# Father Patrick McConnell Pastor

### Father Jayanna Kanna Sacramental Minister

# Father Dennis Meulemans Retired Priest in Residence

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday.	6:00 pm
	/8:30 am

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday	6:30 pm
Sunday	9:30 am

### Reconciliation (Confession)

5:45-6:15 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass):

First Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 pm First Thursday: 9-10 am (following the Mass for that day).

**Baptism** 

Parents are urged to have their child baptized as soon as possible. Call the office to schedule a baptism, and for any baptismal prep that may be needed. Prep for new parents is 4th Tues. of the month, bi-monthly (Jan/Mar, etc.), 7 pm at Holy Rosary. We ask that you speak with Father before selecting sponsors, to be aware of their requirements.

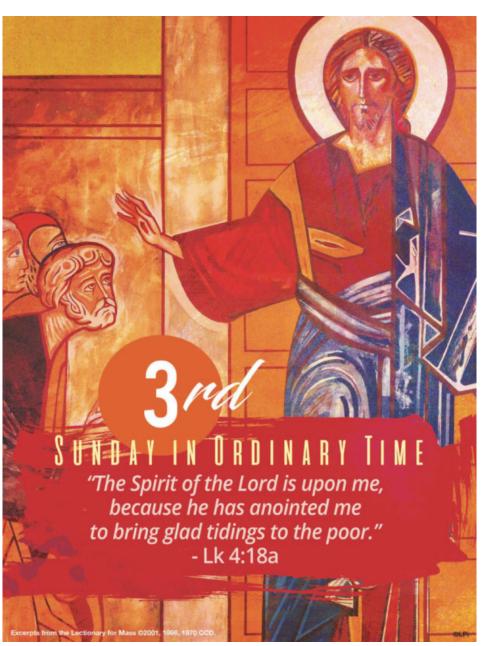
### Anointing of the Sick

Offered Feb. 12-13 following the weekend Masses; also offered first Tuesday of month during the 6 pm Mass. Offered any other time as needed, including if you are preparing for a serious surgery.

### Marriage

Please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting to discuss marriage plans, and before making preparations—at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church



The mission of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish is to welcome all to spiritual growth through prayer, worship and ongoing formation. Together, formed in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we will tend to the needs of the entire community.

### Mass Schedule for the Week

Tues., Jan. 25, 6:00 pm † Arnold & Magdalen Rhyner Offered by Paul & Sue Rhyner

Thurs., Jan. 27, 8:30 am † All Souls

Sat., Jan. 29, 6:30 pm † Peter Matyka Offered by Dave & Chris Wille

Sun., Jan.30, 9:30 am People of Good Shepherd

### **Scripture for this Week**

### Readings for the week of January 23

Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 Tues: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28,

29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-

25

Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/

Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-

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Next Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor

12:31–13:13/Lk 4:21-30

### **Ministries For Next Weekend**

### Sat., Jan. 29, 6:30 pm

Ushers: Mark & Mary L. Thums, Joan &

Aaron Matyka

Readers: Gerald Matyka, Joe Hebda

Sacristan: Mary B. Thums

**Eucharistic Minister:** Greg Thums

Server: Patrick Matyka

### Sun., Jan. 30, 9:30 am

Ushers: Jamie Heiser Family Readers: Ken Matyka, Mary Kauer Sacristan: Emily Gojmerac Eucharistic Minister: Sara Matyka Servers: Tyler & Amber Matyka

January Plant Care: Deb Gojmerac February Plant Care: Cheryl Eisner



### **Offering of Prayers**

Jesus, we pray for healing for our fellow members in the Body of Christ...

All nursing home residents, Fr. Dennis Meulemans, Fr. Ed Oen, Peter Fuchs, Mike E. Thums, Bill Bleck, Shirley Kauer, Violet Melaski, Grace Fritsch, Gayle (Long) Murphy, Susan Demers, Dan Thums, Keith Thums, Carol & Dan Pozanc, Kris Zondlo, Kathy Haas, Jim, Susan Elendt, Marie Kofler Lindwall, Judy & Howard Troyk, Florence Cedzo, Karen Olson, Ed Zondlo, Brandi Schafer, Kylie Orysen, Joe Sautner, Ben Yanko, Marian Johnson, Duane Draeger, Malinda Kathrein, Jenna Denzine, Joshua & Benjamin Metz, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Steve Eisner, Richard Weinzatl, Norman Metz, Ruth Martin, Jaxon Klimeck, Bud Brandner, Landon Blomberg, Tammy Blomberg, Cindy Ewoldt, Ali Gardezi, Angela Fiskus, Ronald and Betty Brandner, Ellyn Driscoll, Ben Haenel, those with silent needs.

