

Welcome To  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
Catholic Church  
Menomonee Falls, WI

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

March 28, 2021



*Palm*  
**SUNDAY**

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it.  
And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the  
road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from  
the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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**My God, My God, Why Have  
You Abandoned Me?**



Today we pray the psalm that Jesus spoke on the cross. This lament is spoken 13 times in the New Testament and 9 times alone in the Passion story. The psalmist is not complaining, shows no bitterness, makes no allusion to sin, does not declare personal innocence, and makes no defense against unjust charges. The suffering servant simply places self in the hands of God. The psalms embrace the fullness of human emotions, reminding us that there is NOTHING we cannot bring to God in prayer.

(adapted from *Living Liturgy, 2021, pg. 93* and *The Cultural World of the Prophets, Year B*, by John J. Pilch, © The Liturgical Press).

All who see me mock at me, they  
curl their lips, they wag their heads.  
“You trust in God, let God save you;  
let God rescue you for  
God delights in you!”

Many dogs are round about me;  
a band of evildoers encircles me.  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.  
They divide my garments among them,  
for my raiment they cast lots.  
But you, O God, be not far off!  
O my help, hasten to my aid!  
I will tell of your name to my kinsfolk  
and praise you in the assembly.  
You who fear God, give praise!  
You descendants of Jacob, give glory!  
Stand in awe, children of Israel!

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

**Upcoming Events:**

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>March 30</b> | 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for the Elect  |
| <b>April 01</b> | 7:30 PM Holy Thursday<br>at Good Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for Bob Wachowiak  |
| <b>April 02</b> | 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at<br>Good Shepherd  |
| <b>April 03</b> | 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass at Good<br>Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for Alice Kramschuster   |
| <b>April 04</b> | 9:30 AM Easter Mass at Good<br>Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for Mary Grosch<br>11:30 AM Easter Mass at Good<br>Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for the Parish |
| <b>April 06</b> | 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd<br>Mass Intention for the Newly Baptized   |

**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)

**Holy Week details**

**Holy Thursday**

- Mass begins at **7:30 p.m.** Mass at St. James begins at 7:00 p.m.
- No Friendship Meal
- No usual foot washing – sign of being servant.
- Family friendly given the shorter length

**Good Friday**

- Service begins at **7:00 p.m.** Service at St. James begins at 1:00 p.m.
- Veneration of the Cross but NO touching. Invited to do a deep bow or genuflection.

**Holy Saturday** – reservations required.

- Service begins at 8:00 p.m. at all churches.
- NO fire or procession with the Easter Candle
- The service will be shorter: 3 Old Testament readings with psalms. The usual New Testament, Gospel and homily.
- NO baptisms. Blessing of water is shorter.
- If you have never experienced a Holy Saturday service, this is the year!

**Easter Sunday** – reservations required.

- Mass at St. James, 8:15 a.m.; Mass at Good Shepherd, 9:30 a.m.
- Mass at St. James, 10:30 a.m.; Mass at Good Shepherd, 11:30



**April: Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to keeping children safe each and every day of the year. April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this time, we highlight one week as Safe Environment Week so that everyone can simultaneously focus on abuse prevention, including the archdiocesan initiatives that are already underway.

For resources, prayers, pledges and activities for the month of April and for Safe Environment Week, **April 18th - April 24, 2021**, go to <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/April2018.htm> for more information.

