

# Good News from Good Shepherd June 30, 2021 :: Ordinary Time





A DISCIPLE WELCOMES GOD'S PEOPLE



# Message From Our Pastor: Proposal to Move the Tabernacle

As Roman Catholics, we believe that Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist continues after the celebration of the Mass. For this reason, the Eucharist is reserved in a tabernacle with a candle that is always burning to signify the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the early Church the Eucharist was reserved to bring Communion to the sick, a practice that the Church still holds as important today (Built of Living Stones, no. 74). Gradually, the tabernacle took on significance as a place for the faithful to go to pray and visit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



# Welcome Michael Williams, New Director of Music & Liturgy

Michael Williams, the new Director of Music and Liturgy, has been a parishioner at Good Shepherd for the past 6 years, serving as a member of the GSCC Choir and CRHP 16. He has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Music from the University of North Texas and has spent the last 18 years teaching secondary choir in the state of Texas, most recently as the Choir Director at Saginaw High School. He and his wife Teresa have been married for 16 years, and they have four wonderful boys, Liam (12), Joshua (10), Parker (6), and Benjamin (3). The entire Williams family is excited for this new opportunity to serve Good Shepherd and appreciate all of your prayers!



# Office & Liturgical Schedule Monday, July 5

Please note that our offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the 4th of July. Daily Mass will continue as scheduled but there will be no Adoration or Reconciliation during this



# Facilities Update Parish Town Hall Follow Up

- The new niches in the Columbarium should be complete by end of July.
- Signage for the Good Shepherd Catholic Outreach Center is in process and should be complete by end of July.
- Clearing of the 3 land parcels in process. We anticipate that both the removal of the buildings and clearing the land should be complete by end of August.
- Restoration from the freeze damage has begun. We are beginning with the bathrooms/kitchen in
  the Parish Hall building and estimated completion time is mid to late August. Phase 2 will begin
  after that in the working Sacristy and St. Francis/St. Claire rooms in the Church. Final phase will
  be the parish office area. Total completion depends a lot on the supply chain and availability of
  supplies.

time.



#### **AV Volunteers Needed**

Did you know that A/V does more than just weekend Masses? A/V and the Tech Team also are also part of Daily Mass, special events, weddings, and funerals! The best part: you do not have to be tech-savvy and training is provided and we have some pretty cool equipment that we use. Stop by the sound booth after any Mass or contact

the church office.



#### 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 <a href="RSVP">RSVP</a> 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



# 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.



# **Homebound Ministry**

Is Someone Sick? Homebound Ministry is Back! The lay ministers of the Homebound Ministry are now ready to once again deliver the Holy Eucharist and say prayers with those having medical issues who cannot make it to weekend Mass. If you know of a family member, or friend, that is a parishioner of Good Shepherd and may need a visit from our Homebound Ministry, just have them access the request form under "Is Someone Sick?" on the home page of our parish website.

# **Holy Hour of Power**

July 2

7:00pm in the Church



Come spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration by attending our monthly Holy Hour of Power. Join us for praise and worship music as well as incense as we gather together to open our hearts to Jesus Christ. A short reflection for meditation will be given.



# 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 register here.



## **Sunday Reflection**

the called. Answer His call.

July 4, 2021

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips



A DISCIPLE GROWS IN JESUS CHRIST

**GSCC Summer Events** 



# GSCC Students Summer Sports Nights

Wednesdays, June 30 & 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 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Spots fill up quickly! Sign up today!



# 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 a crazy time with lots of colors, water, and shaving 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 <a href="https://persons.ncb//>
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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

Thursday, 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.



# **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.





## Grace Feed Our Kids "Thank you"

THANK YOU to the entire Parish for another successful year of GRACE Feed Our Kids!
Our 52 volunteers devoted 335 hours over 5 days to deliver 570 lunches to school age children in Grapevine!

# GSCC Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care

The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, call the Parish Office and one of our Stephen Leaders will call you back.

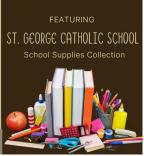


To learn more about Stephen Ministry visit our website. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



# Patriotic Rosary July 3, 2021 7:00am in the Church Sanctuary Join us in reciting the rosary in honor of our Nation's Birthday. All are welcome!





# 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!

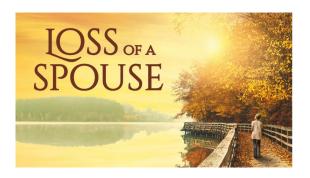
You are invited to learn more about our troops! American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered national scouting program for girls, that

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 <a href="mailto:TrailLifeGSCC@gmail.com">TrailLifeGSCC@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Click Here">Click Here</a>.

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 <u>here</u>.



# 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.



# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

July 7 9:30am in St. Dominic Savio (Formerly Room 4)

This ministry is a wonderful way to demonstrate God's love, comfort, and mercy to people experiencing difficult times. Members meet to knit and/or crochet as a group and pray over the shawls and lap blankets. If you prefer to knit or crochet on your own and then brings shawls to our ministry to pray over, simply bring your creations to the Parish Office and complete a donation card. As well, donations of regular worsted yarn are appreciated! You do not need to be a parishioner to receive a prayer shawl or blanket.



# 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 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



# Walking With Moms In Need

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our diocese have joined together in a nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need.

GSCC has launched the program and is developing a core team of volunteers to work on this effort.

The ultimate purpose is to foster greater care for the unborn and their mothers. The first phase will be to inventory all the available resources in our

community, share it with our GSCC parishioners and then identify any gaps that there may be. Our specific goal will be to assess, expand and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need. To learn more about the nationwide initiative, visit <a href="www.walkingwithmoms.com">www.walkingwithmoms.com</a>
All parishioners are invited to join us as we embark on this effort to serve mothers in need in our community. For more information and if you are interested in becoming involved in this parish wide effort, please contact Teri Gray at 817 291-4064 or terigray@verizon.net.



#### Social Justice

What lives do you respect? How about the homeless? Jesus walked among us and taught that the Kingdom of God was among us! (Luke 17:21) · Who in our area is unsheltered and what will you do?

 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 SocialJustice@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!



# Our Parish School: Holy Trinity Catholic School 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**

## 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.

#### Social Seniors

July 2

#### 12:00pm in the Courtyard & Gazebo if inclement weather St. Aloysius Gonzaga

This is a ministry for senior aged parishioners. Join us to meet up with old friends and make some new ones! We also enjoy monthly lunch dates and occasional trips to the theater and other places of interest. For more information visit our <u>website</u>.

## **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 clicking here.

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Those celebrating their 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, or 70<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="clicking">clicking</a> here.

#### **AmazonSmile**

GSCC is now set up as a charitable organization withsmile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile 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. Click here for more details or contact Father Ronald 817-421-1387 / rmohnickey@gscc.net

## **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 (<a href="http://gscc.net/online-giving/">http://gscc.net/online-giving/</a>).

# **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 visit our "I'm New" page 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



