

The image is a religious painting of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus is depicted with long, wavy brown hair and a beard, wearing a red robe over a purple garment. He has a golden halo and is holding a wooden staff. He is gently cradling a small, white lamb in his arms. The background shows a landscape with a blue sky, clouds, and some bare trees. The painting is framed by a gold border. The text "The Good Shepherd" is written in a large, white, serif font across the middle of the image. Below it, the text "A Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." is written in a smaller, gold, serif font.

# The Good Shepherd

*A Good Shepherd  
lays down his life for the sheep.*





## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, May 1st (St. Mary's)

**8:15 AM** †Ambrose & Helen Martin, including Bob Wirth and living & deceased family members

### Tuesday, May 2nd (MHT) • St. Athanasius,

**8:15 AM** †Ronald R. Schafer, including living & deceased family members  
†Emily Goerge

### Wednesday, May 3rd (MHT) • Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

**7:00 PM** †Doris Wieber  
†Richard Schneider, including deceased family members

### Thursday, May 4th (St. Mary's)

**8:15 AM** †Theodore & Marian Kolp

### First Friday, May 5th (St. Mary's)

**6:15 AM** †Herb, Jeanette & Tom Keilen  
**8:15 AM** †Jim Hengesbach, including living & deceased family members

### First Saturday, May 6th

**4:30 PM (St. Mary's)** †Herman & Clara Wirth, including living & deceased family members

### Sunday, May 7th • Fifth Sunday in Easter

**8:00 AM (St. Mary's)** †Francis Arens, 1 year anniversary  
People of St. Mary's & Most Holy Trinity Parishes  
**8:30 AM (MHT)** †Marvin Feldpausch & Dennis Pohl, including deceased family members  
**10:00 AM (St. Mary's)** †Louis & Evelyn Hengesbach, including living & deceased family members  
**10:30 AM (MHT)** †Mark & Margaret Schrauben, including living & deceased family members  
**6:00 PM (MHT)** †Claude & Cecile Feldpausch, 60th wedding anniversary

## Spread the News!

### *It is time for a new pictorial church directory!*

Our dates for photography will be:

**June 20th-24th and July 25th-29th.**

We would like to have all families represented so that our directory is up to date and complete!

This is not the same company we had with our last directory in 2017. This time around, we have chosen Universal Church Directories to help us with our new directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. Their photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your photography. The whole process takes 45 minutes to an hour. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8X10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, you will receive a complimentary directory.

To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to the Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the scheduling login box to the left of the page, enter **mi1764** in the **Church Code field** and enter **photos** in the **Church password field**. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling is available Monday –Friday. **If you would like the parish office to assist you please call or visit during business hours: 989-587-4201, Monday –Thursday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

**We are also looking for volunteers to help on the days of photography. Your duties will simply be to help check in families when they come for their scheduled time. Please call the parish office to volunteer!**

### *The Ark is Hiring!*

The Ark is currently hiring and in search of P-W high schoolers (age 16+) to join its team! Ideal candidates are responsible, driven to be their very best, and – most importantly – seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Interested applicants can email Austin Fox at [afox@stmarychurch.net](mailto:afox@stmarychurch.net).

### *Wedding Reception Coordinator Needed*

St. Mary's is looking for someone to assist families on the weekend of their weddings. This role includes meeting couples and their families at the Parish Hall on the morning before the wedding, communicating the expectations regarding Hall usage, answering questions, providing assistance regarding Hall set-up, and helping the family to clean up after the reception has occurred. The position requires availability to the renters during the weekend of the rental. If interested in this paid position or if you have more questions, please contact the Parish Office.



## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### May 6th • Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### 4:30 PM Mass

<b>Rosary</b>	Tim Hengesbach
<b>Readers</b>	Carolyn Norton, Lynette Witgen
<b>EMC</b>	Genny Bengel, Daryl Feldpausch, Scott Thelen
<b>Servers</b>	Alyssa Kramer, Jenna Kramer
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Schafer, Don Smith, Sr., Dan Pohl, 1 volunteer

### May 7th • Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### 8:00 AM Mass

<b>Rosary</b>	Joe Kolp
<b>Readers</b>	Ann Lehman, Jordan Spitzley
<b>EMC</b>	Tim Bengal, Bernie Lehman, Andy Manning
<b>Servers</b>	Jameson Huhn, John Schafer
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Trierweiler, Cameron Trierweiler, Don Schrauben, Leland Trierweiler, Terry Trierweiler, Mike Trierweiler

