

Good News from Good Shepherd July 7, 2021 :: Ordinary Time





A DISCIPLE WELCOMES GOD'S PEOPLE



GSCC Parish Mission, Vision & Values - Step 2 is Underway!

Step 2 of the Strategic Planning process is underway! Step 2 is the "gathering of relevant data and stakeholder input to develop insights." This answers the "WHAT?" question and defines our current state. You may recall that there are 5 Steps in the strategic planning process. We are working hard to finish Step 2 by the end of July. So what comes next? Step 3! Step 3 is – "Identify overall strategic priorities." This effort will answer the "SO WHAT?" question and will help us envision what GSCC will look like in 2025.

informed of where we are in the process and communicate the progress that has been made. If you have any questions, please email Donna Campbell at dcampbell@gscc.net.



Welcome Weekend

Sunday, July 18 12:00pm (after 11:00am Mass) St. Maria Goretti, St. Elizabeth, St. Dominic, and St. Aloysius

Are you new to Good Shepherd? Come join us as we "Welcome All" at our Welcome Weekend Gathering! You will meet our priests, staff members, and ministry leaders, as well as learn more about our parish and our mission. An optional campus tour will be provided. Visit our website to RSVP for this event. We hope to see you there! "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7





A DISCIPLE ENCOUNTERS JESUS CHRIST



Altar Servers Training

July 11

12:30pm in the Church

Altar Servers needed: All guys and girls between 5^{th} and 12^{th} grade may join. Experienced servers in 8^{th} – 12^{th} grade may qualify as Lead Altar Servers.

Training is on Sunday, July 11 at 12:30-2:30pm in the church. Visit the Altar Server ministry page of the website for a full description and videos. See you there!"



Baptism for Children Change August 1

Beginning August 1 the sacrament of Baptism for children will be celebrated at 1pm on the third weekend of the month.

A maximum of 5 children will be scheduled for each month. We will no longer schedule baptism for the weekend Masses.



A Note from the GSCC Music Ministry

Don't be alarmed if you don't see the choirs at mass this weekend, the GSCC choirs will be taking a break for the summer. We will be led in worship at all weekend masses by a Cantor and accompanist. The choirs are looking forward to returning at the end of August to serve the Good Shepherd community!



Planning Center Services Training for Liturgical Ministers

Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 23 6:00pm in Maria Goretti and Elizabeth of Hungary

Planning Center Services training sessions for liturgical ministers are now scheduled during the summer. Please make it a point to attend one of them. You can <u>register here</u>.



Sunday Reflection

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." MARK 6:8. Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.



A DISCIPLE GROWS IN JESUS CHRIST

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Dallas - Fort Worth - East Texas

Jesus sent out the Apostles two by two to preach. Our marriage sacrament is a sign to others – what sign are we showing? Sign up today to attend the





upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next IN-PERSON Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Sept 10-12. For more information visit <u>HERE</u>, e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904.





Archangel Moms - Mass & Mom's Night Out

July 21

7:00pm in the Church and Hop & Sting Brewery in Grapevine

Mass at GSCC followed by a night out at Hop & Sting Brewery in Grapevine

GSCC Summer Events



GSCC Students Summer Sports Nights

Wednesdays, August 2
6:00pm in the Parish Hall & Courtyard
Come and go GSCC Students Summer
Sports Night! Join us for some Ultimate
Frisbee, Volleyball, and Dodgeball!



Middle Ministries Summer Sports Nights

Tuesdays, August 3 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Think you can beat Nathan in dodgeball, volleyball, or nuke 'em? Bring a friend and spend time playing games!



Color Wars - High School Wednesday July 14, 2021 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall & Outside Parking Lot

This is one for the books people!! YOU are invited to join GSCC Students for a crazy time with lots of colors, water, and shaving



Color Wars (Middle School grades 5-8)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 6:30pm in the Hall and the outside parking lot

YOU are invited to join Middle Ministries for

cream! We will start off with some pizza, and then move to the color wars! All friends are welcome! Come wearing a white t-shirt and get ready to get messy! Cost is \$15 per person. Register by visiting here. Spots fill up quickly! Sign up today!

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Lifelong Faith Formation Registration

June 1 at 10:00AM- September 1 at 10:00AM Online registration

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2021-2022 will open June 1 at 10:00am.

