

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
QUARTERLY**





# Sacred Silence

That rather large book the server holds while I recite prayers during Mass is full of all kinds of interesting things in addition to what one hears at Mass. For instance, near the beginning of the book there is what is called the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” or GIRM. These instructions are part of liturgical law, so priests are obligated to follow them. These instructions cover all parts of the Mass, the individual roles during Mass, and even the fixtures, vessels, and decorations. For now, I would like to share what the GIRM shares about silence.

Silence is an important part of the Mass, and it is used for more than one reason. The GIRM indicates where silence is to occur in the Mass, “Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him. Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration devoutly and fittingly (GIRM, 54). By following the GIRM, one can see how some people may get the wrong idea about Catholics. All of you have probably heard someone say that other churches are more welcoming than Catholic churches. People can feel this way if they do not understand that by silence, we are preparing ourselves for what is to come and allowing others to do the same.

The GIRM reemphasizes the importance of silence by mentioning it again when it discusses specific parts of the Mass. For example, when discussing the Penitential Act, “...after this, the Priest calls upon the whole community to take part in the Penitential Act, which, after a brief pause for silence, it does using a formula of general confession (GIRM, 51) and the Collect, “The Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God’s presence and may call to mind their intentions (GIRM, 54). When discussing the Liturgy of the Word, the GIRM informs us of one reason why silence is built into the celebration, “By silence and by singing, the people make this divine word their own, and affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith; finally, having been nourished by the divine word, the people pour out their petitions by means of the Universal Prayer for the needs of the whole Church and for the salvation of the whole world (GIRM, 55). The GIRM continues by pointing out how the people make the divine word their own, “The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favor meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily (GIRM, 56). So you see, these are not unnecessary delays between readings, they are scripted intervals of silence for the people to meditate on the word.

Another function of silence is a sign of our unity. In the section, ‘The Functions of the People of God’, the GIRM explains, “In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this through their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. They are consequently to avoid any appearance of singularity or division, keeping in mind that they have only one Father in heaven and that hence are all brothers or sisters one to the other. Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful (GIRM, 95-96).

The use of silence before and during Mass helps us celebrate and commemorate all that God has done for us as one body. The commonality of gesture, response, and silence shows the world that we view ourselves as one body united by faith. What could be more welcoming than allowing others to join us in our silence before Mass so they can prepare themselves to celebrate more fully and joyfully?

*Contributed by Fr. John Lijana*

## Christmas is Coming! Knights Plan Parish Party

The Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council 1483 is planning a  
Good Shepherd Parish Christmas Party.  
It will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person,  
and children 12 and under are free.

Santa will be present from 8-8:45 p.m., and he will pose for pictures with children.  
Parents who are attending with children are asked to bring Santa a small,  
wrapped present to give the child before the photos are taken.

A DJ will provide seasonal and dance music. Council 1483 will provide hors d'oeuvres,  
desserts, and an open bar.

Child care will be available. Attendance will be limited to the first 150 who sign up.

Please watch the Parish bulletin and Parish e-newsletter  
for more details and ticket availability.

# Good Shepherd School News

The school year is in full swing at GSS and both students and teachers are learning and growing.

Principal, Kelly Rowe, says, "Our main focus right now is on addressing the needs of all of our learners. And professional development for our teachers is key to that. Our primary teachers will be traveling to various schools to observe different types of reading small groups; our new Title 1 consultant will be pulling K-2 students for 2:1 reading intervention; GSS will have a table at the upcoming Focus Forward Conference sponsored by our Diocese; our teachers received training before school on both dyslexia/dysgraphia and ADHD/Learning (Academic) Differences; and two of our middle school teachers and myself attended a 2 day conference (Cognia's Kentucky Continuous Learning Expo) that focused on implementing consistent formative assessments into daily lessons and how teachers/educators can use that data to provide individualized instruction to all students.

Academics is not the only area GSS wants students to learn. Growing in character and faith through service to others is also a big part of the school's mission.

Earlier this year, the school families donated items to help stuff Christmas stockings for Meals on Wheels recipients. Recently the fourth and fifth grade classes made fleece blankets to donate to the UK Children's Hospital-- choosing the kid friendly fabrics and working in teams to measure, cut, and tie the blankets.



In a few weeks, the students will participate in the annual Thanksgiving food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. Mrs. Rowe hopes to incorporate a service opportunity each month of the school year.



