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

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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Our Eyes Are Fixed on the Holy One, Pleading for Mercy

As mortal beings, most of us in our lifetime are confronted and challenged with individual and societal distress: illnesses, deaths, pandemics, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, strife, even wars. Sometimes we are forewarned; sometimes we heed; sometimes we ignore. Psalm 123 is a pilgrimage psalm and composed for a time of distress. In the 1st reading and the gospel, Ezekiel and Jesus are confronted with resistant listeners. To be a prophet in the footsteps of Ezekiel and following the way of Christ, we must first listen before we speak. And, with eyes fixed on the Holy One, we see God's fidelity, beauty, and truth.

To you, my God, I lift up my eyes,
you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold like the eyes of servants look
to the hand of their master,
Like the eyes of a maid look
to the hand of her mistress,
so, our eyes look to you, O God,
till you have mercy upon us.
Have mercy on us, O God, have mercy,
for we are filled with contempt.
Too long has our soul been sated
with the scorn of the arrogant,
the contempt of the proud.

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

Upcoming Events:

July 6	8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd Mass Intention for Larry Castiglione
July 10	3:30 PM Reconciliation before Mass 4:30 PM Mass at Good Shepherd Mass Intention for Lorraine De Lange 4:30 PM Live Stream Mass from St. James
July 11	Pre-recorded Mass on the Website 9:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd Mass Intention for Paul Fusek
July 13	8:30 AM Mass at Good Shepherd Mass Intention for Bob Wachowiak

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

Current COVID Mass Protocols

We have new Mass protocols to assure our parishioners feel safe and comfortable. We ask you to remain flexible as additional new directives emerge. As you have done for 14 months, we ask that you continue to respect our approach to ensure we continue to offer a safe and welcoming worship site welcoming all the people entrusted to our care.

- Those who are vaccinated can choose mask optional and no social distancing needed. (We have opened up a third section).
- Both West and South doors will be open for entrance and exit.
- We ask that all wear masks when not seated (upon entry, while going to Communion, while walking around, upon exiting, etc.).
- The Southwest side of the church, (section in front of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel) and Narthex will be "mask required" sections.
- The North side, Southeast side of the church and part of Daniels Hall will be "mask optional" sections.
- Those who wish to sit on the Southwest side "mask required" section will be seated by an usher.
- Songbooks and music issues will be used.
- Once on the altar, the presider may remove his mask, except while at the altar for consecration.
- Readers and the cantor may remove their mask while at the ambo.
- Gift bearers and Eucharistic ministers will wear masks during distribution.
- Communion to the homebound will be offered.
- Sanitizing will continue.

Faith-Sharing Group

An invitation to grow in faith and understanding, and deepen your prayer life! One way to do this is through a small, faith-sharing community. Such a community meets regularly on Mondays, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mary of Magdala Chapel. For more information, call S. Joann at 262-345-3904 or e-mail her at julkaj@mygoodshepherd.org.

"Sister Water Beer Garden in a Box"
Saturday, July 10 at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Sacred Heart Center , 28th Street at Lapham Street , Milwaukee

The School Sisters of St. Francis have just what you need to enjoy your beer garden at home with family and friends! Pre-order our Sister Water Beer Garden in a Box, now through July 6 and you will receive two commemorative pint glasses; two Bavarian-style take-and-bake pretzels; a jar of gourmet mustard; and your choice of "Ale Mary" or "Our Lager" six-packs, or four-packs of regular or diet root beer! Proceeds from this "to-go" fundraiser will help our sisters provide clean water, renewable energy, and solar power to thousands of people through our global missions. Full details and ordering info are on our website: www.sssf.org.

School Sisters of St. Francis

Rededication Mass on 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, (this replaces the 9:30am Mass).

Unity & Love AT GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. JAMES

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.

If you would like to help us in praying for those requests, please contact Carol so she can add you to her email list. Or, you can fill out the Blue Post Cards in church, located in the narthex and south entrance.

Youth Corner for Middle and High School Students

MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARK

SAVE THE DATE!

Middle & High School, Youth Groups

Mount Olympus

Don't let the summer heat get you down! Whether you are going into 6th grade or a senior who has graduated, join us at Mount Olympus.

Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

REGISTRATION is COMING SOON

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

Summer Library Project

This summer we are going to be working on our Parish library to organize it a little differently and to dust it off and spruce it up. We are looking for someone who would be interested in helping over the summer for some days here or there to do some inventory, to review and update a database, to see what audiovisuals we may be able to convert to DVD or mp3 files, and more.

If you might be interested in this, please contact Marguerite at 262-345-3898 or thompsonm@mygoodshepherd.org

The Parish offices will be closed on July 5th for the observance of **July 4th Independence Day.** We will be back open on Tuesday, July 6, through Friday, July 9th.

GAY & STRAIGHT In Christ

The gospel for June 17th was Mt. 6:7-15 in which Jesus teaches his disciples (us) how to pray. He doesn't intend to just teach us words; he intends to teach us how to be in an intimate love relationship with himself and his "Abba." This prayer of Jesus asks God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Forgive our brothers and sisters. Be in the right relationship with all our neighbors, no matter how they may be different from us. "To stop loving our brothers and sisters is to block the sure flow of love from God. The short petitions in the prayer align and realign us in our relationship with God and one another. If we stay in love with God and one another, our needs will be met."