Details include:

Lifelong Faith Formation at GSCC - Young Disciples Grades K-4, Bridge Grades 5-6,

Crossroads Grades 7-8 & High School Formation Grades 9-12: \$80 per student not to exceed \$240 per family (does not include Confirmation or Home Study). Confirmation \$45 per student in addition to High School Formation. Home Study (textbook) - K thru 8 grade: \$40 per student. Co-Catechist, Small Group Leaders and Office Managers will receive discounted rate!! Register today!



Young Catholic Professionals Networking Happy Hour

July 8

7:00pm offsite Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. 701 Galveston Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104 This is a free and open event for all young adults in their 20's and 30's! Come meet young Catholic professionals from across our diocese and enjoy networking, fellowship, and a great selection of beers at Rahrs & Sons Brewing Co. 701 Galveston Ave, Fort Worth. (P.S. Don't miss out! To keep up on the latest YCP news and upcoming events be sure to like and follow our FB page.



Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker

July 15

7:00pm - Offsite

This is a free, monthly event open to the public in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to 'Work in Witness for Christ!' Come meet other young pros in their 20's and 30's over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers before and after the evening's speaker. This month's Guest Speaker: Clinton Weber, Diocese of Fort Worth

Location: Still finalizing, watch for announcement on FB page!



Natural Family Planning

July 28, August 11 & 25

7:00pm

Want to postpone pregnancy? Having difficulty conceiving? Trying to stay in line with Catholic teaching? Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a natural and effective form of family planning. Through use of the Billings Ovulation Method, couples are able to track the woman's natural and

unique signs of fertility and infertility each day in order to postpone or to help achieve pregnancy. It should not be confused with the "rhythm method" as it can be used by women in all stages of life and is scientifically proven to be 99.5% effective when properly used. It is 100% natural and in line with Church teaching. Cost is \$50/couple. Register here.



A DISCIPLE SERVES GOD'S PEOPLE



Men's R&D

Good Shepherd Men: Start the Week in Prayer

Start the weekend energized by the power of men praying the Rosary and supporting each other through true fellowship and brotherhood – all by 8:30 a.m.! Through Men's Rosary and Discipleship, parish men bring the spirit and power of Jesus to life by coming together in prayer and fellowship to share personal intentions and pray for others

through the power of the Rosary, building a bond of brotherhood and developing their roles as spiritual leaders. Expand the power of God in your life through the brotherhood of parish men every Saturday morning:

7:00 a.m. Prayer intentions and Rosary

7:30 - Transition to classroom for fellowship (coffee and donuts!)

7:50 - Spiritual growth through dynamic programming

8:25 - closing prayer

Interested in joining Men's Rosary & Discipleship? Join us this Saturday! Want more information, first?

Emails to contact us: Ministry Lead: <u>Larry West</u>, <u>rosaryanddiscipleship@gscc.net</u>

Staff Contact: Johnny Philp, jphilp@gscc.net





Parish-wide Donation Drop Off Station - Featuring St. George Catholic School - School Supplies Collection

Saturday, July 17

8:30am at the West Side of the Parish Hall

St. George Catholic School is a parochial school for children in grades prekindergarten through eighth that seeks to foster a Christian atmosphere where students become self-directed learners and decision-makers applying religious principles, social skills, and intellectual expertise to their everyday lives. Each year Good Shepherd collects school supplies for St. George students before the start of classes. We'll collect supplies at the Donation Station event this year. To see a list of supplies needed, Click Here.



ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGES 5 TO 18!

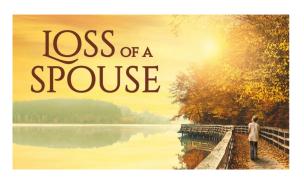
You are invited to learn more about our troops! American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered national scouting program for girls, that

emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and community service as girls earn badges in areas of interest as diverse as Outdoor Skills, The Arts, and Science and Technology. Contact Jessica Smith at JessicaSmith.AHG@gmail.com or Click Here.

Trail Life USA is a national organization with a mission to guide courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others and enjoy outdoor adventure. Finally, a Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure experience for your son! Contact us to learn more about how you can join the Trail! Zach Smith TrailLifeGSCC@gmail.com or Click Here.

These Good Shepherd Catholic Community ministries will meet in person and provide a family friendly environment on Sunday evenings starting 8/22. Email us for summer social events and tell a friend!





Loss of a Spouse

July 10

9:00am in Pope St. John XXIII

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar. You'll hear: Practical advice from others who've been there. What to expect in your grief.

How to cope with life without your spouse.
Why it won't always hurt this much.
We hope you join us for this encouraging seminar.
Register here.