#### 10:00 AM Mass

<b>Rosary</b>	Austin Pline
<b>Readers</b>	Laurie Sillman, Ryan Pung
<b>EMC</b>	Ron Arens, Nolan Feldpausch, Ryan Pung
<b>Servers</b>	Grant Thelen, Bennett Thelen
<b>Ushers</b>	Scott Schmitt, Greg Martin, John L. Thelen, Reece Thelen

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### St. Mary's Parish

Monday 5:30 PM  
Saturday 3:00 PM  
Thursday before First Friday  
2:00 PM

### Most Holy Trinity

Wednesday 5:30 PM  
Thursday 9:30 AM

## St. Mary School News: Job Posting

St. Mary Catholic School is seeking a full time elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year to assist in meeting our school Mission: *St. Mary Catholic school will come to know God, to love God, and to serve God and His people.* The ideal candidate will possess a bachelor's degree and a valid state of Michigan teaching certificate.

Interested candidates should send resume and cover letter to St. Mary School, PO Box 270, Westphalia, MI 48894 or email at [principal@stmaryschool.us](mailto:principal@stmaryschool.us). Job posting closes at the end of the day May 7th, or until the position is filled.

## Contribution Totals for April 23, 2023

### Total Amount Received: \$16,104.15

Weekend Collection .....	\$8,629.00
Number of Envelopes .....	90
EFT & MARS .....	\$2,639.15
Transactions .....	49
We Share .....	\$4,836.00
Transactions .....	59

### Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

### Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Building Maintenance Fund.....	\$25.00
Sr. Myra Scholarship Fund .....	\$50.00
Cemetery .....	\$55.00



## DSA Collections Received to Date

Total Gifts received.....	331
Amount received to date.....	\$107,312.89
Parish Goal.....	\$122,497.00
Percentage of Goal reached.....	87.6%

As you can see we are almost at our goal! If you would still like to contribute to this worthy cause, please make your checks payable to St. Mary Parish/DSA.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Mary's Church through your Sunday contributions and the DSA!

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, May 1st

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
5:30 PM	Reconciliation
6:00 PM	Holy Hour with Rosary
7:00 PM	FSU/Omega Project/ARK

### Tuesday, May 2nd

7:00 PM	Lost Sheep Holy Hour
7:00 PM	Knights/Clubroom
7:30 PM	AA (Office Basement)

### Wednesday, May 3rd

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
7:00 PM	Moon & Back Ministry/Office basement

### Thursday, May 4th

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
2:00 PM	Reconciliation
7:00 PM	RCIA/Office

### First Friday, May 5th

9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 10:00 PM)
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### First Saturday, May 6th

8:15 AM	Marian Devotions
3:00 PM	Reconciliation



## Novena

Please join us in praying a novena for James Collom, Joshua Fons, John Goff, Bill Kenney, Riley O'Shea, Eric Pogrmich, **Ray Rzepecki**, David Taccolini, Art Williams, and Jasen Wright as they prepare to be ordained to the Diaconate on **Saturday, May 13th. The novena is to begin on May 4th.** For the Novena go to: <https://bit.ly/3V7jtA2> or the Novena sheets can be found in the bulletin stands.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of April 30th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker</b>
	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop</b>
	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b>
	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### Help Needed Displaying Flags

Anyone interested in honoring the patriotism of our veterans by helping display flags at St Mary cemetery on upcoming holidays, please contact Andy Beech @ 517-202-6983 or [abeech@live.com](mailto:abeech@live.com)

- Memorial Day Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Flag Day Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Independence Day Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Day Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

### Baptism Preparations

When you are ready to announce your pregnancy to family and friends, please also include the parish office! We have Baptism Packets for the expectant parents which explains everything you need



to know about planning your child's Baptism Day. **This packet includes guidelines for choosing Godparents, class dates and all forms necessary to fulfill the Baptism requirements.** Contact the parish office (989.587.4201) to begin the process.

**As some of these forms are time sensitive, please don't delay in picking up your packet!**

**Baptism Classes are held every other month.**

**The next class is Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Please call the parish office (989-587-4201) to register.**

**To the Moon and Back Ministry May Meeting:** To the Moon and Back Ministry will be holding the next pregnancy and infant loss support group meeting this **Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the parish office basement. The meeting room entrance door is located in the back of the parish office.

