us on Zoom every 1st Thursday of the month. We will start our first series talking about The Story of Salvation: Finding your Place in God's Plan. Our group will be led by Taylor, Corinna and Bryan. We look forward to seeing you again, meeting you for the first time, getting to know you better and exploring God's plan for our lives. Feel free to share this with your young adult friends (ages 18-25). See the Good Shepherd website or app for the Zoom link.

### Readings for the week of February 28th, 2021

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Questions to Ponder - 2nd Sunday in Lent:

**Children:** What puzzles you in the gospel stories? What makes you the most hopeful?

**Adults:** Does the message of the cross ever seem absurd? When have you seen wisdom?

## Good Shepherd Directory

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### For the Hard of Hearing

Mass for the hard of hearing Sun. 9:30 am.

Hearing assisted devices available; see usher for assistance.

### Liturgy Schedule

**Weekend:** -Saturday 4:30 pm;

**Sunday** 9:30 am

**Weekday:** Tuesday 8:30am;

### Membership

Families or individuals over 17 are invited to join our Faith Community! Register on our website, pick up forms in the Christian Formation Office or join us on our next *Welcome Weekend* in the Christian Formation Office.

### Sacraments

- **Reconciliation:** Communal services held in Advent & Lent. Individual Reconciliation - 3:30 pm Sat. in the Mary of Magdala Chapel
- **Marriage:** Preparation begins by contacting Deacon Sandy no later than 6 months prior to the planned date.
- **Children's Baptism:** Call the parish to register. Next celebration: April 10 at 4:30 pm or April 11 at 9:30 am
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** RCIA is a time to consider full membership into the Catholic Faith. Call our office for more information.
- **Adult Confirmation:** Call our office if you wish to be confirmed.

## Whistling in the Dark

Themes are like handholds we use to navigate differing environments. As we move forward we may sometimes feel like we are whistling in the dark, knowing we must move forward in faith all the while being a little nervous, not entirely knowing where we are going. Like a handrail, or a handhold on a bus or even a niche in a rock-climbing wall, a theme allows us to focus, pay attention and traverse the journey with some confidence, particularly as a community.

Our Lenten theme draws us back into the rhythm of the liturgical cycle and to what we expect for a Lenten season. "Change Our Hearts, Be the Light", while unique for this year, is also a recognizable thematic invitation to go deeper in our lives, allow our hearts to be touched and to be changed so that we can arise a brighter light in Easter joy. There is a certain amount of comfort in that yearly Lenten journey, and we can feel with some confidence that this is familiar, this is safe.

And yet, each year, we are in a different place personally, and perhaps no more so than this year having had so many external changes required due to the pandemic. As we know, any change inevitably affects the interior aspects of ourselves. Hence, it is always good to have those handholds during Lent to steady ourselves as we move forward.

When we have multiple themes lining the periphery of our community, it could be a bit confusing. However, it can also be a recognition that the complexity of life requires that we engage on different levels simultaneously. Our Lenten theme affords us the opportunity to 'go deeper' together and to emerge into the light renewed. We also have as supports to us this year, a parish theme and a universal Church 'theme'. Pope Francis declared in December that this is the year of St. Joseph, and our parish is celebrating 2021 as a year for Unity and Love.

Many would say that there is a global solidarity around the common experience of the Covid-19 virus. Through all the consequences of this global experience we have noticed that these winds of change have exposed many aspects of ourselves that had lay dormant and some of the fault lines in our societies. How do we change our hearts and be the light at the same time we are experiencing a raw quality to our lives personally and societally? What virtues do we need? St Joseph is one of the most popular saints, the foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary. Such faith had this man that despite his doubts, he listened to God's invitation to truly embrace Mary and Jesus and to give them the security of being a family. In some ways, he is a quiet embodiment of courage and faithfulness, traits that can aid us at this time. It is like he is our personal guide in troubling times.

Our Year of Unity and Love for Good Shepherd and St. James give us other guidelines that perhaps assist us in our societal realm as well as personally. How do we witness the coming together and being the love of God in our communities? Given our journey together on the road to changing our hearts, maybe we can become the light of unity and love to which we are called, with our brother Saint Joseph to lend us the courage to negotiate the dark corners of our journey with confidence.

Marguerite Thompson

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