(Pat Marin in Pencil Preaching for Thursday, June 17, 2021)

We Are Hiring!

Good Shepherd is seeking to fill two positions:

Communications and Stewardship Coordinator - This position manages the communication efforts of the parish and provides counsel and coordination regarding stewardship initiatives with a goal of increased community engagement.

Administrative Assistant - This position provides administrative support for the parish administration and the formation ministries of the parish.

Please see the news articles on the website for more details.

Good Shepherd Trustee Secretary Position Election

Good Shepherd will be holding an election for the Parish Trustee Secretary position. The Trustee Secretary position will expire in June of 2023.

- Nominations are closed.
- July 3rd & July 4th—Candidate names will be announce at Mass
- July 10th & July 11th - Trustee Secretary election will be held by filling out a ballot at Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Warren at golferwarren2@att.net or 262-573-3948.

Greeters Needed

We are in need of individuals or families to be greeters at the weekend Masses. This is the perfect ministry for everyone, as all you need to do is welcome people as they walk into Mass and direct them to an usher to be seated. Please contact Sr. Joann at julkaj@mygoodshepherd.org or call 262-345-3904 if you would like more information and to be added to our greeter list. Thank you!

Gift Bearers Needed

You probably have noticed that parishioners are once again placing our gifts of bread and wine on the altar. This practice is one of the most ancient ministries of the Church when the faithful themselves provided the bread and wine for the Eucharist. The rite of carrying up the gifts continues the spiritual value and meaning of presenting the "work of human hands," an exercise of our royal priesthood. Please sign up on the sheets posted on the freestanding bulletin board in the west lobby of church. **All Good Shepherd families and households are invited and encouraged to fulfill this "priestly" role.** Notify an usher if you cannot place the gifts on the altar.

Renewing Faith and Ministry

The **Saint Clare Center** at Cardinal Stritch University offers affordable continuing education courses for adult Catholics who want to learn more about their faith so that they can serve better in their parishes.

Fall courses include Overview of the Old Testament, Morality & Catholic Social Teaching, Catholic Responses to Racial Injustice, and Exploring the Vision of Pope Francis.

For more information, contact Michael Taylor at mvtaylor@stritch.edu, or go to www.stritch.edu/SCC

The Saint Clare Center for Ministry and Leadership

What would people think if you became a priest/brother/sister?

Faith Advocates Against Human Trafficking

Faith Advocates Against Human Trafficking (formerly called St. James/Good Shepherd Human Trafficking Committee) proudly provides ongoing support while building awareness of the ministries of Milwaukee's Franciscan Peacemakers, an organization that connects women survivors of sexual exploitation to safe housing, meaningful work, and a healing network of support. They work for an end to human sex trafficking through service and advocacy because we believe that everyone is created to enjoy the peace and all good.

Our parish family has opportunities to provide meaningful assistance to this ministry by supporting two important efforts:

Monthly Lunch Delivery

Led and organized by the Faith Advocates Against Human Trafficking, parish members generously prepare sandwiches and provide nutritious lunch sides to be delivered to Franciscan Peacemakers each month. Anyone interested in contributing to these deliveries is invited to reach out to **Deb Schneider at (414) 550-2167 or djschneider86@gmail.com** to be added to an email list to receive monthly alerts regarding dates, donations, and other delivery details. Whether you join this effort once a year or once a month, please add your name to this list to receive notifications and links and have first access to this life-giving opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women in the local community.

Community Care Recipient Support

Each month, Franciscan Peacemakers select a community partner to support through the Community Care Collection. Products purchased for this collection are delivered to agencies named the Community Care Recipient.

June's recipient is the Guest House of Milwaukee. Located on North 13th Street between Juneau and McKinley Avenues in the King Park neighborhood, Guest House of Milwaukee is the largest publicly funded homeless shelter in the city and has been leading the community in ending the cycle of poverty in clients lives for nearly 40 years.

Guest House serves more than 1,200 individuals and families on an annual basis and has a proven track record of assisting those with even the most severe challenges to overcoming homelessness to regain and maintain their independence, including mental illness, addiction, physical and cognitive disabilities, and history with the criminal justice system.

To offer your support to this month's recipient, visit franciscanpeacemakers.org Go to the "shop" tab and click on "community care."

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/ Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/ Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/ Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-1

Question to Ponder - For the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Children: What have you wished would be different or better about you?

Adults: What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

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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: Aug.21 at 4:30pm or Aug. 22 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.

America the Beautiful, 1865

Author Katharine Lee Bates, wrote it after a visit to the Rocky Mountain Pike's Peak in 1893. It was revised in 1904. Later, it was set to music with the tune "Materna" by Samuel Ward.

I have always thought of this song as the quintessential aspirational anthem of our country. Who do we want to be? How do we want to be? Not just celebrating accomplishments, but thinking forward to the ongoing formation of a nation.

This piece brings to us the reminder that for our goals to be realized, they must be rooted in the majesty that is mother nature, God's creation. Being 'grounded' in our human context, raised out of the dust of the earth, we can truly know who we are and choose life in all its arrays.

Here is a sweet sharing that illuminates the fundamental appreciation for the beauty around us and in us.

The Beauty of Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And a taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Walter Rauschenbusch

Remembering the place of beauty in our lives, not just the hard, pragmatic, get-on-to-the-next-thing persistent drum roll, allows us to order our lives rightly, with mercy, love and justice. We can then experience gratitude for our beautiful America and what we can yet become.

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