THE COMMUNITY OF THE

GOOD SHEPHERD

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OUR MISSION

Good Shepherd is a contemporary Catholic community accompanying one another individually and collectively on our faith journeys. We share in the healing love of Christ which moves us – and those we serve – toward deeper communion with God. We accomplish this through creative leadership, spirit-filled liturgies, comprehensive education, meaningful fellowship and compassionate outreach.

May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity

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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
We ask that you arrive up to one half hour early for Mass but no later than 10 minutes before Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:15 p.m. in the church Anointing of the Sick **will** take place during Mass. Please call the parish office to make an appointment to receive the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) Tuesday 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Please wear a mask for confession.

Gathering in Faith, Sharing in Hope and Growing in Love

Now for Good Shepherd

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Coming Events for Good Shepherd

Communion Service—7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Friday in the chapel and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday in the chapel.
NO Communion Service on Monday at 7:00 a.m. due to Memorial Day.
Mass—8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday in the church.

Sunday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, May 31

7:00 a.m. NO Communion Service due to holiday
8:30 a.m. Mass—Parish office is closed. Building will close after Mass.

Tuesday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (chapel)
8:30 a.m. Mass
5:30–6:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Please wear a face mask for confession.
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (chapel)
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:15 p.m. Anointing Mass

Thursday, June 3

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (chapel)
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Exposition (chapel)
6:10 p.m. Rosary/Liturgy of Hours
7:00 p.m. CODA

Friday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (chapel)
8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Communion Service (chapel)
4:00 p.m. Mass

Community Life

In Memoriam

We remember Donald "Don" Neiheisel, Jr., son of parishioners Donald & Judi Neiheisel, and brother of parishioner Sara Mercurio; parishioner Addie SeeKamp; and Kenneth Kelly, father of parishioner Terri Paul.

New Requests for Prayers

Brian Richardson

Welcome New Parishioners!

Thomas & Suzanne Wood

Need to Know and Contact Information on pages 11 and 12

Assembly of Leaders Meeting Notes
May 15, 2021 – Zoom meeting
Submitted by: Teri Cunningham

Fr. Tom opened the last meeting of the fiscal year with a prayer. First on the agenda was Megan Manuel, Finance Commission member, who presented the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. The budget was approved by the Finance Commission on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The main elements of note in the budget for next fiscal year are:

1. Sunday offerings will remain the same as this 2020-2021 fiscal year at $2,448,000.
2. The loan from the Paycheck Protection Program ($260,700) was forgiven, and we do not have to pay it back.
3. The budget reflects more activities, programs and events that were cancelled this year due to the pandemic.
4. There was no salary increase for staff this fiscal year. Next year, a 3.5% increase will be given to all staff.
5. We project a $117,000 surplus for fiscal year 2021-2022. Of this surplus, we plan to transfer $90,000 to the Special Projects Fund.

After the budget presentation, Teri Cunningham, Director of Stewardship, updated the members on our current financial position. Overall, the parish is doing very well financially with a reported surplus of $348,000 for the first ten months of the fiscal year. This is due to the *Bridge the Gap* campaign, increased EFT donations that provided consistent giving, the staff being exceptionally good stewards, and the Paycheck Protection Program. We currently have $1.5 million in savings. This includes the main checking account, short-term and long-term savings, and two bequests. Teri stated that the plan is to keep six months of expenses in savings with the remainder going to the Special Projects Fund, so we can get back on schedule with our ten-year project plan.

Deacon Mark Westendorf, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries, updated the members on our outreach efforts:

- Psalm 23 is sending $10,000 to Catholic Relief Services for pandemic support in India.
- Our Sack Lunch Ministry, benefiting the St. Anthony Center, has been very successful with 400-600 lunches received each month.
- Good Shepherd is cooperating with other area churches in support of "Operation Give Back," which supports families in our area.
- Whitley City—Six full large truckloads of donations have been delivered since May of 2020, and volunteers worked two home building weeks in Whitley City (last summer and this spring). Significant monetary donations have also been made benefiting Whitley City charities.
- Parishioners continue to provide great support with the Blue Bins, which benefit the St. Anthony Center.
- Weekly Faith Formation students recently made 300+ "Comfort Bags."
- The "Change for Life" Collection is going on now.
- McCreary County Christian Care Center in Whitley City, KY—Medical and baby supplies, and personal care items were delivered on April 20 along with $1,000.
- In 2020, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers made almost 400 home visits and/or phone calls to 178 different families.
- A new ministry was recently established—"Care Packs"—for Crossroad Health Center in Over-the-Rhine.

