



Good Shepherd
CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 19, 2021



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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.



God Upholds My Life

Generally speaking, most of the 150 psalms can be placed into one of three forms: lament, thanksgiving/praise, and hymns. This Sunday's psalm, Psalm 54, is a lament psalm for an individual. The person cries out for help to God, for a godless action done against the individual. God saves, the perpetrator gets divine judgment and the individual praises God for being saved. When we pray to the Holy One, do we add thanksgiving or praise, even when the outcome is not what we wanted or expected? Let us be like today's psalmist, humbly pointing to the Holy One who holds all life.

O God, by your name save me,
and by your might
defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer; hearken
to the words of my mouth.

For the haughty have risen up
against me, the ruthless seek my
life; they set not God before
their eyes.

Behold, God is my helper; sustains
my life.

Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I
will praise your name, O God, for
its goodness.

[verses adapted from the *New American Bible*,
revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington,
DC]

An Important Mask Update at Good Shepherd

With the rise in COVID cases in the state, we want you to



know that your staff here at Good Shepherd is paying close attention, so we are ready to do what we can to keep you safe.

Most importantly, at this time, we ask you to have your mask on while in the building, and at Mass, regardless of where you are seated.

Parish Pancake Party

We are helping the Knights of Columbus serve pancakes, french toast, eggs, sausage and hashbrowns. We will have seating in the parish Hall. If the weather cooperates, we will also have seating outside and outdoor games to play. All are welcome!

Sunday, September 19th

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

\$7 for ages 10 and up

\$5 for ages 4-9

FREE for ages 3 and under

(Cash, please!)



Upcoming Schedule

Sat Sep 18*	12:00 PM	Memorial Mass for Leo Tieman
	3:30 PM	Reconciliation before Mass
	4:30 PM	Mass - Intention for Bob Wachowiak
Sun Sep 19*	9:30 AM	Mass - Intention for Rev. Larry Webber Ordination Anniversary
Tue Sep 21	8:30 AM	Mass - Intention for Larry Castiglione
Fri Sep 24	8:30 AM	Prayer Service in Mary of Magdala Room
Sat Sep 25*	3:30 PM	Reconciliation before Mass
	4:30 PM	Mass - Intention for Jerry Sauser
Sun Sep 26*	9:30 AM	Mass - Intention for Jeanie Newman

**See website for schedule of Masses to be live streamed. Recordings of streams available on our YouTube page immediately afterwards.*

Update on Breaking Bread

We are on "publication hold" given we do not have a staff member with the time and/or skills to design and publish this monthly newsletter. We have and will continue to put the kind of content that went into Breaking Bread into the weekly Bulletin. Once we hire for the new position of Community Engagement Manager, we will assess all parish communications, including Breaking Bread. In the interim, the Staff is putting together a plan to communicate with parishioners who are dependent on direct mail for news regarding the parish. We thank you for your understanding.

- Deacon Sandy

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Find daily readings online at <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>



Spotlight Series Returns

After Sunday Mass 10:45 - Noon in Daniels Hall

September 26, 2021

Awakening to Social Consciousness

with S. Joan Penzenstadler

How did the School Sisters of Notre Dame expand their social consciousness from the 19th to the 20th to the 21st century? What anchored them and kept them true to the reason they were founded? Tracing their journey provides reflection for all of us in our own process of awakening.

S. Joan Penzenstadler is a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and currently serves as Vice President for Mission and Identity at Mount Mary University. She earned her Ph.D. in theology and education at Boston College and taught theology for over 20 years before moving into ministry that focuses on strategies to forward the mission.

Men's Spirituality Discussion Group at Good Shepherd - New Discussion Series Begins Sep. 22

Please join us for the kickoff of our latest discussion series, "The Lives of Great Christians," part of 24 DVD's offered by The Great Courses company from their topic category Religion & Theology (Subtopic: Christianity). The DVD's come with a course guidebook that provides questions for the men to consider for discussion after viewing each DVD. Each DVD is about 30 minutes long given by Professor William R. Cook who is a distinguished Teaching Professor of History at State University of New York at Geneseo. Some of the Christians in the series of DVD's are: St. Paul, Augustine, St. Patrick, St. Benedict, Francis & Clare of Assisi, Thomas More, and Gustavo Gutierrez.

We will meet in the Mary of Magdala Chapel, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with the exception of November and December, on the 3rd Wednesday). Please join us to learn about those who grew in faith before us, share your stories, and be inspired by each other.

Invitation to "That Man Is You"...

We are pleased to announce a new men's program called "That Man is You!" It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles.

