



December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

8815 East Kemper Road
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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.

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.

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. Monday & Tuesday of this week.
There will be no 7:00 a.m. Communion Service until Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
Mass—8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday in the church.

Sunday, December 18

Sunday Social after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass—Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 a.m. Sunday Preschool
10:15 a.m. Sack Lunch Sunday in the Community Room
11:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. The Flock Christmas Party (H. S. Youth Ministry)

Monday, December 19

9:30 a.m. Knitting and Crocheting
12:00 Noon Silent Prayer for Ukraine (chapel)

Tuesday, December 20

12:00 Noon Silent Prayer for Ukraine (chapel)
12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
(extra priests available)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
(extra priests available)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
12:00 Noon Silent Prayer for Ukraine
6:15 p.m. Anointing Mass
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Women's AA

Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Exposition
12:00 Noon Silent Prayer for Ukraine
6:15 p.m. Rosary/Liturgy of Hours
7:00 p.m. CODA

Friday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Mass—The parish office is closed.
The building will close after Mass.

Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Mass in the Church
3:00 p.m. Mass in the Community Room
5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church
5:00 p.m. Mass in the Community Room
9:00 p.m. Mass in the Church
(Please see page 2 of this bulletin for celebrants at each of the Masses and page 3 for office/building hours.)

Community Life

Please pray for our recently deceased...

parishioner David Childers, husband of Ginny.
parishioner Margaret "Peggy" Evans, wife of Joel.
parishioner Patricia "Pat" Flood.
parishioner Terrence "Terry" Hill, husband of Diane.

New Request for Prayers

Joe & Annette Ciaramitaro

Baptisms

Caswell James Tipton,
son of Mark & Julie Tipton

Need to Know and Contact Information on pages 11 and 12

Glory
to God
in the
highest,



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

Music: Cantors & Instrumentalists

9:00 a.m. Mass—Fr. Jim Bramlage (Church)

10:30 a.m. Mass—Bishop Joe Binzer (Church)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Our normal weekend Mass schedule)

Saturday, December 31

*4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Bishop Joe Binzer*

Sunday, January 1, 2023

*8:00 a.m. Mass—Bishop Joe Binzer
10:00 a.m. Mass—Fr. Jack Wehman
11:30 a.m. Mass—Fr. Jack Wehman*

Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

*Music: Cantors &
Instrumentalists*

*3:00 p.m. Mass
Fr. Jack Wehman (Church)*

*3:00 p.m. Mass
Bishop Joe Binzer
(Community Room)*

*5:00 p.m. Mass
Fr. Jack Wehman (Church)*

*5:00 p.m. Mass
Bishop Joe Binzer
(Community Room)*

*9:00 p.m. Mass
Fr. Jack Wehman (Church)*

Together
we gave.



Thank You!

We so very much appreciate the generosity of all those who gave on Giving Tuesday in support of our Youth Ministry program to help update our youth room and enhance our ministry!

WE RAISED
\$5,445



2022 Christmas Schedule for Good Shepherd's Parish Office/Building

December 23—8:30 a.m. Mass—Parish office closed. Building will close after Mass.

December 24—The building will open at Noon. The parish office will be open from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Mass in Church & Community Room

5:00 p.m. Mass in Church & Community Room

9:00 p.m. Mass in Church—Building will close after Mass.

December 25—The building will open at 8:00 a.m. The parish office is closed.

9:00 a.m. Mass in Church

10:30 a.m. Mass in Church—Building will close after Mass.

December 26—8:30 a.m. Mass in Church. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Mass.

December 27—8:30 a.m. Mass in Church.

9:00-9:45 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Confessions.

December 28—8:30 a.m. Mass in Church. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Mass and reopen for the

6:15 p.m. Anointing Mass.

December 29—8:30 a.m. Mass in Church. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Mass.

December 30—8:30 a.m. Mass in Church. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Mass.

December 31—4:00 p.m. Mass in Church. The parish office is closed. The building will be closed until just before Mass.

