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**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

May 2, 2021



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**OF EASTER**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.” - Jn 15:1A

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**I Will Praise You, My God,**  
**in the Assembly of Your People**  
**(Psalm 22)**

If this psalm number looks familiar, it's because it is the psalm Jesus prayed on the cross, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me!” We sing it every Palm/Passion Sunday. Today's refrain and verses come at the end of the psalm and is sung on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B. These less familiar verses of thanksgiving reflect peace and assurance that will comfort all people who have endured suffering. God comes to the rescue and the afflicted one cannot refrain from telling everyone of God's goodness.

(Adapted from *The Cultural World of the Prophets*, Year B, by John J. Pilch, pg. 68 © The Liturgical Press).

I will sing of you in  
the great assembly,  
make good my promise  
before your faithful.  
The poor shall eat all they want.  
Seekers of God shall give praise.  
“May your hearts live forever!”  
All peoples shall remember and turn,  
all races will bow to God.  
The well-fed crowd kneel before God,  
all destined to die bow low.  
My soul lives for God!  
My children will serve,  
will proclaim God to the future,  
announcing to peoples yet unborn,  
“God saves.”

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**Upcoming Events:**

- May 4** 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for Immigrants and Refugees
- May 8** 3:30 PM Reconciliation before Mass  
4:30 PM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for Tom Dueppen  
4:30 PM Live Stream Mass from Good Shepherd
- May 9** Pre-recorded Mass on the Website  
9:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for Paul & Mary Plevak
- May 11** 8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd  
Mass Intention for the Homeless

**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)

**Attending Sunday Mass**

We welcome you back with open arms and “air” hugs from a distance! We want to assist you in any way we can in your return to celebrating the Eucharist as a family of faith. Please contact the office if there is anything we can do to help your re-joining us again at Mass.

Of course, if you are unable to attend for any of the reasons mentioned below, please know that we think of you, pray for you, and look forward to the day you can safely return!

- 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.
- If a person is caring for the sick, even if they are not sick.

[Obligation to Attend Mass - It is up to each individual to weigh their own circumstances through an examination of their conscience and determine whether or not they are excused from the Mass obligation.]

**Rededication Mass July 25**

We have great things to celebrate. Good Shepherd Parish is inviting all parishioners to join in celebrating a rededication Mass on July 25 at 11:30am.



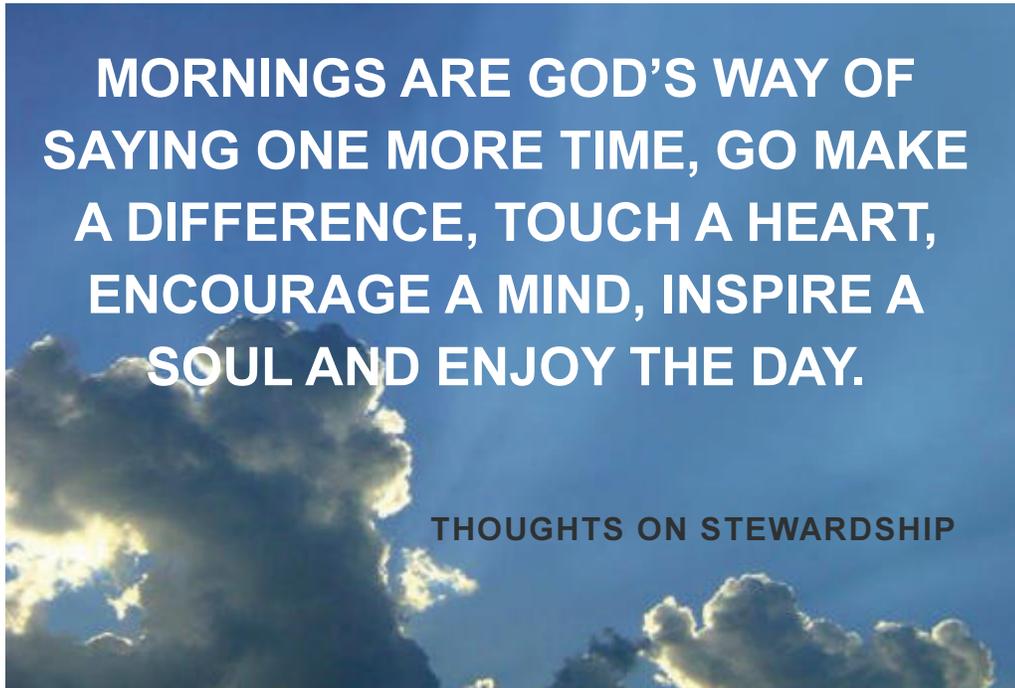
We are going to celebrate all that is new, including our ability to gather together as a Community in Christ after COVID-19. We also want to rededicate the Church and give thanks to God, for our ability to renew our Parish with the beautiful renovations to our Worship space.