Deacon Mark thanked parishioners for continuing the great outreach support during this pandemic year. He also invited the members to contact him if they have new ministry ideas.

Walter Plummer, Coordinator of Youth Formation, reported that there were many changes this year due to the pandemic, along with the continued battle against the huge decline in attendance after eighth grade. Junior high dropped all large group activities and shifted to a small group format. Five to twelve young people attend the group. The small group format seems very successful as witnessed by the apparent enthusiasm of the members. Walter conducted home-based learning with parental participation sending home lessons on Confirmation and Penance. He also held Confirmation interviews with each of the forty-eight candidates.

High school had fewer large group events, one service event, and one prayer event. There was lower participation. There were a lot of small group activities involving about forty teens, including ten who had not been engaged before. Our College Ministry sent care packages to 40 college students to remind them that they are loved, and are being prayed for in this age of isolation and online courses.

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Fr. Tom reported on the Beacons of Light planning project. Beacons of Light is important for our parish and all the parishes in the Archdiocese. It is an effort to create parishes which are vibrant and evangelizing while taking into account the reduction in active, non-retired priests. There are currently 149 diocesan priests serving in the Archdiocese. Within the next several years, there could be as many as 52 possible retirements. Even with growing numbers of newly ordained in recent years, there is still a considerable net loss of non-retired priests. Parishes have submitted information on attendance, offertory, number of liturgies, and needed services in the parish over the last 10 years. Google "Beacons of Light Archdiocese of Cincinnati" to view the website to find out more, and to register for updates. By fall of this year, we will know if we will be a single parish family (as now), or whether we will be grouped with another parish, with the goal of becoming one parish under one pastor in the next three to five years. The next milestone is June 4, 2021 when the pastors meet in Dayton to hear a summary of information submitted by all parishes. In Fr. Mannebach's opinion, this planning is overdue. We must operate our parishes in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Fr. Tom also shared other information with the group:

- COVID-19—We have begun to allow full capacity in most of the church with one area roped-off for social distancing; masks are still required. The first weekend of June, masks will no longer be required. We hope to plan a special weekend for parishioners coming back to church—more details later.
- During the Priest Convocation on April 5, 2021, we discussed the Beacons of Light and the 2018 Bishops' document on racism "Open Wide Your Hearts." Then we were offered a presentation by the head of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Racism, Bishop Shelton Fabre. Bishop Fabre encouraged clergy, religious, and laity to be familiar with Church documents on racism—they go back many years. We will have more opportunities to grow in understanding.
- Fr. Tom also reported that he gave a presentation to the 55+ Men's Discussion Group on the state of religion in the U.S. and in the Catholic Church. There is a downturn in membership in most denominations. We must be able to respond to objections to religion in general and Catholicism in particular in a credible way. As a church, we must show ourselves as a genuine asset to society, and not simply to church members. Fr. Tom wants to make a presentation on the subject to the entire parish later this year.
- The Catholic Community Foundation of West Central and Southwest Ohio is being formed. Fr. Tom volunteered for the steering committee. The foundation will exist for the support of parishes, schools and non-profit associations in line with Catholic values. He wants to know how this organization will benefit our parish, especially as it relates to endowment opportunities. Formation of the foundation is still in the early stages, but hopes to be up and running by 2022. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Fr. Tom will be on sabbatical in July. Sabbaticals are three months and can be taken monthly each year for three years if desired. This is the last one for Fr. Tom. Fr. Jack Wehman will be the parish administrator in July.

Prior to the meeting, the members submitted questions. The questions were as follows:

- When is the next parish wide outreach initiative? We will be in a better position once the pandemic is behind us. Our fall planning session will help answer this question.
- Will we return to a pre-COVID Mass schedule? This will depend on how many people come back to church and the availability of outside priest help. Currently, we are planning Mass schedules on a two-month basis.
- When will the Hand Bell Choir return? We hope in September to return to a normal schedule.
- Will we start using the hymnals at Mass again? We are not sure. People have appreciated having the music on the screen. Our books are close to 20 years old. The projection of sound is better when looking up instead of looking in a hymnal.
- Are there any new presiders? Fr. Graham has informed us that he is no longer able to assist us for weekend help. He has retired from Xavier University and his plans are unknown. We are grateful for all the assistance he has provided us for many years.
- When will we reverse the order of Communion? This weekend.

The final agenda item was "For the Good of the Parish." This is where members of the AOL can share their thoughts on any topic. Deacon Max Schellman shared with the group that the Athenaeum is now called **Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology.** For a long time, it has offered graduate degrees and certificates. Their offering to lay people has been broadened to include a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies, a Master's Degree in Catholic Studies, and a Master's Degree in Theology, as well as their long-standing offering in Pastoral Ministry.