Samuel Ministry Picnic & Softball Game Watching

Friday, July 9

6:00pm - offsite

Save the date - Samuel Ministry will be attending the GSCC Men's Softball game on July 9th. We will meet from 6:00 -8:00pm We will gather for a picnic at 6:00 and then watch the game. If you are comfortable with leaving your family member with us, then please feel free to do so. You will need to pick them up at 8:00pm.



Baby Looms Gathering

July 9

9:30am St. Dominic Savio (formerly room 4)

The Good Shepherd Baby Looms Ministry is seeking knitters to help knit baby hats, booties, and blankets. These items are given to babies served by Baylor Hospital, Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center, Mercy House, and other charitable organizations, and are a great

support of pro-life efforts. No knitting experience or supplies are required. Just join us at our monthly meeting and you can learn how to make the distinctive loom-knitted hats! WANT TO MAKE HATS ON YOUR OWN? The Baby Looms Ministry happily accepts baby hats you make on your own and will deliver them to various charitable partners. For more information about getting involved in the Baby Looms Ministry, please visit HERE. gscc.net/babylooms



A DISCIPLE SHARES THE GOSPEL



Good Shepherd Respect Life

The USCCB is asking everyone to support the **Hyde amendment**. This amendment has been in place for 45 years. It protects taxpayer dollars from going to fund abortions. Unfortunately, there is an effort in Congress to rescind this amendment. The USCCB is asking everyone to sign a petition and then contact their House Representative and 2 Senators.

Our GS Respect Life group is trying to get the word out, and we appreciate your help!!! To Sign the Petition and for more information – please go to NoTaxpayerAbortion.com



VOCATIONS ROSARY

Vocations Rosary

July 17

4:30pm in the Daily Chapel

Join us every third Saturday of the month to pray a Rosary for Vocations before the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. Due to the heat, we will meet in the Daily Chapel.



Social Justice

What lives do you respect? How about "strangers" (immigrants, refugees, migrants, etc.)? Jesus walked among us and taught that the Kingdom of God was among us! (Luke 17:21)

- Who in our area is a "stranger" and how will you treat them?
- Using Jesus as a model of compassion and agape love (unconditional, selfless, active), how can you change your way of living in a way that matters to God?

If you perform works of charity and mercy now, what more can you do?

- Join the Social Justice Ministry (Robert Torres at Social Justice@gscc.net)!
- Work with us to support our Bishops' advocacy for human life, dignity, and justice!
- Work to resolve root causes of injustice, e.g., a living wage for all!

Schedule a Tour Today!



Click Here

Special Announcements

Financial Assistance through ChristCare

The Covid-19 pandemic is affecting everyone. Many are dealing with financial strains caused by loss of job or underemployment. For those struggling financially at this time, Parish Outreach Ministries may be able to provide some assistance through our ChristCare program. ChristCare is Good Shepherd Catholic Community's program that works in partnership with Catholic Charities Fort Worth to provide parishioners and individuals from our surrounding communities with certain types of emergency financial assistance. You can click here to learn more about the program and see if you might qualify for assistance.

Links of the Week

Traveling this summer?

Find Mass times anywhere you go, by city, state or zip code. Click here.

Pilgrimage to Italy in 2022

July 30 deadline to enroll

Join us on a 8-day pilgrimage to Italy Jan 31-Feb 7, 2022! The pilgrimage trip to Italy is currently a go, with the travel ban lifted!

Enrollment is still open and the deposit deadline has been extended to July 30th. Please see the attached brochure for further details! Brochures with complete information about this trip are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex and in the Parish Office.

GSCC Singles 40+ Gathering

July 15

7:00pm via Zoom

Single Adults 40+ will meet on the third Thursday of every month via zoom.

For details regarding the monthly gathering or GSCC single 40+ social events, email Claudia or Kate at singleadultsfortyplus@gscc.net

Knights of Columbus - Join Us!

Council 15789

Good Shepherd Catholic Community

Interested in becoming a Knight at our parish? Contact John Borley, Grand Knight: 817-565-8573, email - mr.john.borley@gmail.com OR Join online by <u>clicking here</u>.

Wedding Anniversaries

Those celebrating their 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, or 70th wedding anniversary may request a blessing by contacting the parish office. Other anniversaries will be a private blessing by arrangement with the clergy, Deacon or Priest, individually. Thank you!

Pre-Baptism Class

Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class within 2 years prior to this baptism. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend the Baptism Class before the birth of their child. Baptism Classes are held once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon at the parish. When you arrive, check in at the Parish Office Reception desk for classroom assignment. For more details, please click here.

