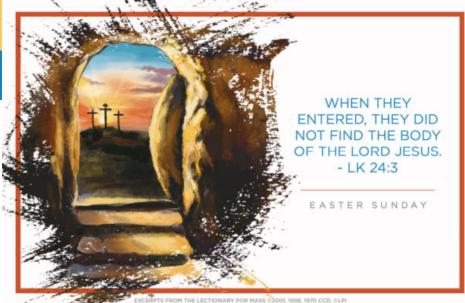


April 17, 2022

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.



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The Best Day Ever!

Thinking back over the past year ... what was the best day for you? Now think back over 5 years, or 10 or 20 ... what are the days that come immediately to mind?

Perhaps you thought of a vacation, or a new job, or a new baby in the family, or a wedding, or a particular Packers or Brewers victory. Did any think ... Easter! Easter Sunday!!?

I have a feeling that if, in the year 34 AD, the apostles and living disciples were asked this same question, they would say immediately and emphatically, "the day Christ was raised from the dead!"

It is hard for us, all these years later, to conjure the same enthusiasm as the original disciples. In fairness, they lived it, we did not. This is why Christ, who appeared in the locked room on the very next day after He had risen, said to Thomas: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus knew it would be hard for us – harder than it was for the disciples.

Though we have now completed the season of introspection and contemplation that is Lent, let us continue to ask for spiritual guidance and renewal. Let us pray that on Easter Monday this year, if someone were to ask what's your best day of the year, you would say, "EASTER"!! And if asked why was it the best day for you, you would say, "Because He is risen. He is risen indeed!"

This news is as profound and life-changing today as it was all those years ago.



Deacon Sandy Sites (on behalf of all Good Shepherd leadership)



Upcoming Worship Schedule

Easter Morning

Sun Apr 17+ 9:30 AM Mass Intention for Dick Mathis

Tue Apr 19 8:30 AM Mass Intention for Richard & Carl Karch

Fri Apr 22 8:30 AM Prayer Service (in chapel)

Sat Apr 23 3:30-4:15 PM Reconciliation

Sat Apr 23 4:30 PM Mass Intention for Kurt Smith

Sun Apr 10+ 9:30 AM Mass Intention for Jeanie Newman

⁺Mass for hard of hearing Sun. 9:30 am. For hearing-assisted device, see usher for assistance.



On Friday, Apr 29, our 11th grade candidates from St. James and Good Shepherd will be Confirmed at St. James at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Schuerman will confirm our candidates at this wonderful Mass. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they are confirmed and continue in their faith long after their Confirmation day. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them, strengthen gifts within them and guide them for all their days. Amen.

These are the candidates from Good Shepherd:

Brady Winklbauer Ethan Ramsey Gemma Crownover Hayden Fox John Gaynor Keith Youngs Matthew Grater Megan Parmenter Olivia Oswald Victor Haydock Zachary Koglin

FIRST COMMUNION

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion with most of this year's class on the weekend of Apr 30-May 1 at our weekend Masses, with a few others throughout the Easter season. Please join us as we welcome them and their guests to this most important celebration of our Church family. We acknowledge their growth in faith and promise to support them and their parents as they continue to grow closer to God in our midst. Congratulations to...

Ginette Dione Oliver Eckert Carter Maziasz Lincoln Maziasz Jakob Pfister Opal Prud'Homme Daniel Viera-Hernandez David Viera-Hernandez

Good Shepherd Is Hiring: Formation Ministries Associate

We are looking for someone to be an integral part of the parish's formation ministries, ensuring administrative details are in place and regularly interacting with parish members regarding their involvement. The role is an office position with regular daytime responsibilities, though occasional evening and weekend work will be required to meet the needs of the parish.





Congratulations to Matthew and Jocelyn Ariail on the upcoming Baptism of their son,

Wyatt Alexander

to be Baptized April 24th, 2022

Father,

We pray that you send your blessing on Wyatt, so that he may grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witness in the world, spreading and defending the faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



We welcome new members who have recently joined the Good Shepherd Community:

Tram Nguyen & Adrian Cazares Mary Ash

Richard & Shirley Jakel

Thank you for choosing Good Shepherd. We strive to be a welcoming, supportive and engaging community and look forward to coming to know Christ better alongside you.