**Thank God for all of the blessings bestowed on us. Please save the date.**

**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), 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.



**Young Adult Faith Group**

On Thursday, May 6th at 7:00pm all young adults (ages 18-25) from Good Shepherd, St. James and friends are invited to join us on Zoom for our Young Adult Faith Group. We meet 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.

**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. Additional sponsors are Blessed Savior Catholic Church and Community Advocates. Joan Plumley and Dante Martin are facilitators. Come, join us!

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

**Matthew 25 Local Work Camp**

Matthew 25 Local Work Camp early registration is until May 1st 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! Register between May 1st and May 20th, the fee will be \$100.



**Contact Corinna Ramsey, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at ramseyc@mygoodshepherd.org or 262-345-3897.**



## 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.

## *Social Justice Corner*

### **From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) - Update on the Southern Border and Unaccompanied Children.**

Unaccompanied children continue to arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border in large numbers. The government is continuing to evaluate new sites. For more updates on the situation at the southern border, related policies, and unaccompanied children, please see our [briefing document](#).

Below is a non-exhaustive list of Catholic organizations that are working directly with migrants at the border and in facilities for unaccompanied children, along with links for making donations to assist them in their efforts:

- [Catholic Charities USA](#)
- [Amazon Wish List](#)
- [Diocese of El Paso: Border Refugee Assistance Fund](#)
- [Hope Border Institute](#)
- [Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona: Casa Alitas Program](#)
- [Diocese of San Angelo Immigration Services](#)

For more links to make donations, please contact Marguerite in the Good Shepherd office.

Good Shepherd has added another way for you to make a contribution to the Parish. We now have an online way for you to handle your monthly donations.

It's easy to do. Simply go to the Good Shepherd Website and click the button on the left that says Online Giving by WeSHARE or click the link here.

<https://mygoodshepherd.weshareonline.org/>

You will be directed to a secure online giving portal where you can choose the fund you wish to donate to or the fee you wish to pay, set your donation/ payment amount, and enter your payment information. Should you wish to make recurring donations or save your payment information for future donations or payments, you may setup an account and login anytime.

Currently, you can make contributions to the parish's budgeted operating funds, the **Daily Operating Fund** or **Building Maintenance Fund**; the Eschweiler New Century Fund, should you wish to memorialize a loved one; or the current Good Shepherd Combined Collections. You may also make payments for **Generations of Faith** fees. Soon you will be able to choose other funds you wish to contribute to, including upcoming Good Shepherd Combined Collections and various special collections throughout the year



## RACISM: Learning, Dialogue, and Healing in the Context of Faith

**Tuesday Evenings – May 4 & 11, 2021,  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm on Zoom**



We are continuing our 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.

### UPCOMING TOPICS:

- 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.

## **Work Camp Youth are Ready to Help You!**

Could you use an extra hand or two around the yard? How about a garage that needs to be organized and cleaned out? What about the weeds that will be taking over your beautiful garden right around the last week of June? How about washing the windows on the outside of your house?



Never fear, the youth of Matthew 25 Work Campers are here and looking for some parishioners to help this summer. We will be working strictly outdoors this year due to COVID. We will also come with masks on and stay socially distanced.