Secular Franciscans

First Sunday of each month

2:00pm in Pope St. John XXIII & St. Kateri Tekakwitha

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Franciscan Order. Secular Franciscans are members of the Catholic Church, men and women, married and single, living at home and following Christ more deeply through the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. To learn more, please come to a gathering of the Order of Franciscans Secular on the first Sunday of each month from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Pope St. John XXIII and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Rooms in the Shepherd Center at Good Shepherd Catholic Community on 1000 Tinker Road in Colleyville, Texas. We invite you to come! We welcome you!

Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple

In a relaxed and informal setting, Good Shepherd Catholic couples who have been married for at least 3 years will meet with engaged couples four times (typically completed within 1 - 2 months). Using materials provided by the Church, the married couple helps the engaged couple identify and talk about potential issues important to their marriage, and assists the engaged couple in reaching a deeper understanding of how they can live in a sacramental marriage. A Sponsor Couple simply needs to be willing to share their experiences as they discuss important issues couples are likely to encounter on their engagement and marriage journey. Bring your marriage experience and we'll provide the necessary training! For other questions, please contact Tammy Sandoval@gscc.net 817-442-4034

Montserrat Retreats

July 8, July 16, August 19

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House Dallas

Are you spiritually hungry, tired, or restless? Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House offers a holy space and a beautiful place by the lake to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Retreatants experience restorative peace and transformative renewal on these grounds made sacred by prayer. Come and tell Jesus what you want Him to do for you, register today for your retreat! Click <u>Here</u> for information on the July Women's Retreat. Click <u>Here</u> for information on the August Women's Recovery Retreat.

Senior Emergency Relief Fund

Do you know a senior-aged parishioner on a fixed-income who occasionally cannot afford to pay monthly expenses? SERF might be able to help. Through the Good Shepherd Senior Emergency Relief Fund our parish can provide assistance to help pay for those unexpected emergencies. Visit our website by <u>clicking</u> here.

AmazonSmile

GSCC is now set up as a charitable organization with smile.amazon.com. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible purchases, at no additional cost to you! If you're interested in using this simple way to donate, please follow the instructions below to set up GSCC for your purchases. You will need to log into smile.amazon.com/ for us to receive these funds.

Got Life Questions?

Bring your questions and join us for **Inquiry**, an 11-week "no obligation" dip into the basics of Spirituality. All ages are welcome! You can jump in anytime since the standalone topics repeat every 11 weeks. We gather Monday evenings at 7pm in the St. Louis of France room (enter through the West parking lot door). If you choose, you can then continue on an in-depth journey into Catholic beliefs through our Catholic education study group which also meets Monday evenings. <u>Click here for more details</u> or contact Father Ronald 817-421-1387 / <u>rmohnickey@gscc.net</u>

Sponsor a Family through Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities partners with families for the long-term and walks alongside them on their journey to their bigger, brighter future. Can you sponsor a family ready to start this journey? A \$500 gift allows Catholic Charities to sponsor one family, but no amount is too small to make a difference. Click here to sponsor a family today.

Adoration Sign-ups

We have resumed Adoration hours. For more information please <u>visit our page</u>. To sign up to spend an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please <u>click here</u>.

Liturgical Schedule

Good Shepherd's schedule of public and live-streamed Masses and Services

Important Announcements & Resources during Coronavirus

Stay current on the latest Covid-19 updates

Catholic Resources for Daily Use

Do you want to incorporate more prayer into your life? Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? There are many accessible ways to begin! <u>Here</u> you will find available products in a variety of formats.

Stewardship

All are encouraged to mail their financial contributions directly to the parish or use the online giving resource Faith Direct (http://gscc.net/online-giving/).

New OR Longtime Parishioner? Start Here!



GSCC exists to call each of our members, wherever they are at, to a lifestyle of discipleship that involves welcoming God's people, encountering Jesus Christ, growing in Jesus Christ, serving God's people, and sharing the Gospel. As we seek to live out these five characteristics of a disciple, we may find that we are a new, growing, or missionary disciple. Click here to take our Disciple Self-Discovery to see where YOU are on your journey as a disciple of Jesus. Your results will offer practical suggestions for taking the next step forward as a disciple.

If you're new to Good Shepherd, welcome! You can also <u>visit our "I'm New" page</u> for an at-a-glance view of opportunities to grow in faith and connect with others.



BE DISCIPLES. MAKE DISCIPLES.

IN WELCOMING ALL, WE FORM DISCIPLES WHO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR.

Visit our website