**Racism: Learning, Dialogue, and Healing in the Context of Faith**



**Tuesday Evenings – April 13, 20, & 27, and May 4 & 11, 2021, 7:00 pm. – 8:30 pm. on Zoom**

Join us for a five-session series on Racism. This series, developed by Good Shepherd Parishioners, explores history, Catholic Social Teaching, understandings of racial trauma and healing, and exploring ‘white privilege’. We will be using a “circle” process of sharing to get a deeper dive on each evening’s presentation. Topics include:

- April 13** A Personal Story and History: Slavery - 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, presenter Joan Plumley
- April 20** **History: Reconstruction Period to Mass Incarceration**, presenters Rudi Gutierrez and Gillion Parham
- April 27** **Race and the Catholic Church**, presenter Dr. Nathaniel Samuel, Loyola University, Chicago
- May 4** **Exploring White Privilege**, presenters Tony Burns, Mary Ann Erdtmann, and Barb Messerknecht
- May 11** **Racialized Trauma and Healing**, presenter Joan Plumley

Join this series by going to [www.mygoodshepherd.org](http://www.mygoodshepherd.org) and click on the Adult Formation tab to get the Zoom link.

**Youth Corner for Middle and High School Students**

**Ice Cream Social Kickoff to Work Camp**

Sunday, March 28th from 11:45 am-1:00 pm at St. James Catholic Church in Menomonee Falls on the outdoor patio. (We will move indoors if weather does not cooperate.)

We will have games, fun, information, and ice cream!

All 5th-12th graders who are registered for either work camp or who might be interested in either work camp are welcome to come. Parents can stay to gather information about camp or leave their youth to have fun without them.

**Friends are also welcome!**

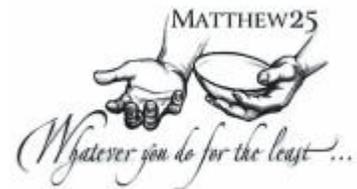


**Matthew 25 Local Work Camp**

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.**

## Men's Group "Wild at Heart"

### Easter Book Study

**Tuesdays (on Zoom) or Fridays  
(in person at St. James) at 6:30 am  
Beginning April 6th or 9th**

Men of any age are welcome to join us for this 6-week study of "Wild at Heart": Do you dare to be the man God created you to be---passionate, adventurous, and free? Facilitated by Paul Schneider, we will challenge you to pursue the purpose God has given you and encourage every man who wants to walk the road least taken. Contact Bryan Ramsey for the Zoom link or further details:

[bramsey@stjames-parish.com](mailto:bramsey@stjames-parish.com) or  
262.253.2915

### Come and Follow Me - Discipleship: with Gerry Wolf

9:30 am Sunday, April 18th at St. James Community Center. Gerry will talk about Scriptural principles for becoming and making disciples. This presentation and discussion is open to men, women, moms, dads, grandpas and grandmas looking to follow the Lord more or to mentor others in their walk with the Lord. It is sponsored by the St. James/Good Shepherd Men's Group.

### 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.



**April 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.**

**St. Monica Parish**

**5681 N. Santa Monica Boulevard**

**Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217**

*Mass will be available for in-person attendance and will be live-streamed.*

*Please visit [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) or more information.*

**Do-you-have-the-ability-to-collaborate?**

**Do-you-love-Good-Shepherd-and-its-mission?**

**Do-you-have-the-desire-to-serve-your-parish?**



It is time for Parish Council Nominations. We have **4** council positions and **1** teen rep spot open. Nominations will be done online as well as having nomination slips in the back of church. A link has been added to the Good Shepherd website ([www.mygoodshepherd.org](http://www.mygoodshepherd.org)). This will allow you to access the document-Parish Council Nomination 2021. Please consider nominating yourself for a position that is open this year. Your nominations are confidential and are not open to the public.

**Nominations are open**

**Nominations close on April 5th**

More information will be coming concerning Informational and Discernment Meetings. The Pastoral Council will be starting to work on a 3-5 year strategic plan for the Parish this year, so it would be an important time to be on the Council.

### Announcement for Circles of Support

Do you have a loved one who is incarcerated? You are not alone. We offer circles of support in a safe setting for you and released formerly incarcerated individuals. We meet virtually on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you have questions or are interested, contact Amanda Smit at Project Return. Text/call 414-418-7312 or [manda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org](mailto:manda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org) Additional sponsors are Blessed Savior Catholic Church and Community Advocates. Joan Plumley and Dante Martin facilitators. Come, join us!