Catherine Walsh reported that Earth Shepherds put on a Zoom presentation on monarch butterflies. It was a big success.

Fr. Wehman closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. This meeting will take place at Good Shepherd.

Worship

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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

The Bishops of Ohio Announce the Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
May 13, 2021

As we move beyond the worst of the coronavirus pandemic and access to the COVID-19 vaccine has become more wide-spread, the time has arrived for the good of all the faithful when the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is no longer necessary.

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the **weekend of June 5-6, 2021**. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day (CIC, can. 1247) and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, home-bound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The book of Exodus reminds us to keep holy the Sabbath day (Exodus 20: 8-10). As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2182).

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for their spiritual well-being, eternal salvation and formation in our relationship with God and one another. To that end, Saint John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church—the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.

We are profoundly grateful to our pastors and all of the faithful for their flexibility, fidelity and great generosity in support of the mission of the Church throughout this unprecedented time. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, we are excited once again to gather together in person without restrictions in our parish churches, most fittingly on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we reflect on our Lord's goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We welcome you back with great joy and eagerness!

The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr, Archdiocese of Cincinnati
The Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Diocese of Columbus
The Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, Diocese of Cleveland
The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar, Diocese of Youngstown
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Scripture Preview for Next Week, June 6, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading—Exodus 24:3-8: Moses, having told the people of God's law, receives assurances from them that they'll do as God asks. The image of blood sacrifice, describes the blessing of the altar of worship and the blessing of God's people. Thus, God's covenant with the people is sealed.

Second Reading—Hebrews 9:11-15: This passage refers to the use of the blood of animals offered in sacrifice to bless the people. Christ's sacrifice is much more powerful and brings about the cleansing of our spirit and yields a new covenant. This new covenant promises an eternal inheritance.

Gospel—Mark 14:12-16, 22-26: This Gospel reading is an account of the Institution of the Eucharist. With the setting of the Feast of Unleavened Bread when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus takes and blesses bread and wine. He then offers them to His disciples. Jesus concludes by referring to the messianic banquet in heaven. On this day, we can celebrate and be grateful for the nourishment that the Eucharist brings us.

Annual Memorial Day Field Mass
at Gate of Heaven Cemetery
with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr
Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m.
(please arrive by 10:15 a.m.)

We will have transportation for those in need from the parking areas to the Bishops and Priests Circle, where the Memorial will take place, starting at 10:30 a.m. and the Mass at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your folding chairs. (If inclement weather, the Mass will be held at Good Shepherd.)

Baptism Instruction Class

Register on our website at
www.good-shepherd.org/baptism
for our next Baptism Instruction class
which takes place on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Just a reminder that the Children's Liturgy of the Word can be found on our website each week. Go to www.good-shepherd.org/video-taped-Masses and select the date. The current Sunday's readings along with archived CLOW readings are available for you and your child(ren) to view Saturday mornings.

Thank you to parishioner Diane Skie for her donation of altar flowers this weekend.

In Loving memory of Chuck Skie.

Ushers Needed at All Weekend Masses

We are looking for individuals, men, women, or teens, to serve as ushers at any of our weekend Masses, especially at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. You would be trained at a Mass or at a time that best fits your schedule. Once trained, you will be scheduled as an usher at the Mass of your choice once a month, biweekly or when available. Just let us know how often you would like to usher. We would be happy to work with you in scheduling a Mass time that works best for you. Contact Steve Lindner if you are interested. (Please see contact information above.)

Education and Formation

Sr. Elaine Winter—489-8815 ext. 716 or e-mail sr.elaine@good-shepherd.org
Emily Weierman—489-8815 ext. 726 or e-mail emily.weierman@good-shepherd.org
Walter Plummer—489-8815 ext. 737 or e-mail walter.plummer@good-shepherd.org

Trinity Sunday Question of the Week

"Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28: 16-20)

What signs of God have you seen in your life? How can you be a sign of God's love to others this week?

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Begins June 7

Facilitator—Deborah Hutchins

8 Monday Evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This is an 8-week long overview of the narrative books of salvation history. Prior to class, participants are asked to watch the videos through the Ascension Press online video forum Thinkific. On Monday evenings, the group will gather on the patio outside of the Community Room to discuss the video and workbook questions. We will have access to the Community Room in the event of inclement weather. You will be contacted before the first session with information on the location and how to login to view the videos. "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible. The Bible is a story about the Father's love for you—a love that you are now called to share with others. Cost: $25.00—Register on our website at www.good-shepherd.org/unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-registration

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Our YA Ministry is grateful for nice weather and the opportunity to gather in person. If you are interested in joining us sometime, please contact Emily Weierman for more information by e-mail at emily.weierman@good-shepherd.org or call 489-8815 ext. 726.