January 1, 2023—Regular Sunday Mass schedule—8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. The parish office is open but will close after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. The building will also close after Mass.

January 2, 2023—8:30 a.m. Mass. The parish office is closed. The building will close after Mass.



Assembly of Leaders Meeting Notes November 12, 2022

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Bishop Joe. The first item on the agenda was the Proposed Department Initiatives for fiscal year 2023-2024. The Department Directors were available to answer questions from the group. The members approved the following initiatives:

- 1) Expand knowledge of our ministries and increase the level of volunteerism to maintain, and possibly expand, vibrant and responsive ministries to meet future needs of our community. This initiative will be accomplished by working with the Department Directors, the Director of Communications and other necessary staff/parishioners with specific knowledge and expertise to advance this initiative.
- 2) Continue our current efforts to support parents and grandparents of non-active adult children, and focus on other non-connected and non-Catholic family members to re-connect/become part of the Church.
- 3) Research and present to the parish at large a new major outreach initiative focusing on a local need in the community (e.g., homelessness).

The next item on the agenda was a report from Deacon Mark Westendorf on our Pastoral Care ministries.

- We have eighty bereavement volunteers and seven lead planners who meet with the family to plan the funeral Mass. We also have volunteers to help with receptions.
- There will be a presentation by parishioner Kathleen Canavan on November 15, 2022, entitled "Does it Ever Get Better? Finding Hope in the Face of Grief." Reservations are not required. All are invited to attend.
- During the All Souls Day Mass on November 2, 2022, anyone who lost a loved one was given a special candle to take with them.
- There will be a special Mass on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, for those who lost a child.
- In calendar year 2021, we had seventy-four funerals at the parish. So far this calendar year, we've had seventy-one funerals.
- A New Day Grief Support session starts in January and runs nine weeks. We have two to three sessions each year for adults who experienced a death of a loved one.
- We have eleven home distributors. We also provide Communion to the Lodge, Meadowbrook Care Center, and Bethesda North.
- The Prayer Blanket Ministry gives out prayer blankets at the Wednesday evening Anointing Mass.
- We maintain the prayer list in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Once the Pastoral Care report concluded, Anne Fialko, our Coordinator of Outreach Ministries, updated the Assembly on the many outreach efforts of the parish. The presentation included an outreach flyer for each member. The following updates were noted:

- We have created and posted five ministry videos for the parish website, and we are hoping to have five more done before Christmas depending upon the availability of the volunteers.
- We will be updating the Outreach Wall in the main gathering space.
- In October, we distributed comfort bags to parishioners to hand out to those in need.
- We will again be serving Bethany House in the new year in their new facility. We have been catering meals since July, 2022.
- Thanks to a last-minute donation, we were able to award the full \$40,000 to the Purcell Marion Lavatus Powell program through our Scholarship Ministry.
- Since the beginning of this fiscal year (July 1, 2022), Psalm 23 has given \$20,000 to those affected by the floods in Kentucky, the hurricane in Florida, and the water shortage in Mississippi.
- We added a fourth school to the School Supply Drive.

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Assembly of Leaders Meeting Notes *continued*

- The Whitley City Toy Drive filled two-thirds of a truck. The St. Vincent de Paul Toy Drive filled an entire truck.
- We donated \$1,350 to each pregnancy center.
- We sent five packed cars to Mary Magdalen House.
- We are having a book drive for those who are incarcerated.
- We will have our SVDP Thanksgiving Dinner Collection to provide food to families. During COVID, we provided gift cards.

Bishop Joe followed the reports by facilitating a table discussion surrounding three topics that generated from the Priests Convocation in September. Bishop Joe stated that we are all called to leadership. In the Beacons of Light project, Good Shepherd is one of the eight Families of Parishes that is a single parish, but we are also asked to do planning and prayer as to what we can do to be disciples of Christ.

He stated that things are different now than when this diocese was founded, and there were many immigrants. People built churches around their common language. Now we do not have the same influx of new immigrants, but the opportunity to proclaim our faith remains.