### With Our Pravers

Keep in prayer Brenda Barr, age 58, originally from the Ogema area who died recently and whose Mass of Christian Burial will be at Good Shepherd later this week (date to be determined). If you know her and wish to attend the funeral, please call the office for more information. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...

### Blessing of the Throats

In honor of St. Blaise day on Feb. 3, the Blessing of Throats will be offered following all Masses next weekend, Jan. 29-30.

### Thank You

To the Good Shepherd Knitters and all parish members: "Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas prayer shawl. I appreciate it so much. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers while I was ill."

-Janine Probst

### Birthdays This Week (Jan. 23-29)

Marlene Holtz	Jan.	28
Patrick Noland	Jan.	29
Rose VanLuven	Jan.	24
Connie Mauch	Jan.	24
Jackie Thums	Jan.	24
Jessica Olwell	Jan.	27
Angel Krueger	Jan.	24
Benjamin Metz	Jan.	25
Anniversaries (Jan. 23-29)		
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### **Liturgical Ministries**

Do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to become more involved? Have you seen a friend or neighbor serving as a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, or enjoyed the music during Mass and wanted to share your musical gifts and talents for the praise and glory of God? Maybe you have a desire to greet and welcome people as they come into church, or become a Mass server or usher. You might be interested in serving as a sacristan in preparing the altar for Mass, or providing assistance in the church environment area. These are all ways you can become involved more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. Trainings will be offered in the upcoming weeks.

Now is the time to call or stop by the parish office (715-427-5259) and sign up to volunteer for one or more of these ministries. Your help is needed. Say YES to the Lord!

### For Spiritual Growth

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi

### PARISH NEWS

### **Faith Formation**

Classes for Wed., Jan. 26: Gr. 1-5 5:30-6:45 pm Gr. 6-11 7-8:10 pm

### **Baptismal Information**

Parents, if this is your first child, baptismal preparation is required prior to baptism. Bi-monthly baptismal classes will be held the 4th Tuesday of the month (Jan, Mar, etc.) in Holy Rosary's Fireplace Lounge. Please plan ahead. You can take the class prior to your child being born, if that is easier for you. Both parents are asked to attend. Registration not required, but is appreciated: Call Amy at Holy Rosary to register for the class, 715.748.3336, #1 prompt).

Note: Baptismal class at Holy Rosary this Tues., Jan. 25, 7pm.

Please also be reminded that at least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic (attending Mass regularly and living in harmony with the Catholic faith). They should also have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If a Godparent is registered at a parish in another town, a Statement of Faith is to be completed by them, and signed by their pastor prior to the baptism.



Welcome Through Baptism

Joseph Fuentez, Jr. January 23, 2022

### Time to Turn in Your Palms

A basket is being placed in the entrance of the church for your palms from last Palm Sunday. It will remain in the entrance for the month of February. These ashes will be burned and used at our Ash Wednesday liturgies on March 2.

Supporting Holy Rosary School

You are reminded of the Sunday Pancake Breakfast being served at Holy Rosary next Sun., Jan. 30. Serving 8 am to 12:30 pm. Adults \$8; 12 & under \$5. All you can eat of regular, blueberry or potato pancakes with applesauce, cheese, fruit, sausage, ham and beverages. Help support them!

# January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Jan. 22, 1973 was a sad day for this country, when the Supreme Court legalized abortion through the court decision of Roe v. Wade. Sadly, the last 49 years, abortions have often been viewed as a means of birth control, and an escape from having to deal with the life of a child, whether it be healthy or through early testing, shown to have mental or physical challenges.

In the case of rape, I have heard the stories of two young girls who became pregnant through rape. Their beautiful children have since become a source of great joy which can counteract the means of their pregnancies. Every child deserves life. When we begin to pick and choose which child lives and which child dies, we begin to play "God," which we don't want to happen.

You may have heard it said about abortion: Put two or more beautiful babies together. Then decide which one you will give up. Can't do it, because you can physically see the babies. It is no different with an unborn child. ALL deserve life. That is why ultra sounds are so important for women considering an abortion.

Adoption is another option for a pregnant mother who is unable to properly care for a child.