To the Moon and Back Ministry offers compassionate, Christ-centered support in both group and individual settings for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, infertility, failed adoption, or being childless not by choice. This ministry hopes to reach those grieving from a loss that is often not seen, recognized, or even known to others. We encourage couples to honor their dreams for children including children gone but never forgotten. The meetings are open to anyone from our community and the surrounding areas. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Trina Anderson or Dawn Cook at [MoonAndBackMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:MoonAndBackMinistry@gmail.com). Also, please email us if you are interested in reaching out to us via Zoom or phone call, and we can schedule a time to talk. Visit the ministry's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ToTheMoonAndBackMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/ToTheMoonAndBackMinistry). **We hold quarterly group meetings. The following are the remaining meeting dates for 2023: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual meetings can be scheduled upon request.**

### Red Cross Blood Drive



**Monday, May 8th**  
**New Donation Time Period:**  
**11:30am to 5:15pm**  
**St. Mary Parish Hall**

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code with your phone's camera, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: Westphalia) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-in donors are also welcome if there are open slots.



# Lord Hear Our Prayer

## For the Sick

This week we pray for the people who are on the list for our prayer network, those listed in our bulletin and those included in The Book of Intentions located near Our Lady of Westphalia.

If you would like your name or a loved one's name added to our bulletin for prayer please call the parish office at 989.587.4201



Brooke Badgero	Barb Kurkowski	Aurelius Schafer
Gladys Bengel	Mary Lou Lehman	Stanley Schafer
Joe Bengel	Dan Martin	Steve Schmitz
Bill Bengel	Ed Martin	Hilda Schmitz
Jillian Chapman	John "Jack" Martin	Nancy Schueller
Helen Cook	Luke Martin	Nick Schrauben
Bob Droste	Quincey Martin	Jeffrey Sillman
Marilyn Fandel	Bill Mattila	John Sillman
Sister Joanne Fedewa	Rachel Mauren	Rosalie Simon
Bridget Feldpausch & baby	Hunter Meyers	Jeanne Sleight
Marie Feldpausch	Viola Meyers	Brody Smith
Sue Fox	Don Miller	Carolee Smith
Rachelle Gladding	Justin Norton	Gerry Smith
Mary Theresa Gross	Jane Nurenberg	Sandy C. Smith
Lisa Grove	Rose Nurenberg	Leroy Spitzley
Pam Haan	Gemma Paintner	Ruth Spitzley
Ray Hart	MaKenzie Patrick	Christian Teachworth
Colleen Heiden	Bev Platte	Bernadette Thelen
Mary Hengesbach	Mark Platte	Dave Thelen
Mark Hengesbach	Laura Pline	Jason Thelen
Fr. Dennis Howard	Josie Pohl	Luke G. Thelen
Kevin Howard	Mary Pohl	Mike Thelen
Michelle Huhn	Darin Pung	Philip Thelen
Leone Hufnagel	Frank Rademacher	Suzanne Thelen
Lee Kile	Ofelia Ramereiz	Tom Thelen
Lisa Koenigsknecht	Jim Ricci	Dane Van Ells
Rose Kolp	Sharon Rock	Michelle Walsh
John Kowatch	Richard Ryals	Sarah Weber
Judy Kramer	Jess Sanchez	Tony Wirth
Kendall Kramer	Adeline Schafer	David Witgen

### Prayer Network members will pray for your intentions:

If you or a loved one are in need of prayer please call the prayer network: 587-4132 • 587-6624 • 517-285-3783 or email [btrierweiler@gmail.com](mailto:btrierweiler@gmail.com)

### For the Newly Married

Bryce Thelen & Brenna Wirth

### Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 mass on the following dates:

**May 7**, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, & December 10.

If you would like to make an appointment please call Vicki Noeker at 587.4211



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of *Richard Schneider*

### For the Newly Baptized December—April:

Louis Ray Kohagen son of Jason & Dana Kohagen  
Jace Joseph Thelen son of Jesse & Brianne Thelen  
Luella Gertrude Feldpausch daughter of Mitchell & Abby Feldpausch  
Cade Mitchell Hamilton son of Eric & Kristy Hamilton  
Eloise Ann Huhn daughter of Ryan & Emily Huhn  
Eve Marie Meyers daughter of Josh & Ellie Meyers  
Isla Rose Trierweiler daughter of Josh & Claudia Trierweiler  
Charlie James Miller son of Justin & Courtney Miller  
Ella Ree Wohlfert daughter of Jason & Katie Wohlfert  
Silas Leo Nurenberg son of Nathan & Elizabeth Nurenberg