He asked the members to think about these three teachings of Jesus.

1. I will make you fishers of men (Mark 1:16-18).
2. The Good Shepherd cares for the sheep and even lays down His life (John 10:1-18).
3. The Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:5-15). The seed is God's truth.

The members then engaged in a twenty-minute table discussion on the following questions:

1. What can I do to fish, that is, encourage someone to live their Catholic faith?
2. What can I do to shepherd someone, that is, to care for that person?
3. What can I do to share God's truth with someone?

At the end of the discussion period, one person from each table gave an overview of the discussion. Many good thoughts were generated! The discussion sheets were collected and will be compiled and sent out to the members.

Bishop Joe followed the table discussion with updates on the following items:

- Synod on Synodality—Pope Francis asked for input from Catholics throughout the world about the Church. He has received reports from one hundred dioceses, plus letters, etc. More meetings will be held in 2023 to gather additional information.
- A common concern among many religious denominations is younger people who do not come to formal worship. Some of them say they are spiritual, but not religious. Bishop Joe read a book by Allen Hunt called *Dreams for Your Grandchild*. It's about how we can encourage our children and grandchildren to practice the Catholic faith. The book is terrific, and is filled with practical ideas. A content summary was provided to the members, and extra books were made available to them. Bishop Joe is looking into another book *What Would Monica Do?* The book is in the spirit of St. Monica. She had a wayward son, she prayed for him, and he became St. Augustine, a Doctor of the Church. He will share more information about the book at an upcoming meeting.
- A member of the Assembly asked if there is anything with the Cursillo movement in the archdiocese? Bishop Joe stated that Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, that takes place over the course of a weekend, and has proved to be impactful to the participants. He will check into it a bit more to see what's happening in the archdiocese.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer. The next meeting of the AOL is **Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Community Room.

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Deacon Mark Westendorf—513-489-8815 ext. 708 or e-mail m.westendorf@good-shepherd.org
Anne Fialko—513-489-8815 ext. 714 or e-mail anne.fialko@good-shepherd.org



Rosary Distribution

Rosary Distribution will take place after all Masses this weekend, **December 17/18** at Activity Center B. Please stop by and choose one of the beautiful, handmade rosaries. They make great stocking stuffers.

These rosaries are made by Good Shepherd's Rosary Making Ministry. The ministry's mission is to teach and share with others the beautiful heritage of rosary making in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Rosaries are distributed to parishioners, parishes, organizations, and missions both here and abroad. If you would like to learn how to make your own rosary, the ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 27.



Sack Lunch Sunday

Sack Lunch Sunday will be held this **Sunday, December 18**. Supplies will be provided. Please bring a mask; St. Francis Seraph Ministries requires masks and disposable gloves to be worn during the lunch assembly.

If you signed up to make sandwiches at home, please be sure that they are in the walk-in cooler by 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 18, so that they can be counted and delivered with the others.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Anne Fialko at the parish office, Sharon Frankart (sharonfrankart@gmail.com, 419-236-8619), or Claude Frankart (frankartc@gmail.com, 419-236-8613).

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This program is a structured way for adults to work through the “tasks of grief” when mourning the death of a loved one from any cause. Each program is made up of nine grief support sessions. Each program follows the same format, and are offered at different times. Program 1 (below) begins in January, Program 2 begins in August.

Nine New Day Grief Support Sessions 9 Mondays

January 23 through March 20, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Register online at

www.good-shepherd.org/new-day-grief-support-registration

Donations to The Community of the Good Shepherd gratefully accepted. Thank you!

For more information, contact:

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Food Bags

Good Shepherd keeps a supply of nonperishable, long lasting food in bags to be given to hungry people who stop by the parish office or contact St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to donate to this effort, the following costs under \$40 using store brands.

Box of dry milk	Jar of peanut butter
Box of macaroni and cheese	Jar of jelly
Box of Cheerios or Corn Flakes	2 Cans of soup
Bar of Ivory soap	3 Cans of vegetables
3 Cans of beef stew, meat, or chicken	3 Cans of fruit



Please drop donations off in the parish office.

