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SACRAMENTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO OUR SCHEDULE DURING THIS TIME OF SUSPENDED PUBLIC LITURGIES

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- » Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
- » Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

- » Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (*ad orientem*)

Eucharistic Adoration (in the church):

- » Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Confession:

- » Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
- » By appointment: Please call the pastor

Baptisms & Weddings

- » Please call the parish office

MASSES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

To ensure that we comply with archdiocesan directives, and that we do not have to turn people away from Mass, we are requesting registration for our Sunday Masses. Preference will be given to those who register. To register for a Sunday Mass, which you can do from the preceding Tuesday until the time of Mass, please call the parish office (telephone registrations will end at Noon on Friday) or visit our website (www.goodshepherdgv.org) to find the registration link. Daily Masses do not require registration.

UPDATED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT HAVE CONFESSIONS OR ADORATION WHILE FATHER MARQUARD IS AWAY.

Tuesday, July 28

7:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest)

Wednesday, July 29

7:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest)

Thursday, July 30

7:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest)

Friday, July 31

7:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest)

Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest) (Registration Requested)

Sunday, August 2

8:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest) (Registration Requested)
10:30 a.m. + Mass (Visiting Priest) (Registration Requested)

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended as long as the pandemic continues. This means that you are not presently obligated to attend Mass. You should only come to Mass if you feel comfortable doing so.

All COVID-19 positive persons, those who are symptomatic, and those living with them, must stay home.

Persons over age 65 and those with preexisting health conditions should continue to stay home during Phase II and avoid public gatherings, including in church.

Face masks are strongly urged for all those who come for Mass, Confession, and Adoration.

GOOD FISH & PREPARING FOR A HAPPY DEATH

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus continues his teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven with three short parables, likening the kingdom to a treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net thrown into the sea. With the last of these, he repeats his lesson from last week, letting us know that at the end of the age there will be a divine judgment and separation of the wicked and the righteous. What is good will be collected into buckets (the kingdom of heaven), what is bad will be thrown away (excluded from the kingdom). Given that we desire to be ushered into the kingdom, we do not want to be unprepared for that day. And so, it is good for us to keep this judgment before us always, asking the Lord for mercy and for help in cooperating with his grace.

It was with this in mind that my good friend and classmate Father Lenny Andrie and I recently completed a two-part presentation on the Four Last Things. You can find a link to the video on our parish website. I concluded our presentation by speaking about some of the ways we can prepare for a happy death. A happy death is a death that allows a person to be reconciled with God and strengthened with his grace in order to die in his friendship and receive entry into eternal life. We should all pray often for a happy death.

During my research for the presentation, I encountered a book that was new to me — *The Art of Dying Well* by Saint Robert Bellarmine. The version I found includes an Exercise on Preparation for Death by Saint John Eudes. Though I purchased the book for Bellarmine's text, I was quickly captivated by the exercise from Saint John. I look forward to putting it into practice and helping others to do the same. Here is how he introduces his text:

"Death is usually preceded by such violent throes or intense weakness that the dying person is unable to direct his thoughts to God and cannot pay Him the homage owed to His divine majesty at that crucial time. Therefore, it is extremely advisable to anticipate this disability by setting aside a few days each year to carry out now what one ought rightfully to render to God at the hour of death. Saint Gertrude tells us that when she had once performed this exercise, Our Lord revealed that it was most pleasing to Him, and He promised to set aside her preparation and keep it for the day of her death. You should be confident that in His goodness He will give this grace to you also, if you make use of the same exercise. For this purpose it would be well to devote ten days to a series of ten meditations and spiritual exercises in preparation for a Christian and holy death."

There are a couple of realities here worth considering. First, the recognition that we do not know what the state of our abilities will be as we approach our death. We do not know if in those days and hours, we will be able to pray, confess our sins, receive the Eucharist, and the like. We do not know if we will be able to make provisions for a happy death at the hour of our death. This is a somber reality, but one that is lightened by the second recognition — that the Lord in his goodness may accept for the hour of our death that which we offer him in advance. Accordingly, Saint John presents a series of ten spiritual exercises and meditations intended to prepare for a happy death. The ten exercises and meditations are as follows:

1. Submission to the Divine Will
2. Thanksgiving for all the Benefits of Your Whole Life
3. Confession and Satisfaction
4. Holy Communion
5. Extreme Unction
6. Christ's Last Will And Testament, and the Will You Should Make In Its Honor
7. The Agony And Moment of Death
8. The Particular Judgment
9. Death And Burial
10. Entrance of the Soul Into Heaven And Undying Life

Saint John proposes setting aside ten days each year to complete these meditations and exercises. I plan to accept his proposal this year. If you are interested in doing the same, you can find the text (which will only set you back \$1) by searching the Amazon Kindle Store for: "The Art of Dying Well by Robert Bellarmine and John Eudes."