### Young Adult Faith Group

On Thursday, April 8th 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 second 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.

*Are you willing to die to selfishness?  
Let Christ reign in your heart!*

## Easter Masses

Easter is just 1 week away! Thank you to the many of you who have already made your Easter Mass reservations. Although some of the Masses offered at St. James or Good Shepherd are full in church, we still have some church spots at the other Masses and plenty of room in the overflow spaces. So please get your reservation in right away. **Please make a reservation if you are planning on coming to Mass. Even if you are a minister at Mass, you will need a reservation.**

Please help us spread the word to your friends and family who usually celebrate Easter with us that we are asking for reservations this year, so they need to reserve their spots at Mass.

Visit our website or use the following link here to make your reservation: <https://rsvp.church/r/IXqJNDLR>

If you do not have access to a computer to reserve your seat, you may call Corinna at Good Shepherd (262-345-3897) or Amy at St. James (262-253-2902.)

For those who feel more comfortable celebrating at home, we will offer a livestream of both the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Mass on the Good Shepherd and St. James Facebook pages. The recordings of those Masses will also be on our YouTube pages and on our websites after the Mass.

## Our Easter Mass times for the two parishes are:

### Easter Vigil - April 3rd:

8:00 pm at St. James

8:00 pm at Good Shepherd

### Easter Sunday - April 4th:

8:15 am and 10:30 am at St. James

9:30 am and 11:30 am at Good Shepherd

Please note that reservations are **not** needed for Holy Thursday or Good Friday. You can come in-person to those holy day services just as you do to Mass each weekend.

## Good Shepherd Parish App

Want to keep in touch with the Good Shepherd community even while we are not gathering in person? We have some great ways! Follow us on Facebook by searching for Good Shepherd Catholic Church; follow us on Instagram by searching for Good\_Shepherd\_Catholic\_Church; visit our Good Shepherd website at [mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org) Receive the Monday email blast or download our parish app by texting parishapp1 to 555888 on your iPhone or texting parishapp2 to 555888 on any other phone.

## Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

## Good Shepherd Directory

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### Pastoral Council

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Nic Zepnick, George Koleas, Donna Makowski,  
Jackie Michaels, Gabriella Ramsey, Katie Papador

### 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.

## The Symbolism of Palms – Did You Know?

The palm branches we hold aloft this weekend, on Passion/Palm Sunday are a powerful symbol linking us to Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.

Interestingly enough, only the Gospel of John specifies that palms are the branches laid before Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. "The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him." (Jn 12:12-13)

The other gospels are vague on the issue. Matthew, for example, writes only that "a very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road." (Mt 21:8)

John's specific mention of palms reflects the plant's long-standing status as a symbol both of joy and honor. Palms are mentioned in Leviticus, for example, as one of the materials suitable for use to build a Sukkot hut on the Feast of Tabernacles, a festive celebration recalling God's protection of the Jews during their 40 years in the wilderness.

For Romans, the palm was a sign of triumph, used as a decorative touch on everything from toga hems to coins. Greeks also saw palms as a sign of victory, often handing winning athletes palm fronds. To Egyptians, palm fronds were a symbol of eternal life.

Thus, heralding Jesus' arrival with palms was a reaction that would resonate with early Christians, pointing both to Jesus' kingly status and to his sacrifice, which offers us eternal life.

Over the years, especially in countries where it has been hard to obtain palms, other plants have been substituted, with everything from yew branches to pussy willows standing in for palm branches.

Because the palms we receive on Passion Sunday are blessed, they are considered to be *sacramental* – i.e., items that inspire devotion, helping to open us up to receive God's grace.

As such, they are to be treated with care, including when disposing of them. Ideally, old palms should be burned. The ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday usually come from burning the previous year's palms.

~ Novalis Staff ~



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