Contact Corinna in the Christian Formation office if you would like a small team of youth, supervised by an adult, to come help you around your property/yard one day between June 21-25.

*What are the signs of new life in you? Find  
ways to nourish your relationship with Jesus.*

**Vacation Bible School Registration is Now Open for Children, Teen Leaders, and Adult Leaders.**

**Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm.**

Vacation Bible School is this Summer, for children who have completed K4 through Grade 5.

We will be following all the health safety guidelines established by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding the wearing of masks and social distancing. We are also planning to do as much of our program outdoors, weather permitting, with a social distancing plan in the event we need to be indoors on any of those days.

In order to safely hold the program, we will need plenty of adult help to meet the requirements of the Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines. Hopefully you can help, even if it is a day or two. VBS volunteers are needed, Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

We are also looking for teen leaders for our Vacation Bible School this Summer, June 14-18, 8:30am -12:00pm. If you have completed grade 6 through high school, we would love to have your help. We need people who would be small group leaders and helpers to work with the adults who will be leading stations during the morning. If you can help, we would love to have you work with us. There will be a one-hour training just prior to the VBS event in early June.

For access to all the registration forms: you can find them on our webpage at [mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org) or the link on the parish app. If you can help, please contact the Christian Formation Office, or sign up using the volunteer form found on our Good Shepherd webpage.



**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: June 12 at 4:30pm or June 13 at 9:30am.
- **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.



**Good Shepherd Parish App**

Do you know that Good Shepherd has a parish app? You are missing out on great content if you don't have it downloaded to your phone or tablet. If you would like to download the app to your phone/tablet right now, please go to the website [mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org) (When you are on the website home page, the link is on the left side. Or go to the GoF button; the link will be there also.) If you need help, stop by the CF office and Mike, Corinna or Becky will get you set-up.

**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Questions to Ponder - 5th Sunday of Easter:**

**Children:** When have you felt stronger because you did something hard?

**Adults:** When have you been "pruned" by your experiences?

# CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT PROTECTS ALL

As a parish and a church, we make a commitment to creating a Safe Environment for all people here at Good Shepherd and in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Because of past failures, our Archdiocese has made a concerted effort to see to it that we never find ourselves in that situation again. There is a dedicated office of the archdiocese that oversees Safe Environment education which includes both the training of adults who work with children or vulnerable adults and annual lessons through our Formation Program in protective behavior for all children enrolled in our program. You will find a copy of the “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal” on the bulletin boards in the South Lobby and in the Narthex, on the bulletin board in the Parish Office entrance and outside the Christian Formation Office.

Every priest, deacon, and employee, as well as any volunteer that works with children or youth, must attend a Safe Environment training session, pass a criminal background check, and sign off on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders. Background checks and signatures on the Code of Ethical Standards are updated every 5 years. We encourage all adults to consider completing the Safeguarding Education. You can find a link to the registration page on the [mygoodshepherd.org](http://mygoodshepherd.org) website.

Parishes are periodically audited to verify that proper procedures are being followed in accordance with the “Dallas Charter.” The Dallas Charter refers to a document created by The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the wake of the abuse scandals that arose in the early 2000’s. It was signed by the Bishop of each diocese and creates a framework which is intended to hold each diocese accountable for protecting children.

In addition, the archdiocese has a dedicated person for receiving and processing complaints of abuse. Stephanie Delmore is the Victim Assistance & Employee Support Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and she can be reached at 414-769-3332 or [delmores@archmil.org](mailto:delmores@archmil.org) to make a report of abuse within one of our catholic parishes.

Each year in April the Archdiocese of Milwaukee holds a Mass of Atonement in which the archdiocese acknowledges past failures and asks for forgiveness. We know, from the 12 steps programs, that the first step toward healing is admitting wrong and trying to make amends. This is one way that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is attempting to do so.

While the legacy of abuse of children in the Church is a stain not easily overcome, these measures provide us with a way forward and establish accountability standards for those who work in the church. We can only hope that one day in the not-too-distant future, people will look at us and say that we are a community that responded responsibly to a problem and have become a community known for creating environments that keep everyone safe.

Mike Crain



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