See a Coat on Sale?

Planning ahead...Each January, a Coat Drive for Catholic Charities is held at Good Shepherd. Coats of all sizes will be collected in January along with hats, scarves, and gloves. Watch the bulletin for more information on the Coat Drive.

Thank You from the Christmas Gift-Giving Ministry

A heartfelt **Thank You** to all who participated in our annual Christmas Gift-Giving Project! You, the very generous parishioners of Good Shepherd, provided over 4,400 gifts and gift cards, plus cash donations, to purchase gifts for over 1,800 individuals and families from 12 different agencies this Christmas. And, nearly 100 of you volunteered your time to make this a very blessed Christmas for so many. A special **Thank You** to all! The agencies were overwhelmed at your generosity when our parishioners delivered many boxes filled with gifts. Your gifts are very much needed and appreciated by the less fortunate. You have definitely made the lives of so many a little brighter this Christmas. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

The Christmas Gift-Giving Ministry

Earth Shepherds: Feeling Overwhelmed by Shopping for Seasonal Gifts?

Why not scale back a bit, focus on the real meaning of Christ's birthday celebration—while at the same time—help rescue our overheating Earth for our kids and grandkids?

The following suggestions are provided by the parish Earth Shepherds with a thank you nod to *The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time* (Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen).

- Consider giving meaningful experiential presents to be shared by family and friends. Gift cards, concert tickets, restaurant certificates, and movie vouchers can be great alternatives to heavily packaged and wrapped presents. If 40 percent of American households replaced just two packaged gifts with its wrapping paper in favor of presents that could slide inside an envelope, upwards of two billion pounds of garbage per seasonal week could be diverted from landfills and recycling sites.
- Instead of tying ribbons on the holiday gifts you do choose to wrap, garnish them with recyclable paper bows (natural-fiber raffia), dried flowers, or a reusable scarf. If two out of three households conserved an arm's length of ribbon, the amount saved could tie a bow several times around the earth.
- Purchase rechargeable batteries for your child's battery-operated toys. Four rechargeable AA batteries can reduce the need to buy and dispose of roughly 100 conventional batteries—an eventual savings of at least \$40 and eight pounds of hazardous waste.

Individually and collectively, we CAN make a sustainable difference and save money too. For more ideas, stop by the next Earth Shepherds gathering on **Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** (the second Monday of the month). For additional information, please use the QR code. Thanks and blessings to you!



Worship

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Nancy Dallas—513-489-8815 ext. 761 or e-mail nancy.dallas@good-shepherd.org

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions in the Church)

Tuesday, December 20

Noon-1:00 p.m. (extra priests available) and
5:30-6:30 p.m. (extra priests available)



Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, December 27

Confessions will follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday,
December 27 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Church.

Our regular 5:30-6:15 p.m. Confessions will not
be held today due to the Christmas building schedule.

Baptism Instruction

Due to the holiday, there will be **NO Baptism Instruction on Sunday, January 1, 2023**. The next Baptism Instruction Zoom class will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2023**. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Dallas in the parish office, 513-489-8815 ext. 761.

Ministry Sign Ups

Ministry sign ups are online for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses. If you currently serve as a Sacristan, Lector, Gift Family or Head Distributor at our weekend Masses, your help is requested at one of the Masses listed above.

Ushers, please sign up in the Take It or Leave It room.

Advent Adoration

Looking for some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of the season? This Advent come thank the Lord for His countless gifts and blessings!

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Please Note:

Eucharistic Exposition will not take place on **Thursday, December 29**.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2022 by Deacon Max Schellman

First Reading—Isaiah 52:7-10: The book of the prophet Isaiah was written over hundreds of years by at least three writers. This passage is from second Isaiah written while the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Good news is proclaimed as freedom and the return of the people to Jerusalem is anticipated. The people are told to break out in song as it is a time to rejoice.