The Flock
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Flock + Summer = Flummer!

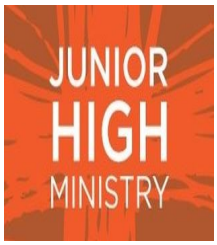
Youth ministry doesn't end just because school does! Keep an eye out for great events and Schmedium Groups coming this summer!

"Flock-Out"—Join us this **Friday, June 4-Saturday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.** for a COVID-friendly outdoor lockout, combining service, awareness, and prayer with fun and a great community of peers! New to flock? Have an early morning event on Saturday? Join us from 7:00-11:00 p.m. instead of the whole night! Contact Walter with questions.

Flunch-Sundays—June 13, June 27, and July 11, 12:30-2:00 p.m.—Grab some grub, hear a short witness, pray and have some fun with us!

Schmedium Groups

Isolation has been a major factor in most of our lives this year. Being together with a positive and Christ-centered community is one of the best remedies for that isolation. To help our young people with that community, this summer we want to help as many teens as possible encounter Christ through fellowship, discussion, and support from peers and adult mentors. We're organizing groups of 5-12 young people and adult leaders to grow in friendship and in faith. Schedules are flexible and arranged to fit each group. Contact Walter to learn more or sign up on our website.



Registration is open for Jr. High Summer and Weekly Formation!

Summer Faith Formation is **July 19-23 & July 26-30** this year. Check out our registration page on our website.

Tuesday Prayer Nights

June 1, 8 and 15, 7:00 p.m. in Room 25

Are you feeling: ***Disconnected & distant from God? Are you looking for a way to reconnect?***

Join Emily Weierman and take the time to connect and reflect with God through His Word in Scripture. This past year has been a trying time. In these Tuesday Prayer Nights, we will gather to quiet ourselves and find strength and comfort in the sacred Scriptures. Through prayer techniques such as Lectio Divina and Ignatian imaginative prayer, we will read the Scriptures and prayerfully listen to God's message. Please join us if you are looking for an enriching prayer experience as we dive into the Word. RSVP to ***emily.weierman@good-shepherd.org*** *or call 489-8815 ext. 726.*

Pastoral Care and Outreach

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Comfort Bags Available this Weekend

Children in the Weekly Faith Formation Program recently put together over 300 Comfort Bags! "Comfort Bags" are small zip-lock bags that include a bottle of water, fruit cup, and snack, along with a kind message to hand out to people in need. Comfort Bags will enable people to respond to our sisters and brothers in need in a positive, loving manner.

Comfort Bags are available this weekend at Activity Centers A & B, and during the week in the parish office. Contact Marie George (256-0854) or Deacon Mark Westendorf with questions.

Sanctity of Life Ministry

The Sanctity of Life Ministry will meet on Monday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 28/29. Anyone interested in joining our ministry, or if you just want to find out what we do, is invited to attend. We will be reconnecting and discussing activities for the remainder of 2021. Ideas are most welcome! Contact Sandy Robinson with questions or for additional information at 325-1834 or sprobinson1035@gmail.com.

Sack Lunches for St. Francis Seraph Ministries

Thank you to Good Shepherd parishioners for the great effort in making sack lunches for St. Francis Seraph Ministries (St. Anthony Center). Over 400 lunches were delivered on May 3. Another opportunity is available for parishioners to drop off sack lunches on Sunday, June 6, anytime between 7:45 and 11:15 a.m. Lunches can be dropped off in the "walk-in cooler" at church. Lunches will then be taken to the St. Anthony Center on Monday morning, June 7.

St. Francis Seraph Ministries has informed us that they will accept lunches made at home by families as long as they are assured that good sanitary measures are taken when making the lunches (the wearing of gloves and masks). So, until we can restart the "Sack Lunch Sundays" at Good Shepherd, families have the opportunity to make lunches on their own and bring them to Good Shepherd. Bologna and cheese sandwiches work the best with no mayonnaise or mustard. Each lunch should include two sandwiches, a drink, and any type of snack. Small plastic water bottles or juice boxes work well. The lunch should be placed in a brown paper sack, folded over and taped. Families are most welcome to include a nice message or prayer in each sack lunch.

If you can help, please sign up by going to www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45adab28a3f85-sack. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Deacon Mark in the parish office, or Karen or Mark Hermann at 204-5844 or mkhermann@sbcglobal.net.

