



Welcome!

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Catholic Community
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Parish Office Hours (currently during Covid-19) are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office for an appointment

MARRIAGE - Couples must contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration.

RECONCILIATION - Confessions will be held on First Fridays from 8:00am—8:45am at Our Lady of the Lake before First Friday Mass & Benediction; at St. Patrick Church, Aurora on the first Saturday of each month from 4:00pm—4:45pm and at: St. Patrick’s, Moravia, before the 8:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 8:00am.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If a loved one is seriously ill or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to speak to any staff member or call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to the Parish Staff. We want to get to know you.

REGISTRATION - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family household, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

? How can I discern the Lord’s call among the many voices in my life? Is there an intermediary I can trust to recognize the Lord’s voice?



Please support your parish in the CMA

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Catholic Ministry Appeal Update

As of January 4, 2021

GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
95	\$31,655	84%%	\$37,686

If you have not yet given this year to the CMA, please consider doing so today in support of our Diocesan Ministries.

GSCC VISION STATEMENT - TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE, TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE

ST. PATRICK’S
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL’S
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK’S
Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
King Ferry



Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Monday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mass Schedule for Jan. 9— Jan. 17, 2021

Saturday 1/16 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ Ausborn & McNamara Families by Ed & Maureen Ausborn

Sunday 1/17 The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Francis Hertel by Janet Anderson & family

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Monday 1/18 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Margery Klock Connell by The Connell children

Tuesday 1/19 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For John O'Connell by Thomas & Christine Steger

Wednesday 1/20 No Mass

Thurs. 1/21 Mass 4:00 pm at St. Michael Church, Union Springs
+ For Ronald Perkins

Friday 1/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn

Children Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Jim Argentieri

Saturday 1/23 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Dr. Jim Mitchell by Cathy & John Kanalley

Sunday 1/24 The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For Thomas Cronin

VITAL STATISTICS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021
Dec. 24/25 & 26/27, Jan. 2/3 (Weeks 26 & 27))

Thank you for your generosity each week !

	Jan. 9/10
Attendance	158
Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$ 4,966.13
Weekly Envelope Offering	\$ 2,984.00
Loose offering	\$ 256.00
Electronic giving	\$ 670.00
Christmas.....	\$ 1,150.00
Holy Day.....	\$ 65.00
Fuel.....	\$ 472.00
Initial Envelope.....	\$ 105.00
Total weekly offering.....	\$ 5,702.00
YTD Actual Offering . . .	\$149,144.00
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$139,052.00

I thank you for your generous support of you parish. You can give your financial support either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or by giving electronically through **WeShare**, that can be accessed on our parish website. www.thegoodshepherd.cc

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: *"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."* May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in service to God.

Growing In Faith Together It is time to start working on the third part of our at-home ritual which will help us focus on how God reveals God's-self in nature, in others, in us, and in Scripture. This time of year it's hard to find much of interest in nature, so we will bring some of nature into our home and allow ourselves to marvel in the miracle of life contained in a small seed by planting and caring for some beans. As we care for our plants we will also be invited to be attentive to the ongoing work of creation of God in us and others. Just like the beans, growth in us happens slowly and almost imperceptibly, yet God is always at work transforming us into God's likeness. So pull out the soil and beans we provided and plant them in the glass containers that were formerly used for the Advent Wreath. If you haven't had a chance to pick up the at home ritual at church, contact Dawn and we'll get one to you .

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation to receive the First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Holy Communion will soon begin. If you have not already signed up, please contact Dawn as soon as possible..(dawn.burdick@dor.org or 607-288-2476) Preparation for each Sacrament will primarily be via videos, Zoom and handouts with a gathered session before each of the Sacraments. Preparation for First Reconciliation will be during Lent, and preparation for Eucharist will be during the Easter season, with First Communion occurring in mid to late May.

