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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, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Confession:
» Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.
» By appointment: Please call the pastor

Baptisms & Weddings
» Please call the parish office

MASSES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

We have moved to the next phase of our public Masses during time of pandemic. This means two changes from the previous phase:

- 1) We have shifted from seating in every third row to seating in every other row. This still allows for social distancing and increases our capacity to about 140 people.
- 2) Consequently, and for the time being, we no longer require or request registration for our Sunday Masses. We will revert to registration if we run into capacity issues.

Please do not sit in the pews marked with the red "STOP" signs. Please leave six feet (three marked segments) of space between your household and the next household.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. + Family Faith Formation Night

Thursday, September 17

7:30 a.m. + Mass

Friday, September 18

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Saturday, September 19

8:00 a.m. + Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:00 p.m. + Mass

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. + Mass
10:30 a.m. + Mass

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 required for all those who come for Mass, Confession, and Adoration, with the exception of children under the age of five.

As we approach the 2020 elections, we will use these pages to present information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that address faithful citizenship. You can find links to these resources on the parish website.

FROM “FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP”

9. The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. To echo the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: Christ, the Word made flesh, in showing us the Father’s love, also shows us what it truly means to be human (see *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Christ’s love for us lets us see our human dignity in full clarity and compels us to love our neighbors as he has loved us. Christ, the Teacher, shows us what is true and good, that is, what is in accord with our human nature as free, intelligent beings created in God’s image and likeness and endowed by the Creator with dignity and rights as well as duties.

Christ also reveals to us the weaknesses that are part of all human endeavors. In the language of revelation, we are confronted with sin, both personal and structural. “The Church’s wisdom,” according to Pope Benedict XVI, “has always pointed to the presence of original sin in social conditions and in the structure of society” (*Caritas in Veritate*, 34). All “structures of sin,” as Saint John Paul II calls them, “are rooted in personal sin, and thus always linked to the concrete acts of individuals who introduce these structures, consolidate them, and make them difficult to remove” (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 36). Thus, our faith helps us understand that the pursuit of a civilization of love must address our own failures and the ways in which these failures distort the broader ordering of the society in which we live. In the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action, and morals” (407). As Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI, reaffirmed in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “We need to be convinced that charity ‘is the principle not only of micro-relationships (with friends, with family members, or within small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic, and political ones)’” (205).

10. What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person, about the sacredness of every human life, and about humanity’s strengths and weaknesses helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ’s commandment to “love one another” (John 13:34). We are also called to promote the well-being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless. In his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that “charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as ‘social charity’” (29).

11. Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach the moral truths that should shape our lives, including our public

lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. Moreover, the United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should fully recognize and protect the right of the Church and other institutions in civil society to participate in cultural, political, and economic life without being forced to abandon or ignore their central moral convictions. Our nation’s tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions and concerns into public life. Indeed, our Church’s teaching is in accord with the foundational values that have shaped our nation’s history: “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

12. The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation’s future. We bring a consistent moral framework — drawn from basic human reason that is illuminated by Scripture and the teaching of the Church — for assessing issues, political platforms, and campaigns. We also bring broad experience in serving those in need — educating the young, serving families in crisis, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, helping women who face difficult pregnancies, feeding the hungry, welcoming immigrants and refugees, reaching out in global solidarity, and pursuing peace. We celebrate, with all our neighbors, the historically robust commitment to religious freedom in this country that has allowed the Church the freedom to serve the common good.

13. In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. “People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 220). The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life” (1913-1915).

14. Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good. ... I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 205). The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation. As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths or approve intrinsically evil acts. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love.



PRISM FOOD DRIVE

The September PRISM Food Drive is scheduled for **next weekend**. The September items needed are: Cleaning Supplies and Plastic & Paper Bags.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers that decorate the sanctuary this weekend were donated by families and individuals in memory of their loved ones. This weekend, the flowers are in remembrance of:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For program information and registration information, please visit www.goodshepherdgv.org/faith-formation. This includes religious education, sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, and sacramental preparation for Confirmation. **Registration forms are due now.**

INTERESTED IN JOINING A WOMEN'S GROUP?

Any women, married or single, who would like to join women from the parish in a weekly small group for discussion around the upcoming Scripture readings for Sunday Mass and general faith sharing please reach out to Alex Schindler, Coordinator of Discipleship and Evangelization.

Phone: 763.544-0416, ext. 857

Email: alexschindler@goodshepherdgv.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

Several people have asked when we might return to Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Center Chapel. We are hopeful that we will be able to do so soon. Part of what will help us make that decision is knowing whether or not we will have the dedicated adorers to help make this happen.