May you be blessed by the Spirit of Christ!



He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Interested or know someone who might be? Apply now at mygoodshepherd.org

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ABC's of Care for Creation Awareness

There is a darling children's poster on the bulletin board in the narthex that has the "The ABC's of Living Green."

In our secular world, Apr 22 is "Earth Day" and with the unfolding of Spring and Easter, it is also a great time to do small things to enhance our daily awareness of God's beautiful creation and our part in caring for creation. Check it out for inspiration!

- A Ask about aquifers
- B Build bat houses
- C Compost creatively
- D Defend diversity
- E Enjoy earthworms
- F Find Forest fungi
- G Go green
- H Honor honeybees
- I Imagine interdependence
- J Join in for justice
- K Keep your kitchen cookin'
- L Leave littering behind
- M Marvel at migrations
- N Notice native species
- O Opt for organic
- P Plant trees
- Q Question consumption
- R Repair, reuse, then recycle
- S Support sustainable systems
- T Take trains
- U Unplug!
- V Value vegetables
- W Walk your watershed
- X Exchange experiences
- Y You make a difference
- Z Zero-In on zero waste

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

In the Jewish scriptures, Psalm 118 was an entrance psalm from a Temple liturgy, offering solemn praise to God. What an appropriate psalm for our Resurrection feast – a feast of victory. For Christians, this psalm is always sung at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses. And what a victory it is – Jesus was raised from the dead. Death is not victorious. In the verses selected for this Sunday, the first two verses invite the worshipers to praise God. Verses 16-17 echo Moses' song in the Exodus, celebrating Israel's coming through the waters of chaos into life. The final two verses are from an ancient proverb – what is insignificant has become great through divine election. The late Fr. Carroll Stuhlmueller, a noted theologian, suggested that the refrain is better translated "on the day when the Lord takes action." (The Cultural World of the Prophets, Year C, by John J. Pilch, pg. 58 © The Liturgical Press).

We give thanks to you, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures forever.

Let the descendants of Israel say: "Your steadfast love endures forever."

O God, you have triumphed; your reign is exalted.

You have triumphed over all; I shall not die, I shall live and recount your wondrous deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is your doing, O God; it is marvelous in our eyes.



This is the day which you have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. [verses adapted from People's Companion to the Breviary © 1997 by the Carmelites of Indianapolis]

Pastoral Council Nominations

Can you help shape the vision of our Parish? Do you love Good Shepherd and want to see us thrive?

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd, and we have openings on the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is our visionary body and plays an important role in molding the future of our Church. Please consider nominating yourself or another parishioner you think could help us do big things.

Beginning Monday, Apr 18, nominations can be submitted online (www.mygoodshepherd.org). We also will have nomination slips at Masses through May 1, and you can mention someone to a current Pastoral Council member too. Your nominations are confidential. We will ask all nominees to discern their engagement after the nomination period closes. Nominations will close on May 2nd.



Help yourself to these resources for you and your family on the ledge of our west entrance at the top of the ramp:

"Living Faith" and "Living Faith Kids" Booklets
Pause and pray with Scripture every day

"One Percent Prayer" Cards

30-day plan to live out Scripture in your everyday life

"Children's Worship Bulletins"

Games, puzzles and activities around the Sunday Scriptures

Activities for Children

Easter Egg-stravaganza - Sunday, Apr 24 - 12:00-12:30 PM

Families with children 5th grade and under, join us after "Growing Faith" for an Easter Egg Hunt and other fun Easter activities.



Vacation Bible School - June 13-17 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM - K5-5th Grade

At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God's greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Register your children today at mygoodshepherd.org for this life-changing adventure!