This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates January 17—January 23: Isabel Nagle Chase 1997, Mary E. Conboy 1989, Anna VanDonsel 1987, Donald Tyrrell 2015, Bany Boy Steger 1980, Marilyn Hargett 1995, Dorothy Myers Gray 2003, Robert Cotter 2014, Nellie Donovan 1974, Kerwick Halicy 1981, Paul Murphy 1996, Paul D. Burch 2011, Doris "Dodie" Bouck 2011, Mary Darrow (Donald) 2017, Elizabeth "Lib" Perkins 2020, Clarence Payne 1977, Theresa McLaughlin 1979, Francis Owens 1991, Louis Fedrizzi 2013, Patricia (Paul) Hickey 2019, Walter Riley 1986, Katharine Hartnett 1996, William Edward Dugan III 2019.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity *Abide in my love. and you shall bear much fruit"* (John 15:1-17)

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins Monday, January 18. The theme chosen for 2021 is **"Abide in my love. and you shall bear much fruit"** (John 15:1-17). The churches of Union Springs have been gathering together for over forty years to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year with the coronavirus on the rise in our county no in person gatherings are going to be held. But I encourage you to pray during this week for Christian unity.

Our nation has seen so much division in recent months. The prayer for unity needs to touch all areas of our lives as human beings made in the likeness of God. The Week of Prayer begins each year on January 18. This year it falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. As we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. may we also pray for unity among peoples of all races. The Black Lives Matter Movement continues to point out the injustices that still so strongly exist in our country. It has been over 52 years since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who devoted his life to bring about equality by peaceful means and to stop the injustices experienced by persons of color in our society. May we pray for the necessary changes needed in our minds, our hearts, our laws and the systems that facilitate discrimination and injustice.

Wednesday of this week will be Inauguration Day. The day on which we celebrate as a nation the peaceful transfer of power in the leadership of our country from one president to the next. After the violent attack on our Capital and the duly elected members of Congress on January 6, (the feast of Epiphany for most Christians), my prayer is that it will be a peaceful transition! The prayer of us all needs to be for unity and peace in our country! A unity and peace that with only be obtained when hatred and division are overcome by people of faith working together to "do what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Below is a prayer that I had once come across when our nation was suffering from violence and turmoil. This prayer to the Holy Spirit seems like a good prayer to pray again as our nation addresses these difficult times.

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, in these days of doubt, confusion and uncertainty, come into our hearts with your light, your strength and your consolation. Come with the light of truth and teach us the will of God in our daily living especially now when God's basic laws are challenged or ignored. Come with your strength that purifies our heart and our desires and guards us against the danger of pride, and self-conceit. Bring your consolation so that with a heart attuned to your holy love we may live in peace and harmony in our families; and give to our communities the spirit of cooperation, tolerance and understanding. O God, you have instructed the faithful with the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant that through this same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and enjoy the Holy Spirit's consolation always. Amen.

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

In each of GSCC churches Daily Scripture & Prayer Guides are available for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. I encourage you to use the Scripture & Prayer Guide at home and to participate this week in praying for Christian Unity.

CMA Update:

We are in the midst of the annual appeal to support the diocesan ministries. Each parishioner has been asked to support the diocesan ministries through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**. As of 1/11/21, 95 of our parishioner families have given or pledged \$31,655, or 84% of our parish goal. On the last weekend of this month, January 30/31 we will have an in-pew solicitation for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** in hopes of reaching our goal. Pledge cards will be available in the pews to allow you to make a pledge to the **CMA** if you haven't given as of that date. I extend a special thanks to all those who have given or made pledges to our annual appeal. Your gift helps make possible the many ministries of outreach and parish support that are funded by the **CMA**. If you have not made a pledge or gift yet to this year's appeal I ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. You can also give on-line, at www.dor.org. To make it easier to give your support to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** you can make your pledge today and give your gift in installment payments through May 31, 2021.

For those who are unable to attend Public Masses we continue to post the Sunday Mass on-line at our parish website, www.thegoodshepherd.cc and on the parish Facebook page. The prayer to the right can be said at Communion time as you watch Mass. The **weekly bulletin** can also be found on our website.

Spiritual Communion Prayer for those watching Mass online or on TV. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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