Second Reading—Hebrews 1:1-6: The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the greatness of Christ as priest, prophet and king. Hebrews describes Christ as superior in every way. This passage traces God speaking to us through the prophets and then through Christ. We are told that, after attaining our salvation, Christ returns to His seat in heaven at God's right hand.

Gospel—John 1:1-18: This opening passage of John's Gospel reaches back to the very beginning of time and in a lyrical way tells us that Jesus "was" before all of creation, and all creation exists through Him. As the Word "incarnate," Jesus is light to the world sharing both God's divinity and our humanity. We also share in this connection of God the Father and Jesus. On this Christmas day as we reflect on Jesus as the greatest of all gifts, we pray that our daily words and actions bring the light of Christ to those around us and make our world glow.

Education and Formation

Sr. Elaine Winter—513-489-8815 ext. 716 or e-mail sr.elaine@good-shepherd.org
Emily Weierman—513-489-8815 ext. 726 or e-mail emily.weierman@good-shepherd.org
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Question of the Week for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife.” (Mt: 1:24)
Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life?
What can you do to overcome that?

Gospel activities for kids:
www.thekidsbulletin.com



Recent Youth Ministry Events



7th grade retreat "Summoned and Sent"



Girls small group discussion



High schoolers playing box hockey



Flock does an Escape Room



Flock does an Escape Room



Filling candy bags for Tender Mercies and watching the Bengals game



Flock does an Escape Room



Looking for books to read this Advent? Find our Advent and Christmas display around the bookshelves to deepen your preparation for Christmas this year!

Books include *Biblical Meditations for Advent and the Christmas Season*, *Santa and the Christ Child*, and *Fathoming Bethlehem: Advent Meditations*.

Radical Optimism—Practical Spirituality in an Uncertain World by Beatrice Bruteau

This book offers practical contemplative techniques to quiet the mind and a vision for bringing healing to ourselves and others, rooted in Western and Eastern traditions.

Stewardship

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
MT 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Collection Information

December 4, 2022	\$	40,947
YTD Collections	\$	972,413
YTD Budget	\$	1,010,700
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	(38,287)
Contribution Breakdown:		
	Quantity	Dollars
Envelopes	341	\$ 21,410
Loose Checks		\$ 9,600
Loose Cash		\$ 1,987
Stock/IRA/Grants		\$ 7,950
Total (Thank You!)	\$	40,947
Avg. donation per envelope	\$	62.78

Special Projects Update

Our goal for this fiscal year is \$25,000. We received \$312 in donations the weekend of December 10/11. This gives us a YTD total of \$14,144. (There was an error in the total last week.) We had an expense of \$4,955 for the bell system bringing our grand total in the fund as of December 11, 2022 to \$433,441.

Donating Stock for Your Year-End Gift to the Parish?

Here's what you need to know!

There are many tax advantages to donating stock and it's a great way to support the parish *without* reaching for your checkbook and impacting your cash flow! To donate stock, forward the information below to your broker.

Company Name: Fifth Third Bank

DTC Number: 2116

Account Number: 0104471751DH

Account Name: Good Shepherd Parish

Your name and contact information must be on the delivery instructions.

Special note to P&G donors: If your stock is held at Wells Fargo, please complete your paperwork, and **return it to Teri Cunningham in the parish office.** Your paperwork, along with a request from the parish to sell the shares, will be sent to EQ Shareowner Services. This will reduce the processing time.

If you have any questions concerning stock donations, please contact me at 513-489-8815 ext. 738 or e-mail teri.cunningham@good-shepherd.org. Thank you for your support!