This is a fine time for us to renew our adoration roster. Here is how you can help. **Please contact the parish office if you are able and willing to cover one hour of adoration every Friday.** Initially, the hours would be from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. This could be something you do as an individual. Or, it could be something that you cover as a family, alternating weeks of adoration. Eucharistic adoration is a fantastic opportunity to grow in intimacy with the Lord who loves you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 9/13	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Jack & Ann Longar
Tues. 9/15	7:30 am	† Amy MacMillan
Wed. 9/16	7:30 am	† Carmen LaFrance
Thurs. 9/17	7:30 am	† Mark G. Reiser
Fri. 9/18	7:30 am	† Barb Thraen
Sat. 9/19	5:00 pm	† The McMahon Family
Sun. 9/20	8:30 am	† Paul & Noreen Stratman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

IS THE HONEYMOON OVER?

It doesn't have to be!

A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 12-14, 2021 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	612.599.5739
PRISM	763.529.1350
Southwest Options for Women	
Pregnant? Need Help?	952.938.4496
Befrienders	763.544.0416
Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program	651.291.4497

"Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled. Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable."

~ From a discourse by Saint Andrew of Crete, Office of Readings: The Exultation of the Holy Cross (September 14)

FAITH COMMUNITY SHARING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Join fellow parishioners for four evenings of exploring and discussing the document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* from the U.S. Bishops. These sessions are meant to help you better understand the role of faith in the public square and to help you continue to form your conscience in the light of the truth of Jesus Christ.

Each of the four sessions will include readings from Sacred Scripture and *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, time for discussion, and prayer. The themes for the sessions are as follows:

- ★ **Session A: The Call to Participate in the Public Life**
- ★ **Session B: Forming Consciences**
- ★ **Session C: Avoiding Evil and Doing Good**
- ★ **Session D: Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square**

There are two ways to participate:

OPTION 1: JOIN US AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We will host four sessions in the Social Hall. These will take place on the following Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

- ★ Session A: September 20
- ★ Session B: September 27
- ★ Session C: October 4
- ★ Session D: October 11

In order for us to maintain proper social distancing, we will be limiting the number of attendees to 25. If you would like to join us for one or more of the sessions, please register online or by calling the parish office. You can find the link on our parish website. At the present, we are unable to provide food and beverages at parish events. So, these sessions will be BYOS&D — bring your own snacks and drinks.

OPTION 2: HOST IN YOUR OWN HOMES

If you and your family or a group of friends would prefer to engage in this material on a different schedule, we encourage you to meet in your homes. The US Bishops have provided everything you need to facilitate these sessions. If you are going to host, please let us know. We'll be happy to get you all of the printed materials you need to conduct the sessions and complete the reading.

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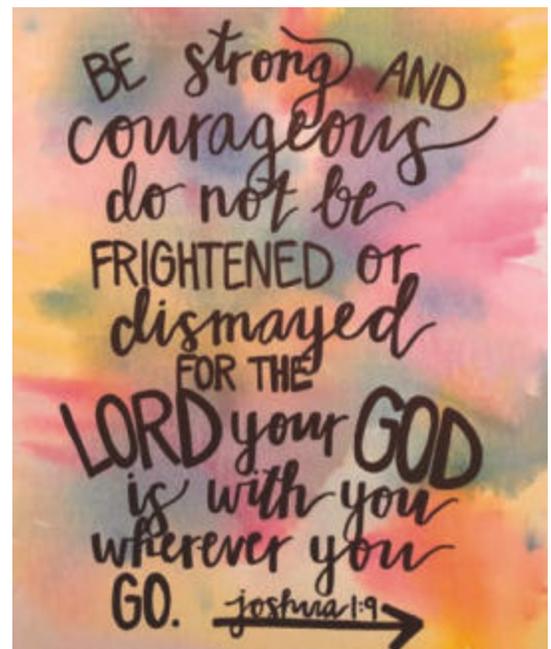
~ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Throughout the coming academic year, Good Shepherd School will provide regular updates in the pages of our parish bulletin. Our year began on Tuesday, September 1. We had a great first week, welcoming many new students and our new principal, Mrs. Stevi Evans.

On Friday, September 11, we kicked off the 2020 Good Shepherd School Marathon. The marathon is our largest fundraiser of the year and supports our operating budget. The students individually raise money and set classroom goals. Look for more marathon news in coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing our life with you. Here are some pictures from our first week and our Scripture theme for the year — we pray that you will find hope in it!



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