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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 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. + Confirmation Student & Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 24

7:30 a.m. + Mass

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. + Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:00 p.m. + Mass followed by Blessing of Automobiles

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. + Mass followed by Blessing of Automobiles
10:30 a.m. + Mass followed by Blessing of Automobiles

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 bulletin pages to present helpful information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and other places that address faithful citizenship. You can find links to these resources on the parish website.

FROM “FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP”

16. As the Holy Father also taught in *Deus Caritas Est*, “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (no. 29). This duty is more critical than ever in today’s political environment, where Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and too few candidates fully share the Church’s comprehensive commitment to the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death. Yet this is not a time for retreat or discouragement; rather, it is a time for renewed engagement. Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good.

17. The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil. Conscience always requires serious attempts to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (no. 1778).

18. The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics, this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God. Catholics must also understand that if they fail to form their consciences in the light of the truths of the faith and the moral teachings of the Church they can make erroneous judgments.

19. The Church fosters well-formed consciences not only by teaching moral truth but also by encouraging its members to develop the virtue of prudence, which Saint Ambrose described as “the charioteer of the virtues.” Prudence enables us “to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our

ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively. Exercising this virtue often requires the courage to act in defense of moral principles when making decisions about how to build a society of justice and peace.

20. The Church’s teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good—by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment—it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended.

21. Aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of well-formed consciences, Catholics are called to make practical judgments regarding good and evil choices in the political arena.

22. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called “intrinsically evil” actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, “abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others” (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

23. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life are also intrinsically evil. These must always be opposed. Other direct assaults on innocent human life, such as genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

24. Opposition to intrinsically evil acts, which undercut the dignity of the human person, should also open our eyes to the good we must do, that is, to our positive duty to contribute to the common good and to act in solidarity with those in need. As Saint John Paul II said, “The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment” (*Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52). Both opposing evil and doing good are essential obligations.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Good Shepherd Flu Shot Clinic will take place on **Wednesday, October 7**, from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m. in Social Hall C. **Sign-up is required this year; no walk-ins will be taken.** To sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/archdiocese>. Make sure you sign up for the Good Shepherd location on October 7.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Good Shepherd Knight of Columbus School Supply Drive a success. We collected over five large boxes of school supplies and a four (double bagged) grocery bags of supplies. The Ascension School principal and student coordinator were very appreciative of the supplies, especially the back packs and note books. The Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus appreciate your generosity. In Christ's name we thank you!

BE BETTER HUSBANDS, FATHERS, AND CATHOLICS

Beginning Sunday, October 4, the Minnesota Knights of Columbus will sponsor a 12-part series on what it means to be a man of the Catholic faith. Catholic men face a spiritual crisis today. Join the Knights to explore our calling to be better husbands, better fathers – better Catholics. "Into the breach" is a 12-session, video-based program of spiritual growth and reflection. All Catholic men are invited; you do not need to be a Knight to participate. Find more information and registration at <https://mnknights.org/into-the-breach/>. Seek greatness. For questions or information on the Knights please contact Tom Longar at (763) 442-2480.

COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

The Good Shepherd School Cub Scout Pack 350 and the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold a winter coat drive to support the Coats for Kids program. The Cub Scouts and Knights will be collecting new and gently used boys and girls coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and snow pants (special need for coats). Drop off boxes will be available at the entry near the School Office and in the Gathering Space from September 19 to October 5. Coats will be delivered to Ascension School and John Paul II School. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 9/20	8:30 am	† Paul & Noreen Stratman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 9/22	7:30 am	† Janine Lessor
Wed. 9/23	7:30 am	† Leroy Farrell
Thurs. 9/24	7:30 am	† Stephen Kostick
Fri. 9/25	7:30 am	† Earl Witcraft
Sat. 9/26	5:00 pm	† Veronica Byrne
Sun. 9/27	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Stephen Anderson

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT

We are excited to announce that, for the first time in 10 years, author and speaker Matthew Kelly has created a new event titled Amazing Possibilities. This virtual event will feature a live, interactive Q&A with Matthew Kelly himself. He will also lead you through an interactive Dream Session – something he has led countless businesses through in the professional world, but never to this scale. The event will be held on Thursday, November 5. To purchase a ticket, visit DynamicCatholic.com/AMZP. You'll also receive an event pack containing Matthew Kelly's event exclusive book, Amazing Possibilities, shipped directly to your door. You'll receive email access to the event before it starts. Incredible things happen when you collaborate with God. Come see for yourself!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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

2020 Collections	August 2020	August 2019	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year through August	Year over Year
Envelopes	\$50,710	\$45,050	\$5,661	\$107,231	\$105,108	\$2,123
Plate	\$405	\$1,888	\$(1,483)	\$539	\$4,106	\$(3,568)
Total	\$51,115	\$46,938	\$4,178	\$107,769	\$109,214	\$(1,445)

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, supports the parish's investment in the school, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

FAITH COMMUNITY SHARING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Join fellow parishioners for four evenings of exploring and discussing the document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. 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 (**TONIGHT**)
- ★ 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 30. 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

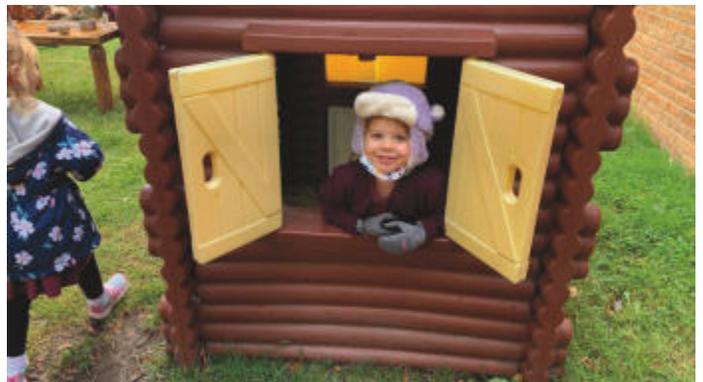
If you and your family or a group of friends would prefer to engage in this material on a different schedule, we encourage you to meet in your homes. The US Bishops have provided everything you need to facilitate these sessions. If you are going to host and would like printed materials, please let us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

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."

~ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

We have a brand new nature play space at Good Shepherd! Our preschoolers love playing on the tree stumps, logs, sandbox, bridge, tee-pee, and playhouse cabin. Thank you to the Men's Club for their help with installation. We also have a beautiful wooden altar in the nature space, which we will use for outdoor school Masses and other outdoor liturgies and services at Good Shepherd.



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