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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 households.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. + First Reconciliation Meeting

Thursday, October 1

7:30 a.m. + Mass

Friday, October 2

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. + First Friday Night of Prayer

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m. + Mass
10:30 a.m. + Mass
12:00 p.m. + Blessing of Pets

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”

25. The right to life implies and is linked to other human rights—to the basic goods that every human person needs to live and thrive. All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life. The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors—basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work—is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to respond to these needs. As Saint John XXIII taught, “[Each of us] has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and, finally, the necessary social services” (*Pacem in Terris*, no. 11).

26. Saint John Paul II explained the importance of being true to fundamental Church teachings:

Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if *the right to life*, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination. (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 38)

27. Two temptations in public life can distort the Church’s defense of human life and dignity:

28. The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.

29. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. The current and projected extent of environmental degradation has become a moral crisis especially because it poses a risk to humanity in the future and threatens the lives of poor and vulnerable human persons here and now. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, pornography, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty, or an unjust immigration policy are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act. These are not optional concerns which can be dismissed. Catholics are urged to seriously consider Church teaching on these issues. Although choices about how best to respond to these and other compelling threats to human life and dignity are matters for principled debate and decision, this does not make them optional concerns or permit Catholics to dismiss or

ignore Church teaching on these important issues. Clearly not every Catholic can be actively involved on each of these concerns, but we need to support one another as our community of faith defends human life and dignity wherever it is threatened. We are not factions, but one family of faith fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ.

30. The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made a similar point:

It must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals. The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church’s social doctrine does not exhaust one’s responsibility toward the common good. (*Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*, no. 4)

31. Decisions about political life are complex and require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with outright opposition to laws and other policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil.

32. Sometimes morally flawed laws already exist. In this situation, the process of framing legislation to protect life is subject to prudential judgment and “the art of the possible.” At times this process may restore justice only partially or gradually. For example, Saint John Paul II taught that when a government official who fully opposes abortion cannot succeed in completely overturning a pro-abortion law, he or she may work to improve protection for unborn human life, “limiting the harm done by such a law” and lessening its negative impact as much as possible (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73). Such incremental improvements in the law are acceptable as steps toward the full restoration of justice. However, Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

33. Prudential judgment is also needed in applying moral principles to specific policy choices in areas such as armed conflict, housing, health care, immigration, and others. This does not mean that all choices are equally valid, or that our guidance and that of other Church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, we urge Catholics to listen carefully to the Church’s teachers when we apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations. The judgments and recommendations that we make as bishops on such specific issues do not carry the same moral authority as statements of universal moral teachings. Nevertheless, the Church’s guidance on these matters is an essential resource for Catholics as they determine whether their own moral judgments are consistent with the Gospel and with Catholic teaching.

A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

October is Respect Life Month. During the months of September and October, a crib is placed in our gathering space to fill with donated baby items and gently used or new maternity clothing for Southwest Options for Women. Please take a wish request from the crib as a reminder of these babies and mothers in need when you are out shopping.

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

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!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The America Needs Fatima Campaign will hold an outdoor Rosary to express our love for our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Now, more than ever, we need the weapon of the Rosary to combat the evil that surrounds us in our cities, country, and the world. Come pray with us and stand up publicly for our Catholic Faith and trust in God to do the penance that Mother Mary requested at Fatima. The date is Saturday, October 10, at 12:00 noon on the Northwest corner of Golden Valley Road and Winnetka Avenue, Golden Valley. For more information, please contact Bunny Fox at 763.546.1652 or Kathy Swenson 763.546.0921.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT

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. He will also lead you through an interactive Dream Session. 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!

VIRTUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

While the pandemic prevents us from gathering for the annual October Rosary Procession, it cannot keep us from bringing our prayers to our Blessed Mother. Join Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Andrew Cozzens virtually for Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, and Benediction. Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

https://www.facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul/live_videos/

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 9/27	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Stephen Anderson
Tues. 9/29	7:30 am	† Marie Gorman
Wed. 9/30	7:30 am	† Thomas Fox
Thurs. 10/1	7:30 am	† Kathyleen & John H. Reiser
Fri. 10/2	7:30 am	† Norbert Winter
Sat. 10/3	5:00 pm	† Mary Feltault
Sun. 10/4	8:30 am	† Robert McKnight
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they came among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God”; Gabriel is “The Strength of God”; and Raphael is “God’s Remedy.”

~ From a homily by Saint Gregory the Great
Office of Readings: Feast of the Archangels (September 29)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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

FAITH COMMUNITY SHARING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Join fellow parishioners to explore and discuss 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 session includes prayer, readings from Sacred Scripture and *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, and time for discussion. The themes for the sessions are as follows:

- ★ **Session B: Forming Consciences**
- ★ **Session C: Avoiding Evil and Doing Good**
- ★ **Session D: Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square**

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 B: September 27 (**TONIGHT**)
- ★ 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.

CATHOLICISM DOES NOT CALL US TO ABANDON THE WORLD, BUT TO HELP SHAPE IT.

This does not mean leaving worldly tasks and responsibilities, but transforming them. Catholics are everywhere in this society. We are corporate executives and migrant farm workers, senators and welfare recipients, university presidents and day care workers, tradesmen and farmers, office and factory workers, union leaders and small business owners. Our entire community of faith must help Catholics to be instruments of God's grace and creative power in business and politics, factories and offices, in homes and schools and in all the events of daily life. Social justice and the common good are built up or torn down day by day in the countless decisions and choices we make. This vocation to pursue justice is not simply an individual task — it is a call to work with others to humanize and shape the institutions that touch so many people. The lay vocation for justice cannot be carried forward alone, but only as members of a community called to be the "leaven" of the Gospel.

~ *Everyday Christianity*, USCCB, 1998

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Mrs. Rachel Johnson, fifth grade teacher, has taken on the role of STEM coordinator at Good Shepherd School this year! She put together kits for each class to do STEM lessons that are fitting for their grade level. Last week, the fourth graders learned how different types of rocks form by using chocolate and the second graders explored solids, liquids, and gases in a matters lab!



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