"Recycle and Reuse by Volunteer Techs"

NEEDED: Used laptops to be refurbished and given to graduating DePaul Cristo Rey students.

The Good Shepherd "Recycle and Reuse" ministry has combined a "Green Ministry" theme with an "Outreach Ministry" theme to reclaim old PCs and peripherals from going to landfills, and to provide for those less fortunate individuals who would not otherwise have access to computers. The ministry accepts the PCs, then mixes and matches parts to produce usable PCs. The team loads a suitable operating system and office software. The recovered PCs are then made available to parishioners, students, local individuals, Bethany House, Venice on Vine, St. Vincent de Paul, the Cincinnati HELP program, DePaul Cristo Rey High School, and Holy Family School, as well as schools and individuals in Southern Kentucky. Some have been delivered to missionaries in foreign countries.

Recently, the team received newer technology, providing the opportunity to load Windows 10. With the more up-to-date PCs, the group is able to provide PCs to new college students and individuals seeking to hone their computer skills and return to the job market.

During pandemic isolation, the group was able to recycle 25 PCs and deliver them to Holy Family School and deliver another 25 to Whitley City School in Kentucky. And this spring, the group has been asked to clean up PCs and provide as many laptops as possible for the students graduating from DePaul Cristo Rey High School as they go off to college.

Having delivered numerous PCs and printers, and witnessing the humble and excited reception, the team members get tremendous satisfaction of a job well done, and take great pride in telling individuals the PCs come from Good Shepherd parishioners and their friends. It is another demonstration of Christian giving from the parish. It is truly a big "WIN – WIN – WIN" situation for everybody.

Parties interested in donating PCs can drop them off at church or find the contact information in the back of the bulletin. Those wishing to join this ministry can contact Terry Albright at 677-2140 or e-mail him at tlalbright@hotmail.com.

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Scholarship Ministry—Lavatus Powell Program

The Scholarship Ministry at Good Shepherd was created in 2003 to find a way to foster Catholic education and create an opportunity for interested parishioners to serve students in need. We discovered the Lavatus Powell Program at Purcell Marian High School to be a good fit. Since 2003, Good Shepherd has continued its involvement with the program.

The Lavatus Powell Program continues to surround high school students who have challenging life circumstances with the support needed to become the best version of themselves. Currently, there are 45 students participating in the program. The program targets students whose current academic, emotional, or financial needs outweigh their available resources. It offers an abundance of support, such as academic tutoring, mentoring, post high school planning, tuition assistance, and community service. Last year, fourteen seniors graduated of which three are in a four-year college, six are in a community college (UC Blue Ash), and five are working.

Volunteers from our parish are involved through tutoring and mentoring. Some volunteers shop for nutritional food, which provides lunch and healthy snacks. To date, there are nine volunteers who are involved with the Lavatus Powell Program.

The Good Shepherd Scholarship Ministry provides funds to support students in the program to ensure their tuition needs are met after families have made their contribution. The current tuition is $10,500 plus a registration fee of $325. We have been providing $40,000/year in scholarship funds. Currently, $20,700 has been collected and we hope to reach the $40,000 goal by the summer, so we can continue to offer this strong level of support. If you would like additional information about the Scholarship Ministry, please contact Sha Kelkar at 478-6966.

Julie Wilke, Sister Janet, students, and their families are forever grateful for your support. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of many students.

Stewardship

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Last May we were the recipient of a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the Small Business Administration in the amount of $260,700. This loan was very helpful during the pandemic when Sunday collections were minimal. We used the money to cover payroll expenses.

This is a potentially forgivable loan if certain criteria are met. We applied for forgiveness last fall and recently received word that **our loan was 100% forgiven**! This is great news for the parish.

We are thankful to the Small Business Administration for providing this help and for the staff at the Archdiocese and Fifth Third Bank for helping us during the application process.

Stewardship

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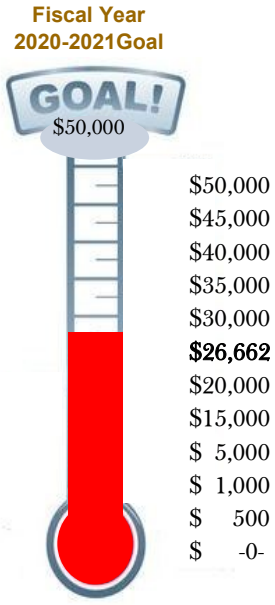
Collection Information

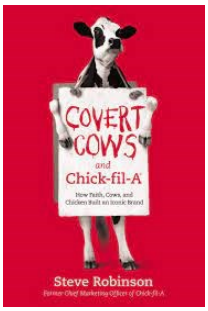
May 16, 2021		$ 25,045
YTD Collections		$ 2,169,843
YTD Budget		$ 2,142,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		$ 27,843
Contribution Breakdown:		
	Quantity	Dollars
Envelopes	191	$ 16,195
Loose Checks		$ 4,055
Loose Cash		$ 145
EFT/Charge Card Donors		$ 0
Stock		$ 4,650
Total (Thank You!)		$ 25,045
Avg. donation per envelope		$ 84.79

Special Projects Update

The week of May 23, we received $151 for the Special Projects Fund which brings our total to $26,662.