Let us focus, especially this weekend, on the beautiful gift of life itself. Our local Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center is a great resource for mothers in a pregnancy crisis. Let us do our part to support them and pray for them. Also, pray that we can encourage and walk with any woman going through challenging times in their pregnancy.

### Our Gifts to God Collection of January 16, 2022 Adult Envelopes \$ 1.890.00 \$ **Loose Collection** 121.00 \$ \$ Youth Envelope 21.00 34.00 Candles \$ \$ **Initial Offering** 30.00 Energy 115.00 CSA 100.00 Total 2,311.00

# Bishop's Letter on Covid, Jan. 14 Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones have enjoyed blessings in this new year. May our loving God continue to shower us with many blessings throughout the year. One blessing we need to continue to pray for is the end of COVID-19.

As we enter this new year, we find ourselves still trying to navigate our way through new variants, rising numbers of new cases and changing guidelines. I want to thank our priests...and other parish leaders who so diligently continue to follow our Diocesan COVID protocols. Through your efforts we are working together to keep those who attend Mass and other parish activities safe.

With the rising number of cases of the Omicron variant, I want to once again encourage everyone to do your part to help prevent the spread of COVID. In particular, I strongly recommend:

- The wearing of face masks, especially if you are singing or serving as deacon, Eucharistic minister, usher or greeter.
- 2. The practice of social distancing as space allows. N-95 or KN-95 are the top rated masks.
- 3. Hand sanitizer readily available.

To my knowledge there has been no outbreak of COVID-19 due to Mass attendance. I pray that through the exercise of our communal and personal responsibility we can continue to keep each other healthy and safe. With that in mind, I want to remind anyone who feels sick, or has high risk health factors, or who is taking care of someone who falls in one of the above groups, to stay home. As explained in the past, these would be issues and circumstances that would allow you a personal dispensation to not attend Mass without incurring serious sin. Although we know it is not the same as gathering in person to celebrate the gift of the Holy Mass and receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord in the Eucharist, those unable to attend Mass in person can receive the blessing of a Spiritual Communion by participating in the celebration of the Mass virtually via Facebook, television or some other means.

In closing I ask that you continue to pray daily for an end to COVID-19. Let us also pray for those who have or are struggling with COVID and for all the medical personnel who so selflessly put their lives on the line to minister to the sick. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers daily. May God bless and protect you.

### ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

Registration for Youth Summer events are now open. I strongly encourage parents/grandparents to encourage or require your children to attend one of these summer events—with the world of social media taking over the lives of our students. Having a chance to spend a few days seeing what life can be like if we open our hearts and minds to Jesus; it can be a life changing event. As the world today places more emphasis on instant gratification, we need to provide the youth with a more faithful view of their lives. Encourage them to take a chance and attend one of these amazing events:

### Extreme Faith Camp 2022

The Superior Diocese will again be hosting Extreme Faith Camp for students currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grade in June of 2022. Students that have attended Camp in the past have come back saying they had a Great Time!! We strongly encourage parents to consider sending their Middle School Students to Extreme Faith Camp in the summer of 2022. Space is limited. Extreme Faith Camp is open to all parishes in the Diocese. In the past Camp fills up fast. Please register as soon as possible. This year our group will include students from Holy Rosary, OLPH, Sacred Heart and Good Shepherd parishes. Our group will be attending the camp at Crescent Lake in Rhinelander Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 2022. For more information contact Tyler Kircher, Youth Minister at 715-748-3336, ext. 256.

### Steubenville Conference

Steubenville, Rochester is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 8th thru 12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. The students will enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more.

GConference starts Friday, July 15 and ends Sunday, July 17 at noon. 

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- ⇒Depart Holy Rosary, Medford Friday at 9 am.
- ⇒Return, leave Rochester, MN at the end of the conference at noon on Sunday. Return to Medford at approximately 5 pm.
- ⇒Steubenville, Rochester is held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN. The Conference fees for registration, bus transportation, a group t-shirt and meals cost about \$350 per person. With our annual fundraising, the students only have to pay \$50 to attend the Conference. For more information, contact Tyler Kircher, Youth Minister at 715-748-3336, ext. 256.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Religious Education program, please contact me via email at mbub@hrmedford.org or call me at...
715-748-3336, ext. 248. Thank you.

—Mike Bub

(Note: Youth received forms at Faith Formation to register for these two events, including a tentative schedule for Steubenville. Please help support our youth to grow in their faith by supporting these programs! Let's hope for a good group to attend from Good Shepherd!)



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