—Teri Cunningham



Our Sunday Social is this Sunday, December 18, in the Community Room, after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Join us for a light breakfast of bagels, pastries, coffee and juice. Santa will pay us a visit after the 10:00 a.m. Mass!
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Weekend Maintenance Help

The Community of the Good Shepherd is looking to hire a part-time weekend maintenance person. The selected candidate will work a total of 16 hours between Saturday and Sunday. The person in this position should have basic knowledge of plumbing and janitorial needs. The duties of this person include room set up, being visible to the front office staff during Masses to address any needs that may arise, and to provide janitorial services for the parish. Entry level maintenance experience is required. Employees are subject to the Archdiocese Child Protection guidelines. Pay will be commensurate on qualifications and the duties required for this position. Applications are now being accepted through December 15, 2022. Interested individuals can e-mail a resume and references to dan.parker@good-shepherd.org or send them to Dan Parker at Good Shepherd, 8815 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249.

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Tax Year 2022 Contribution Deadlines

To make sure your donations to the church appear on your 2022 contribution statement, please note the following deadlines:

- Online donations through the parish website—**Monday, December 26, 2022.**
- Donation envelopes or checks brought to the parish—**7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2022, OR placed in the outside depository (by the Outreach Wall in the main gathering space) no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2022. The parish office is closed from December 23, 2022 through January 1, 2023.**
- Donations mailed to the parish—**All envelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 2022 to be included on your 2022 contribution statement.**
- Electronic Securities—**The tax benefit is realized on the date that the stock is transferred to Good Shepherd.**

Please note: The date on your check is not the indicator of when a donation is recorded by the parish. For example, if you mail a check dated December 30, 2022, and the envelope is postmarked January 2, 2023, it will be counted as a 2023 contribution. The same applies if you put a check in the collection basket on January 1, 2023, dated in 2022.

Christmas envelopes received after December 31, 2022, **will be posted as a 2023 contribution unless they are mailed and postmarked in 2022.**

Please call Teri Cunningham in the parish office at 513-489-8815 ext. 738 if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting the parish!

New Visions

Are you or someone you know in need of support after experiencing a divorce, being widowed, or during a separation? New Visions is a group of people who have experienced one of those life changing events and who come together regularly to provide support, friendship and community for each other. The group does not offer counseling, we offer support and community as we move forward after these major life changes.

You do not have to be a member of The Community of the Good Shepherd to attend the biweekly support meetings. We plan casual events at least once a week to meet and enjoy each other's company at restaurants, free concerts, movies, or whatever might be interesting.

Meetings are from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Join us or recommend us to others who need help finding their way as a single adult. To learn more, visit www.good-shepherd.org/new-visions-ministry.



Over 40 55+ Ministry members went to the Holiday Pops Concert on Sunday, December 11.

Around the Parish

Mass Intentions for this Week, December 19-25, 2022

Mon., December 19	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Patty Zepf
Tues., December 20	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Ron Sulzer, Mary Frances Backherms, Marian Benz, Phyllis Shea, Jim Schafer, David Childers, Richard Crone, Harry Pryslak, Don & Marion Stich, Marian Niehaus & deceased family/friends, Peter & Helen Marino, Massimo Giuliberti, John & Jennie Banovich, Chuck Caton, James & Jean Ann Johns, Piero Romagno
Wed., December 21	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Greg Rairden
	6:15 p.m.	In memory of John Paola
Thurs., December 22	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Tom & Graeme Dyehouse
Fri., December 23	8:30 a.m.	In memory of Richard Menke, Eugene C. Gundlach, Al & Marie Menke, John Harmon, Max VanBenschoten, Diem Pham, Robert Uphus & Rosemary Uphus, Deceased of the Kadnar & McIntyre Families, Florette Doepker, Richard Doepker, John & Jennie Banovich, Joyce & Larry Spinazze, James & Jean Ann Johns, Peter & Helen Marino, Marian Niehaus & deceased family/friends, Chuck Caton, Paul Giardullo, Don Niehaus, Mary Cullen, Frank Cullen, Nancy Trick, Fred Wermes
Sat., December 24	3:00 p.m.	Marina, Stephan & Gianna Rumbin Special Intention (Church)
	3:00 p.m.	Tom Ruthman (Community Room)
	5:00 p.m.	In memory of Joe Tepe (Church)
	5:00 p.m.	The Weden & Giardullo Families Special Intention (Community Room)
	9:00 p.m.	In memory of Jim Goyette (Church)
Sun., December 25	9:00 a.m.	In memory of Stella Hess (Church)
	10:00 a.m.	The Hummel Family Special Intention (Church)