The GSS students, staff, and families are having plenty of fun this school year too. The PTO hosted a Back to School Pool Party in July and a Family Night at Happy Jack's Pumpkin Patch this past week. Students have been on field trips to the Orchard and the Frazier History Museum, gone "off grid" at the Schimmoeller family farm, and enjoyed a visit from the Fire Dept.

Virtual author visits and a performance by the Lexington Children's Theater are coming up soon. And everyone is invited for the Spooky Shamrockin' Saturday this Saturday, Oct. 29; the school open house on November 8; and the annual Green and Gold Gala in November. For more details on these special activities, check the school website at [gssfrankfort.org](http://gssfrankfort.org) or contact Principal, Kelly Rowe, at 502-223-5041.







Fourth in a  
Four Part  
Series

# The Christian Path of Ongoing Conversion: Our Call to Communion

Please indulge a precious memory that I hold dearly. Twenty-two years ago next month, I was amidst a huge conversion and call to return to the Catholic faith. My heart was so hungry to know Jesus Christ that I took every opportunity to engage in everything Catholic. One particular event will remain with me eternally and continually reminds me of the great wisdom shared with an auditorium of people at the Singletary Center on U of K's campus. The guest that evening was none other than Francis Cardinal George of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Honestly, I don't remember the topic of his presentation, but it was during the question-and-answer session at the end that I remember most distinctly. A friend of mine, Mr. Jim Cloud, took the mic and asked, 'Cardinal George, what words can you offer us when a man of your esteem comes to share with us, and with the complacency of so many of our Catholics, so few are here tonight?' (Although I think the question was a bit embarrassing for Cardinal George, and the assembly, Jim was correct. There were less than 100 people present.) I remember vividly . . . Cardinal George was the only person on the huge stage, sitting in an ordinary chair, with his walking cane perched on the back, and he was looking downward, thoughtfully thinking about how to respond. After five or six seconds he raised his head, looked at Jim, and with great kindness said . . .

*All I can say, is that even if the Catholic Church  
ceased to exist in central Kentucky,  
the people here can be assured that  
the Holy Spirit is alive and well.*

Certainly, I have thought of Cardinal George's response during many times of darkness in different parishes, our diocese, and the Church universal.

But the times of brokenness cloud when each year we are privileged to begin walking with our candidates in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). We journey together, and each week share about so many influences that have brought us to the moment—some are minute, some huge and we are convinced they were miracle moments. By the time our candidates are prepared for Full Initiation or Full Communion with the Church, they have learned and embrace that all the influences were, indeed, the Holy Spirit.

So, what does all of that have to do with the subtitle *Our Call to Communion*? Everything! Although the reception of Holy Communion, with a contrite heart and within the celebration of Holy Mass, is our most intimate sharing possible with Jesus Christ in this life, our call to Communion is also an extension of the relational reality of the Holy Trinity in which we are called to share with the world—remember the Going Forth or Sending that is at the end of each Mass—"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,"? We are called to be nurtured by the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, to go into the world and **be Communion; be the selfless love, willing the good of the other, with the world.**

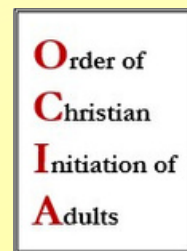
Our candidates in OCIA are journeying to be in Communion with the Church, but don't forget that includes you! This year we meet on the second and



fourth weekends each month, which offers a beautiful opportunity for each of you to meet and share your stories with them . . . and as the Holy Spirit has arranged—the weekends they are not in an OCIA session happen to be Doughnut and Pancake Breakfast Sundays!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the lively evangelization and work of the Holy Spirit in our Good Shepherd School. Again, this year we have a school parent seeking Full Communion, and two students preparing for Full Initiation. We also have two adult

candidates, reared in different faith traditions, who were Good Shepherd School students for a few years as children. Keep up the Holy Work, Good Shepherd Irish! **And let us all strive to be Communion more fervently than ever!**



*Contributed by Laura Hack*

## Updates from Parish Pastoral Council

On September 11, 2022 the Parish Community Picnic was held. A Bi-lingual mass started the day and then a picnic was held in the PLC. It was well attended with over 300 participating. There were games played in the PLC and the gym. Left over food was donated to the Soup Kitchen. Mark your calendars for next year's picnic, September 10, 2023. Thank you to all who volunteered and brought food.