Our current grand total in the Special Projects Fund is $33,926.





Zoom Presentation: Culture is Everything: What's Yours Built On?
Speaker: Steve Robinson, VP Marketing – Chick-fil-A

Thursday, June 3 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the 55+ Men's Discussion Group
Open to All! Invite your Friends!

During his thirty-four-year tenure at Chick-fil-A, Steve Robinson was involved with their explosive growth from 184 stores to $100 million in sales in 1981, to more than 2,100 stores and more than $8 billion in annual sales in 2020. As the Chief Marketing Officer, Robinson was both a witness and participant in the company's growth and success. He created the "Eat Mor Chikin" campaign, and was part of the decision to stay closed on Sundays. Robinson will help us understand how religious values created the culture at Chick-fil-A. Customers describe it as a place "Where good meets gracious."

Robinson will explain the important traits that built the company's culture. He also will reveal how every aspect of the company's approach reflects an unwavering dedication to Christian values and the individual customer experience.

Please consider inviting friends and colleagues including owners of businesses, marketing professionals, and leaders to attend this program. Steve is a national speaker, and his message is very impactful.

All are welcome to attend this Zoom presentation sponsored by the 55+ Men's Discussion Group. However, the session is capped at 100, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible. This will be a Zoom format hosted by Bob VeVerka with the presentation followed by a question and answer period, and discussion groups.

If you wish to attend this Zoom meeting, please register by going to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45adab28a3f85-culture. If you have questions, please contact Colleen Smith at 489-8815 ext. 740 or e-mail colleen.smith@good-shepherd.org.

Around the Parish

Mass Intentions for this Week, May 31-June 6, 2021

Mon., May 31	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Chuck Skie
Tues., June 1	8:30 a.m.	In memory of John & Jennie Banovich, Joyce & Larry Spinazze, Peter & Helen Marino, Marian Niehaus & deceased family/friends, Chuck Caton, James Johns, Piero Romagno, Massimo Giuliberti, Bradley Decker, Sean Dolan, Olga Skau, Jeremy Murphy, Joseph Lenkay, Mary Magdalen Kalkhof, Anh Hoang
Wed., June 2	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Jim Craven
	6:15 p.m.	In memory of George Smith
Thurs., June 3	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Clara Drongowski
Fri., June 4	8:30 a.m.	In memory of John Harmon, Belinda Arcuino, Eugene C. Gundlach, Al & Marie Menke, Karen Thamann, Frank Cullen, Mary Cullen, Richard Doepker, Flo Doepker, Richard Menke, Anh Hoang, John & Jennie Banovich, Chuck Caton, James Johns, Peter & Helen Marino, Marian Niehaus & deceased family/friends
Sat., June 5	4:00 p.m.	In memory of Belinda Arcuino
Sun., June 6	8:00 a.m.	In memory of Alvin & Loretta Hagedorn
	10:00 a.m.	In memory of Frances Riedel
	11:30 a.m.	In memory of Charles Hanley

Prayers Are Requested for the health and well-being of the following:

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Kathy Ball
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Steve Bebko
Ethan Beckner
Mike Bradstreet
Maureen Bramlage
Dale Brown
Roberta Brunck
Wayne Buckley
Buddy and Family
Jamie Busemeyer
Ali Campbell
Angela Carroll
Elissa/Richard Chisholm
Christine/James
Paul Cimiluca
Bill Cleary
Denise Cole
Grant Conrad
Norah Cooney
Meghan Craft
Suanne Croweak
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Joseph Degliuomini
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Kaitlyn Eberhart
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Sam Fogle
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Paulette Gerstemeier
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Andrew Goad
Cathy Halstead
Ryan Hamilton
Nancy Hanley
Peg Hanley
Phyllis Harmon
Lynn Harris
Jordan Hecker
Katie Hengehold & Baby
Ann Hix
Jim Hlavaty
Allison Hoehn
Kathy Hoeting
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Sophia Sharpshair
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Joe Stemple
Betty Stewart
Sue Stewart
Marjorie Stickle
Doug Suhotnik
Judy Sullivan
Minda Tandoc
Natalia Tanguma
Bob Tate
John Tate Family
Kevin Terry
Margaret Thompson
Keith Toft
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Scott Trapp
Andy Tucker
Anthony Ullman
Ellie Urmston
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Mike Walker
Patricia Wallace
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Stephanie Woodward
Carol/Jack Wooledge
Steve Wurtz
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Military Personnel of our families currently in harm's way...