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

Stephen & Michele Abbate	Mindy Davidson	Jeri Johnson	Joe Munz	Kathryn Stickle
Rae Abell	Tami Davis	Evelyn Jolley	Whitey Muse	Jane Sturdy
Pedro Adams	Joseph Degliuomini	Kevin Jones	Cheryl Poggi Myers	Rhone-Subinsky Family
Michael Adler	Nan Dillon	Pam Jones	Cindy Nagelhout	Doug Suhotnik
A friend	Bernadette Dolezal	Jeff Karam	Gary Nagelhout	Judy Sullivan
Valerie Ainsworth	John Donahue	Bob Keegan	Judy Newbold	Natalia Tanguma
Gerry Albers	Angela/John Dornbach	Sha Kelkar	Nursing Homes	Bob Tate
ALS Patients	Terri Doyle	Walter Kendra	Lucy Oen	John Tate Family
Donna Anastasi	Kaitlyn Eberhart	Eric Kroger	Marcella Oenbrink	Kevin Terry
Mark Anastasi	Jack Vanden Eynden	George Kuharick	William Parker	Sandra Thomas
Chloe Anderson	Betty Effimoff	Mary Kulkarni	Baby Mallie Petrie	Margaret Thompson
Megan Apple	Curtis Ray Elder	Claire Kuprowicz	Alexander Piening	John Thumann
Darlene Arlinghaus	Hazel/Chris Elder	Barbara Lamb	Fred/Ursula Pledger	Transplant Patients
Eileen Armstrong	Larry/Gary/Jimmy Elder	Nancy Landry	Mary Pollock	Ann Trapp
Marie/Terry Armstrong	Loretta/Lisa/Ashley Elder	Nancy Langworthy	Eva Preisner & Baby	Scott Trapp
Roman & Stella Arnold	Sue Ann Ensign	Bobbi Lewis	Erin Radulski	Andy Tucker
Susan Aylyard	Janet Fette	Kay Lewis	Joyce Re	Anthony Ullman
Baby Waylon	Carol Fierro	Kathy Ligan	Madeline Hope Rebori (Roelker)	Marlene Vennemeyer
Travis Baker	Jane Fink	Doug Locke	Sandy Reed	Richard Vestring
Steve Bebko	Nancy Fisher	Dylan Loreno	Daniel Reesor	Brian Vonderhaar
Ethan Beckner	Sam Fogle	Eric L. Losekamp	Jackie Rhone	Tracy Waechter
Marcia Binegar	William Foltz	Rhonda Losekamp	Brian Richardson	Walter Wagner
Paul Blasch	Fred Fresquez	David Lovell	Bob Rivet	Mike Walker
Eric Boeckley	L., C., and D. Freson	Tom Lucas	Donald Robbins	Patricia Wallace
Suzanne Borchers	Paulette Gerstemeier	Everleigh Lundy	Betty & Charlie Roche	Barbara Walsh
Ellen Bottom	Maureen Giglio	Ethan Lundy	Thomas Rohrer	Walton Family
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Carol Bruser	Cathy Halstead	Eileen McClure	Emily Sciclano	Barbara Wilders
Buddy and Family	Jordan Hecker	Rick McClure	Regina Seubert	Cheri Wilhelm
Jamie Busemeyer	Katie Hengehold & Baby	Kristy McCoy	Mary Frances Sharpshair	Mary F. Wischmeyer
Ali Campbell	Mike Hershey	Josh McIver	Sophia Sharpshair	Stephanie Woodward
Angela Carroll	Ann Hix	Ella Meier	Natalie Shepline	Carol/Jack Wooleged
Jeanette Caruso	Allison Hoehn	Paul Meinking	Pat Sick	Steve Wurtz
Christine/James	Toby Holland	Matthew Merkle	Diane Skie	Rita Yoas
Paul Cimiluca	Hospice Nurses	Rob Merritt	Jason Slack	Sylvia Yutuc
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Kathie Cybulski	John Hunnicutt	Jeanine Monzel	Joe Stemple, Jr.	
Bob Dallas	Patricia Hunt	Marty Moratschek	Joe Stemple, Sr.	
Dardinger Family	Janet Hutzell	Ann Morgan	Betty Stewart	
Geoffrey Davies	Denver Jackson	James Mulvey	Sue Stewart	

Prayers Requested for Military Personnel of our parish families...