The Parish's 175th Anniversary will be in 2023 and information regarding activities will be coming soon for this monumental anniversary.



PPC members serve as liaisons to various committees throughout the parish and give reports on those committees during each meeting. Members volunteer for a committee and if possible, attend their meetings and receive reports from that committee.





# Finance Update

## As of June 30, 2022

				Good Shepherd Parish	Good Shepherd PreK -8	
				As of June 30, 2022		
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
		Offertory	858,660			
		Grants			\$	205,898
		Diocesan Distributions	11,850			
		School Registration Fees			\$	14,000
		Fund Raising and Gaming			\$	104,927
		Donations and Gifts	28,208		\$	153,732
		Tuition			\$	601,138
		Rentals	180		\$	1,281
		On-Site Parish Subsidy			\$	216,000
		School Programs and Fees			\$	301,372
		Parish Programs	3,887			
		Total Income	902,786		\$	1,598,348
		Gross Profit	902,786		\$	1,598,348
Expense						
		Assessments	109,691		\$	49,908
		Subsidy from Parish to School	216,000			
		Salaries and Benefits	323,250		\$	845,489
		Catholic High School Subsidies	3,000			
		Scholarships			\$	112,097
		Operating and Supplies	115,327		\$	72,807
		Gaming and Fund Raising Expense			\$	17,393
		Direct Outreach	206		\$	5,448
		Building & Grounds	35,885		\$	36,481
		Mileage and Travel	627			
		Advertising and Programs	5,547		\$	37,639
		Textbook and Computer			\$	131,092
		Program Supplies	32,098		\$	12,822
		Hospitality	451		\$	437
		Auto and General Insurance	28,188		\$	21,192
		Professional Services	18,612		\$	25,570
		Fees	4,866		\$	2,977
		Total Expense	893,749		\$	1,371,352
		Net Ordinary Income	9,036		\$	226,996
Net Income				9,036	\$	226,996
		Less Federal Grants			\$	(205,898)
		Income without Federal Grants			\$	21,098
		Note Balance 'at 6-30-22	\$ 2,086,924.54			
<p>A portion of the school income is earmarked to pay teachers on year-round contracts during the summer. Good Shepherd received more than \$200,000 in federal grants for preschool education programs some of which were used for PreK salaries. Good Shepherd School also did better than expected in fundraising</p>						



# Meet the Staff



## Kevin O'Neil

No doubt you know someone whose office and desk can be described as a cluttered mess. Yet, when you ask the person whose office it is a question, he or she can answer immediately. If necessary, the person will spin in a chair, open a specific drawer or move directly to a certain pile of papers and books, extract the needed document, and answer the question. The filing system is a mystery to everyone but that person.

**That's Kevin O'Neil.**

If you ever visited the Good Shepherd Parish office building and spoke with Kevin, you've seen what many would call disorganization. But when Kevin quickly and decisively answers your question with specifics, you understand it is a system that works for the 20-year Parish Administrative Assistant. It's also clear that he loves his job.



"I do love my job," O'Neil said during an interview in the uncluttered, sparse conference room in the Parish office. One wondered whether he would be comfortable answering questions in a space so unlike his office, but was relaxed and engaging. "It's a lot of multitasking," he continued. "No day is the same. It's great people contact. I like to be on site. I cherish when a person comes and needs assistance, like with funeral decisions. I feel like I've accomplished something meaningful. I feel like I found my niche.

He says his main duties are answering the phone, greeting visitors and directing them to their appointments, preparing the bulletin, maintaining the parish calendar, scheduling masses for weddings and funerals, and preparing tax documents. Those are the duties that come to his mind when asked. His official job responsibilities number 27 bullet points. The best part of his job is interaction with people. What does he like least? "There's nothing I really dislike about my job," he stated.

**Kevin has been a fixture** at Good Shepherd for so long, as part-time organist, musical director, and Administrative Assistant, some may think he is a Frankfort native. He was born in Elyria, Ohio, on August 16, 1958. His parents, Bill, who worked for Bendix Corporation, and Jo moved to Frankfort when Kevin was 17 and his father was transferred to the Bendix plant in Frankfort. Both parents now are deceased. He had four siblings, Dan, who lives in Cleveland; Pat, who lives in Florida; Maureen, who lives in Lawrenceburg; and Tim, who died at 19 from complications of cerebral palsy.