Middle & High School Youth Group

Youth Mission Day - April 30th - 8:00 AM-1:30 PM - 6th-12th Grade

The cost is \$10 (\$20 max per family.) Registration includes serving area residents with spring cleanup projects, having fun with others, a snack bag and a cool YMD T-Shirt. Register at https://www.coslc.com/ccos-youth-mission-day/ (adult leaders needed too)



Matthew 25 Local Summer Work Camp - June 20-24 - 5th-12th Grade

Register for \$75 before May 1, \$100 May 1-20, at mygoodshepherd.org. Sleep in your own bed each night and serve people in our community all day. Many wonderful friendships have begun on Matthew 25. The camp includes up to 100 youth from Good Shepherd, many other parishes, friends and relatives. The cost just \$75 for the week (by May 1.)



Catholic Heart Work Camp Trip to Boston - July 9-16 - 7th-12th Grade

There are just three spots left. You will work tirelessly, think deeply, celebrate Mass and build relationships. You will dance, laugh, pray, change on the inside and be part of transforming lives and the Boston community for Christ. You will never be the same.



Adult & Family Faith Development

Generations of Faith/Growing Faith - Monthly

Open to all parishioners and families, this is our main faith formation program. It offers religious education and faith sharing both intergenerationally and by individual grade levels. Registration begins soon.

"The Chosen" Watch Party & Discussion - Mondays - 9:00 AM - Mary of Magdala Chapel

"The Chosen" is a video series that portrays the life of Jesus and the disciples from biblical stories.

Faith Sharing - Mondays - 11:00 AM - Mary of Magdala Chapel

We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and faith in daily life.

Spiritual Book Club - Wednesdays - 9:30 AM - Mary of Magdala Chapel

We choose a spiritual book (1-2 per year) to discuss.

Bible Discussion Group - Thursdays - Mary of Magdala Chapel

We learn about the Bible through lecture series, books and other enrichment materials. Call for dates/times.

"That Man Is You" Men's Group - Fridays - 6:00 AM - St. James Community Center

We discuss the pressures men face in our modern culture, especially in the role of husband and father.

Men's Spirituality Discussion Group - Every Fourth Wednesday - 7:00 PM - Mary of Magdala Chapel We currently are viewing "The Chosen" to grow in faith together, share and be inspired by each other's story.

Good Shepherd Community Events



Our fathers and youth will honor mothers with hospitality after all Masses, May 7-8.



Join our team to walk for the hungry on the opening night of Polishfest, June 10.



On August 13, celebrate summer with outdoor Mass followed by music, games and food.



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Pastoral Team

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Trustee - Secretary	Dan Popp
Council Members: Maureen Janosch, Ron Leonhardt, Craig Tautges, Patrick Young	

Ways to Serve

Good Shepherd has many acts of service you can do in our outreach to the local community. Here is a current sampling of ways you can lend a hand. If you'd like to get involved, contact Marguerite: 262.345.3898

Repairers of the Breach: Preparing sandwiches

House of Peace: Clothing drives

St. Ben's Meal: Providing food every third Wednesday

Menomonee Falls Food Pantry: Providing non-perishable food

Cathedral Center: Assist in providing a meal Franciscan Peacemakers: Providing lunches

Sleeping Bags & More: Donating fabric and creating sleeping bags

Other Ministry Involvement

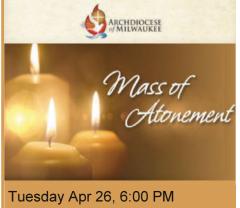
In addition to the direct-service ministries above, you may want to serve in a different way through advocacy, justice education and empowerment in these ministries:

Human Concerns Commission
Racial Justice
Outreach Committee
Ellacuria, El Salvador Twinning Relationship
Anti-Human Trafficking
Listening to Women
Gay & Straight in Christ

Safe Environment Awareness Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes Apr 24-30 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Good Shepherd will provide a safe environment education session on Monday, May 2. For more information, contact Corinna: 262.345.3897



Tuesday Apr 26, 6:00 PM St. Mary Catholic Church 9520 W. Forest Home Ave. Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130 Please join Archbishop Listecki for our annual Mass of Atonement. This Mass is a faith-filled, heartfelt and visible action step as we continue our path of reconciliation and resolution. While no single statement or event can make up for the painful abuse of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, as believers we know that in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, we find hope beyond measure as we move toward a brighter future.

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