We will host every Friday from 5:45am to 7am at St. James Parish Community Center beginning September 17th. Join us at 5:45 and coffee, fruit and donuts followed by the "That Man Is You" presentation from 6-7am. The video and discussion will combine the best scientific research with the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints. You will be on the road by 7am to be to work on time!

If you find yourself wanting more out of your faith, or you want to be a better father, husband, son or Catholic man please consider joining us!

For more details on "That Man Is You" or this group, contact Jon Cameron: jlcameron05@gmail.com

Youth Corner for Middle and High School Students

Outdoor Movie Night/Bonfire

Saturday, October 2nd 5:45-9:15pm at Good Shepherd

We will begin the evening with dinner and games. The movie and snacks will start around 7:00pm. All 6th-12th graders are welcome. Bring your friends too! Rain or shine (if it rains, we will move indoors).

Heart Works Youth Camp

Registration begins online Sunday, September 26th. This is a great chance to help others and have a wonderful week with God and friends. We are offering 2 choices:

1. Good Shepherd and St. James will be organizing a trip to Boston, MA for current 7th graders through high school seniors for July 9-16, 2022.
2. St. Agnes will be organizing a trip to Benton Harbor, MI for current 8th graders through high school seniors for July 24-29, 2022.

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

Human Trafficking Awareness

The event, "It Happens Here", that addresses the human sex trafficking happening in our own communities, had over 100 people registered and the event itself was very well received. Lots of positive comments, great small group discussion and clearly a wonderful level of awareness was generated among the participants. Lots of hard and rewarding work goes into these events that ultimately protect the dignity of human life all around.

If you would like to learn more or assist in this ministry that addresses human trafficking, please contact Marguerite in the parish office – 262-345-3898. The next meeting for the Good Shepherd/St James committee against sex trafficking will be held on October 13th.

Afghanistan Refugee Assistance

Afghanistan Refugees are arriving and receiving housing at Fort McCoy located in Monroe County.

Catholic Charities in LaCrosse is working with those at Fort McCoy. Their Immigration and St. Lawrence Community Services Programs are preparing to offer assistance to all those needing their service.

Gift registries are set up through Amazon Smile, Target and Walmart where donors can purchase needed items and have them shipped directly to Catholic Charities. Monetary donations are also accepted and always appreciated as they work to provide service.

<https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance/>



Catholic Charities

A Witness for Racial Justice

The Good Shepherd Racial Justice Team will host a public witness event with Black Lives are Sacred on **Thursday, Sept. 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**, at the intersection of Appleton Ave. and Garfield Dr. adjacent to Village Park. Black Lives Are Sacred MKE (<https://www.facebook.com/blacklivesaresacredmke>) is a group of people of faith that have been sponsoring weekly, peaceful demonstrations for racial justice over the past year in Milwaukee and surrounding areas. Signs are provided or you could bring your own. Parishioners and their families are encouraged to attend. We hope you will join us! For more information, please contact Joan Plumley, 262-617-0695, joanmplumley@gmail.com

Prayer Network

If you have a prayer request, please call Carol Weber (262-415-8937) or click on the "Prayer Request" on the 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.

By Marguerite Thompson

Dir. Adult Formation and
Social Justice Ministries

**SOCIAL
JUSTICE
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[Modified from an online article by Rev. Ronald Rolheiser]

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a Jesuit paleontologist who worked to understand evolution and faith. . . He was asked [by Vatican officials]: "What are you trying to do in your writings?" Ron Rolheiser, OMI

CHRIST AND NATURE

Teilhard's response: "I am trying to write a Christology that is wide enough to incorporate the full Christ because Christ is not just an anthropological event, but he is also a cosmic phenomenon."

Simply translated, he is saying that Christ didn't just come to save people, he also came to save the planet, of which people are only one part. . .

Nature, not just humanity, is being redeemed by Christ. The world is not just a stage upon which human history plays out; it has intrinsic meaning and value beyond what it means for us as humans. Physical nature is, in effect, brother and sister with us in the journey towards the divinely intended end of history. Christ also came to redeem the earth, not just those of us who are living on it. Physical creation too will enter in the final synthesis of history, that is, heaven.

We are humans with bodies living on the earth, not disembodied angels living in heaven, and Christ came to save our bodies along with our souls. He came, as well, to save the physical ground upon which we walk since he was the very pattern upon which and through which the physical world was created.

For complete article see:

<http://ronrolheiser.com/christ-and-nature/#.YSfT4NNKjh8>
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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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 or pick up forms in the 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: Oct. 9 at 4:30pm or Oct. 10 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.

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