SGT Joseph Carozza - Mel Flege

Major Ken Saunders - MSG Joseph D. Sheedy - SPC Joe Shumar - SPC John Vogt



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, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:00 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 Zoom 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 three occasions. 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 Grace Curtis with any questions (513-489-8815 ext. 737 or e-mail: grace.curtis@good-shepherd.org).

Marriage

Marriages are celebrated throughout the year with exceptions made for Christmas holidays and the season of Lent. Please contact Deacon 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 Deacon 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.

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 new telephone directory **855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453)** that will link callers directly to child welfare or law enforcement in their county. If the suspected abuse is committed by a representative of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, contact the coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse at the Archdiocese at 513-263-6623 after contacting civil authorities.

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.catholicaoc.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, Fr. Jack Wehman would be happy to make referrals to psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and spiritual directors for those in need. Please call Fr. Jack at 513-489-8815 ext. 748 or e-mail fr.wehman@good-shepherd.org.

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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Baptism Robe/Embroidery	Judith Whitton	513.677.8837	Shepherds Care	Jim Stickle	513.733.0816
Bethany House	Mike Haverkamp	513.706.7991	Shepherds Share	Mike Roman	513.331.5432
Catholic Scholarship & Education Support	Sha Kelkar	513.697.9311	Special Olympics	Bill Suttman	513.793.6112
Christmas Gift-Giving	Steve Bullock	513.417.6004	Tender Mercies	Mary Tom Westendorf	513.644.9296
Comfort Bags	Marie George	513.256.0854	Ushers	Deacon Steve Lindner	513.489.8815
Computer Recycling	Terry Albright	513.677.2140	Whitley City Builds Project	Tom Kilgore	513.478.6942
Crisis Pregnancy	Pregnancy Center East	513.321.3100	Whitley City Donations	Paul Inderhees	513.891.0565
Earth Shepherds	David Oen	513.205.8603	Whitley City Shoebox Project	Sandy Rivet	513.309.6018
Eucharistic Exposition	Deacon Steve Lindner	513.489.8815	Women's Prayer Group	Barb Hemmerle	513.793.4918
Family Fellowship CMTE	Sandy Rivet	513.309.6018			
Food Bags for the Hungry	Anne Fialko	513.489.8815			
Grief Support	Kathy Teipen	513.489.7489			
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Habitat for Humanity	Stephen Fridrick	513.225.4513			
Healing Christ Ministry	Theresa Kajs	513.706.6398			
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Knitters & Crocheters	Mary Albright	513.677.2140			
Lambtenders	Tina Caudill	513.235.9193			
Lodge Communion	Kathleen Canavan	513.478.0273			
Meadowbrook Communion	Cindy Stiens	513.325.3427			
Men's Fellowship Group	Tony Novello	513.860.5293			
M.O.M.S. Group	Emily Weierman	513.489.8815			
New Visions	Sandra Smith	513.563.1868			
Parents of LGBTQ+	Jack Peltz	513-739-0747			
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Kathy Haberer	513.704.0278			
Prayer Companions	Bill Grote	513.739.0280			
Psalm 23	Sha Kelkar	513.697.9311			
Re-Entry Ministry	Ed Neenan	513.382.0655			
Rosary Making Group	Annamarie Short	513.967.3172			
Sack Lunch Sunday	Sharon Frankart	419-236-8619			
Sanctity of Life	Sandy Robinson	513.325.1834			

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