DIRECTOR OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Good Shepherd has opened a search for a Director of Sacramental Preparation and Faith Formation. The person who fills this position will oversee all aspects of sacramental preparation (Baptism, First Reconciliation & Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Holy Matrimony) and the broad formation in the faith of the people of Good Shepherd (Religious Education, Sunday School, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and more). I am excited and grateful that we have the opportunity to hire a person dedicated to these important ministries. My expectation is that having another person on the parish staff will allow Good Shepherd to provide more and better opportunities to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, connect with one another in meaningful ways, learn about the faith, prepare to share the Gospel, and carry out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

You can find a PDF of the full job description on our parish website. If you know of a person who would make a good candidate, please pass it along and encourage her or him to apply. We will be accepting applications through August 7.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Our annual mission appeal, coordinated by the Archdiocesan Office for Mission, will take place next weekend, August 1 and 2. Father Paul Kubista, who will be covering Masses while I am away, will introduce the mission. Because we do not have collections or second collections at this time, we ask that you use your mission envelopes or additional checks for this collection. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Catholic Church and include the memo line: 2020 Mission Appeal.

Our missionary appeal will support the global solidarity partnership between the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of Kitui (Nairobi, Kenya). As part of this partnership, the dioceses work together to build dams and install water tanks to help increase access to water in the Diocese of Kitui. Funds raised through this year's appeal will support these efforts. Thank you for your generosity.

PRISM SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

There are 7,000+ students in our service area who cannot afford school supplies. Help us help them. When you are out shopping, please pick up a few items and drop them off in the gathering space on **August 8 & 9.**

Items in need are:

Backpacks	Pencil Cases
Crayons	Rulers & Pens
Markers & Highlighters	Loose Leaf Paper
Colored Pencils	Flashcards
Glue Sticks	Flash Drives & Planners
Notebooks & Scissors	Hand Sanitizers
Calculators	Kleenex
Pocket Folders	Pencils & Sharpeners

CREATED TO BELIEVE: CALLED TO MOTHERHOOD

Being a mom is hard, and knowing you're not alone on the journey makes a huge difference! Do you sometimes wonder about who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms just like you? When you enter into "Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood" as part of The Cana Experience, you will more deeply know who you are in the light of your Catholic faith and be equipped with practical tools that can be applied right away in your marriage and with your children. To find a group near you and learn more about joining The Cana Experience with other mothers of young children this Fall 2020, visit canafamilyinstitute.com or contact Cathy at cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com.

GIVING IN A TIME OF NEED

The uncertainty of this pandemic, the volatility in the markets, the furloughs and unemployment many people are facing, difficulty gathering as a worshipping community, feelings of sadness and distress — all of these factors and others might put continuing your contributions to Good Shepherd low on your list of priorities. And yet we dare to ask you to be generous with your giving. Please consider continuing your regular contributions to Good Shepherd, which is first and foremost a sign of gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings — giving back to God a small portion of what he has given us.

To give using your envelopes, please mail them or drop them at the parish office. If the office is closed, you can put them in the mail slot.

You might also use this opportunity to switch to electronic giving. We have two ways to do this: automated giving and online giving.

Automated giving uses your checking or savings account to make monthly or semi-monthly payments. To set up automated giving from your checking and savings, please visit our website to download and print a paper form that you can submit to us.

Online giving uses your credit or debit card and can be set up for one-time or recurring donations. To set up online giving, please visit our website and click on the green "Give Online" button.

Text-to-Give allows you to give by mobile phone. Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to: 833.793.0575. You'll receive a link to complete your contribution.

Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd!

WEDDING BANNS

Please pray for these couples who will soon be married in our church.

MADELEINE AHLBRECHT & ANDREW KENNEDY

SARA FUNKE & ANTHONY KELLER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 7/26	8:30 am	† Paul & Noreen Stratman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 7/28	7:30 am	† Norbert Winter
Wed. 7/29	7:30 am	† Veronica Byrne
Thurs. 7/30	7:30 am	† Leo & Rose Becker
Fri. 7/31	7:30 am	† Evan Sanford Goodman
Sat. 8/1	5:00 pm	† The Stephen's Family
	8:30 am	† Thomas Fox
Sun. 8/2	8:30 am	† Thomas Fox
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK (JULY 26-AUGUST 2)

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7:30 a.m. — Mass

8:15 to 9:15 a.m. — Confessions and Adoration

Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. — Mass (registration requested)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	612.599.5739
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Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program	651.291.4497

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