Melanie Flege Jonathon Hicks Roger Peet David Ryan

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Need to Know

Welcoming
We warmly welcome our new parishioners and guests who are joining us today. If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd, or would like to register as an official member of the parish, please stop by the Welcome Desk located in our main foyer. A member of our Welcoming Ministry will be honored to assist you.

Baptism
Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 p.m. Please register for Baptism by calling Nancy Dallas (513-489-8815 ext. 761 or e-mail nancy.dallas@good-shepherd.org). Before the Baptism, parents need to attend a session to explore the meaning of Baptism.

Adult Initiation Into the Church
Adults and children (7 years of age or older) who wish to become Catholics are invited to call Emily Weierman, (513-489-8815 ext. 726 or e-mail emily.weierman@good-shepherd.org).

First Eucharist (First Communion)
First Eucharist (First Communion) is celebrated on two occasions in early spring. Parents are invited to call Nancy Dallas (513-489-8815 ext. 761). Children are invited to the Sacrament when they are in the second grade or have reached the age of 7. Children receiving First Eucharist (First Communion) need to be prepared to receive First Reconciliation (Confession). Preparation for First Reconciliation (Confession) begins early fall each year.

Confirmation for Youth
Confirmation is celebrated in the spring each year for youth who have not yet received the Sacrament. Confirmation Preparation takes place within the 8th grade Faith Formation curriculum. Classes run September through April for next year's candidates. Please contact Walter Plummer with any questions (513-489-8815 or e-mail: walter.plummer@good-shepherd.org).

Marriage
Marriages are celebrated throughout the year with exceptions made for Christmas holidays and the season of Lent. Please contact Steve Lindner for information (513-489-8815 ext. 702 or e-mail: steve.lindner@good-shepherd.org). Preparation for marriage begins eight months before the Sacrament is celebrated. For preparations, call Steve Lindner (513-489-8815 ext. 702 or e-mail: steve.lindner@good-shepherd.org).

Pastoral Care of the Sick
Anointing of the Sick
The Anointing of the Sick can be offered when someone is seriously ill, requires surgery, or if the same illness or condition becomes more serious. For those wishing to be anointed, please call the parish office at (513) 489-8815 to schedule a time to be anointed.

Ministry to the Dying: Anointing and/or Viaticum
If a person is near death, he or she may be anointed. However, if the dying person is able to swallow, it is recommended that they receive the Eucharist as Viaticum. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick ought to be celebrated at the beginning of an illness. Viaticum is to be celebrated when death is close. The Eucharist, given as Viaticum, is food for the passage through death to eternal life. A priest or a deacon may give Viaticum to the dying person. When a priest is unavailable, it is important that the deacon visit the dying to pray with that person and the family and offer Viaticum. Please call the parish office (513-489-8815). After hours, please leave a message about the location of the dying person and your contact phone number. That message will be relayed to a priest or deacon.

Reconciliation (Confessions)
Tuesdays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room in the church. Those attending the Sacrament can enter through the doors to the church, prepare in the church and enter the Reconciliation Room when they see the priest is not occupied with another penitent. Please wear a mask during confession.

Vocations
Single men or women interested in answering the call to Priesthood or Religious Life are encouraged to contact the pastor or the Diocesan Vocations Director at 513-421-3131.

Annulment
For confidential information concerning annulments, please call Fr. Jack Wehman (ext. 748) or Emily Weierman (ext. 726) at 513-489-8815.

Decree on Child Protection
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Decree on Child Protection is our way of protecting all of the vulnerable individuals in our community. If you suspect that someone is being abused, please contact the Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse at the Archdiocese at 513-263-6623 as well as local law enforcement. In Hamilton County, you can contact Child Protective Services at 513-241-KIDS (5437).

To Report Financial Misconduct
If you suspect the misuse or misconduct of Church finances, you may call the EthicsPoint hotline at 1-888-389-0381 or see the Archdiocese website (www.catholiccincinnati.org) under Ministries & Offices, Finance and click the link "To Report Financial Misconduct." You will be taken to a secure site to file your report.