Edith Rose Sayen daughter of Kody & Rachel Sayen  
Fallon Charlie Jegla daughter of Aaron & Brianne Jegla  
Luke Elliot Platte son of Elliot & Keegan Platte  
Isadora Leigh Thelen daughter of Alex & Kacey Thelen  
Hadley Louise Hanses daughter of Jacob & Alyssa Hanses  
Holland Leigh Smith daughter of Tyler & Aubrey Smith  
Walker Davis LaFleur son of Jacob & Kelsi LaFleur

### RCIA Baptisms:

Isabell Ann Helman  
Alexis Lynn Jones



### SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

**REMINDER:** The next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria is this **Tuesday, May 2nd, 12:00 PM, \$8.00 per person**, to be collected at Platte's Pizzeria. A card tournament will be held after the luncheon for \$1.00 per person. If you need to cancel, please call 989-640-2213. Also, valet parking will be available, please park in front of Platte's Pizzeria and a staff person will park your car for you. We look forward to seeing you on May 2nd. Thank you. WE C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

#### Silent Ignatian Retreats at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

##### 3-Day Ignatian Retreat: (May 26-28, 2023) or 5-Day Ignatian Retreat: (May 26-31 2023)

Come away from the noise of the world for a three or five day silent retreat to learn more about how God talks to you through the Scriptures and in the movement of your own heart. Expect daily talks, time for silent and guided prayer, opportunities for Mass, confession and meetings with spiritual directors. The retreat will be facilitated by Dawn Hausmann and Karen Ervin. Cost of the 3-Day Retreat is \$225 and cost of the 5-Day Retreat is \$575. To register or find more information, visit:

<https://www.stfrancis.ws/ignatianretreats>.

**St. Joseph Catholic School – St. Johns:** Teaching Position St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, is accepting applications for a full time First Grade teaching position. Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate, with an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2023-2024 school year. The candidate will also be attending Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) training and pass a criminal background check.

The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. The candidate will be teaching Religion daily and therefore the hired candidate's employment will be considered ministerial under the First Amendment. Similarly, the successful candidate should be a practicing Catholic who can speak thoroughly to his or her ability to infuse Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. The ultimate hiring decision is made in consultation with St. Joseph's pastor. To learn more about St. Joseph Parish and School, please visit our website at [www.school.stjoecatholic.com](http://www.school.stjoecatholic.com).

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume' and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to [principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org). drop off at the school, or send to the following address: St. Joseph Catholic School, 201 E. Cass Street, Saint Johns, MI 48879.

**Job Openings:** The following positions are open or will be open soon at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing:

**Youth Minister:** Part or full-time. Youth minister will plan and supervise weekly high-school youth group meetings and middle-school youth group meetings every-other week. Please feel free to reach out to Fr. Peter Ludwig with any questions about this position or interest in applying: [frpeter@elcatholics.org](mailto:frpeter@elcatholics.org) or 517-351-7215 ext. 327.

**Director of Campus Ministry:** Full-time. For full job description and list of qualifications, or to submit a resume, please follow the link below or visit the Diocese of Lansing website.

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

**Mark your calendars:** the St. Joseph, Pewamo, 5k run / 2 mile walk / 1/2 kids run will be the morning of **Saturday, June 10th**. In an effort to help promote family fun and fitness, the Athletic Department will be organizing the race once again! Please click on the link for more information and to sign up: St. Joseph Pewamo - 5k Race/Walk ([runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com))

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Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:00 PM

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#### Bulletin article information:

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[office@stmarychurch.net](mailto:office@stmarychurch.net)  
by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.





**Teaching Position Open:** Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler is looking for a full-time teacher for a combined third/ fourth grade classroom starting in the fall of 2023. This teacher will be responsible for teaching all subject areas in a self-contained classroom of third and fourth grade students. All applicants must hold a current elementary teaching certificate from the State of Michigan, preferably with emphasis on reading and language arts. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith in their teaching. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a high comfort level in managing a classroom of fully engaged learners, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness. Applications can be sent to Mrs. Anne Hufnagel via email ([principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com)), dropped off at the school, or sent to the following address: **Most Holy Trinity School, 545 N. Maple St., Fowler, MI, 48835.**

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