Need to Know

The Bulletin
All articles for the parish bulletin should be submitted 10 days before the given weekend. Please call Nancy Niehaus at 513-489-8815 ext. 725 or e-mail: nancy.niehaus@good-shepherd.org.

Parish Meetings
Meetings of the Assembly of Leaders, the Finance Commission, the Education/Formation Commission, the Worship Commission, and the Pastoral Care/Outreach Commission are open to all parishioners to observe. Please call the parish office for information (513-489-8815). Meetings are announced in the *Coming Events for Good Shepherd* page of the bulletin.

Parish Ministries
All members of the parish are welcome to join any of the parish ministries. For information and contact, please see the *Staff Page* of this bulletin.

Psychological and Spiritual Care
To encourage professional, personal, or family counseling as well as spiritual direction, Dr. Jack Peltz or Deacon Dennis Berry, on staff here at Good Shepherd, would be happy to make referrals to psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and spiritual directors for those in need.

Recorded Homilies
All homilies preached on weekends are available by downloading them from our webpage—www.good-shepherd.org.

Low-Gluten Hosts
Low-Gluten (0.01%) hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please come to the Sacristy 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Sacristan know that you are in need of this Low-Gluten Host. At Communion time, come to the hand rail by the statue of Mary to receive the Eucharist.

St. Vincent de Paul
If you have furniture or appliances that you wish to donate, St. Vincent de Paul will accept these donations and will pick them up from your home. To schedule a pickup, donate to a thrift store or donate a car, boat or RV, please call 421-CARE (2273).

Contacts

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Bethany House	Mike Haverkamp	513.706.7991
Blood Pressure	Jack Peltz	513.489.8815
Caregiver Support Group	Jack Peltz	513.489.8815
Care Packs	Mary Tom Westendorf	513.644.9296
Caring Hands/B-North Communion Distributors	Deacon Dennis Berry	513.489.8815
Caring Hands/ Home Assistance	Good Shepherd	513.489.8815
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Caring Hands/Lodge	Claudine Bennett	513.478.4626
Christmas Gift-Giving	Steve Bullock	513.417.6004
Comfort Bags	Marie George	513.256.0854
Computer Recycling	Terry Albright	513.677.2140
Earth Shepherds	David Oen	513.205.8603
	Catherine Walsh	513.780.9177
Eucharistic Exposition	Steve Lindner	513.489.8815
Family Fellowship CMTE	Sandy Rivet	513.309.6018
GS-SOS	Nancy Niehaus	513.583.0710
Habitat for Humanity	Gerry Ellspermann	513.774.7595
Healing Christ Ministry —A non-sacramental ministry of Good Shepherd	Theresa Kajs	513.706.6398
Knitters & Crocheters	Jeanné Kilgore	513.779.9220
	Mary Albright	513.677.2140
Lambtenders	Tina Caudill	513.530.0650
Meadowbrook Care Center	Deacon Dennis Berry	513.489.8815
Men's Fellowship Group	Tony Novello	513.860.5293
M.O.M.S. Group	Mary John Niehaus	513.317.8469
New Visions	Sandra Smith	513.563.1868
Parish Partner	Pat Cain	513.683.4862
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Marcy Nagelhout	513.677.3413
Psalm 23	Sha Kelkar	513.697.9311
Rosary Making Group	Annamarie Short	513.967.3172
Sack Lunch Sunday	Karen Hermann	513.204.5844
Sanctity of Life	Sandy Robinson	513.325.1834
St. Vincent de Paul	Brad Dreier	513.831.0663
Scholarship Ministry	Sha Kelkar	513.697.9311
Shelter House (Drop Inn Ctr)	Kathy Schibi	513.678.3054
Shepherds Care	Jim Stickle	513.733.0816
Shepherds Share	Mike Roman	513.331.5432
Special Olympics	Bill Sutman	513.644.9296
Third Image (Widow/Widowers)	Frank Bruening	513.984.4289
Ushers	Steve Lindner	513.489.8815
Whitley City Builds Project	Tom Kilgore	513.779.9220
Whitley City Donations	Paul Inderhees	513.891.0565
Whitley City Shoebox Project	Sandy Rivet	513.309.6018
Women's Prayer Group	Barb Hemmerle	513.793.4918

Quips and Blessings by Fr. Jack...

This is Memorial Day weekend. We pray for those who suffer most from war: that the homeless, the orphaned, the hungry, and the innocent may challenge us to turn from warlike ways and accept God's gift of peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.
(From *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*)

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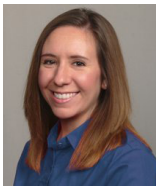

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