He arrived in Frankfort in the middle of his senior year in high school. He enrolled in Franklin County High School and had to adjust to a much larger school than he attended in Elyria. After graduation, he attended Kentucky State, but didn't stay. He took a job in the payroll department at Ancient Age Distillery (now Buffalo Trace). He then worked at Cumberland Savings and Loan as a checking account coordinator. Next, he spent 18 years as the finance coordinator for Kentucky Special Olympics. Good Shepherd was his last job change.



“Early on, I thought the priesthood would be my calling,” he remembered. “That didn’t work out. But Good Shepherd combined my faith with my career.”

O’Neil values family. His three children all attended Good Shepherd School. His two sons, Justin and Keegan, live in the area. There are five grandchildren. “I have a great relationship with both,” he said. “Both have wonderful wives. I’m blessed they are here, and I can be involved in their lives.”

He misses his daughter, Shannon, who died unexpectedly at 21. Asked if there was someone, living or dead, he could spend a day with, he did not hesitate in his answer. “My daughter, Shannon. She died suddenly, so there was no time to say goodbye,” he recalled. “She was good to me. If I could have one day, I could say how much she meant to me. She was a lot of fun. We could have a lot of fun together.”

**O’Neil’s first memory** of Good Shepherd dates to his first week in Frankfort and the family went to church. “My mother said, ‘This is why God brought us to Frankfort.’ It was beautiful. When I got here I felt at home.” He has been involved with the church ever since.

He volunteered as an organist at 19. Later, he was the part-time music director, then got the Administrative Assistant job. He did both for a while. At different times, he has taught CCD, Sunday School, and high school CCD. He’s a former member of the Knights of Columbus. He’s served on the Finance Council.

He occasionally will go into church at night and practice a little on the organ. He does play at a few weddings and funerals, but says he’s probably out of that business.

He likes to read. “I’ll read anything,” he said. “I like magazines, coffee table books. I enjoy those kind of things.” He also enjoys antiques, visiting art galleries,

and attending concerts. In the future, he’d like to travel. “I want to do one international trip. I’m torn between Ireland and Italy. There’s a lot in America I haven’t seen.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, given where he may visit abroad, he loves green (“I’ll do anything with Irish heritage.”) and pasta. His go-to food is anything Italian (“I could eat pasta every day -- that’s why I’m on a diet.”). He is interested in studying about the church and looking at vintage photographs.

**O’Neil is steadfast** in his devotion to the Parish and its future. “I think we’re recovering from the COVID thing,” he stated. “I see good things going on. I have concerns about some people who think we can do it (all) on line. We’ve got a great priest. A great principal. We’re coming back, and it feels good. There is a good staff. We work well together.



“Working for Good Shepherd has been a wonderful opportunity in my life. I’m surrounded by great people, It’s nice for 30 seconds, two-three times a day, to be in the church. There’s a feeling of contentment. I’m very protective of the Parish.”

Just don’t ask him to explain his filing system.

*Contributed by Mike Stone*

# Music Binds LaFontaine Family

There are all kinds of musical bands. There's concert bands and brass bands. There are jazz bands and one-man bands. There even are family bands, and prior to World War II a Frankfort family band's members belonged to Good Shepherd Parish. The photos on the wall of Edward LaFontaine's apartment in the Capital Plaza Hotel testify to the band's existence and notoriety. Sponsored by the Frankfort American Legion, it once played the Big Apple, New York City.



*Ed and Vince pictured on the left. Babette and Oscar pictured on the right.*

Having achieved his 100th birthday on April 10, 2022, Gustave Edward LaFontaine, Jr., is believed to be the oldest Good Shepherd parishioner.

Ed LaFontaine witnessed a lot of history. The cornerstone of the old Good Shepherd School building on Wapping Street was laid in 1922, the year he was born. "There was a LaFontaine in that school from 1922 until it was closed," he said during a conversation in his apartment.

He recalled the long-time Good Shepherd Parish priest, Fr. Joseph O'Dwyer (1930-1969), who had a brother, Fr. John O'Dwyer, who had been pastor at Good Shepherd (1916-1920). Ed remembered when John O'Dwyer was a pastor in Northern Kentucky. Every year, Joseph would take boys from Good Shepherd School on a trip to Northern Kentucky. "It was a wild ride," he recalled.



Ed's brother, Vince LaFontaine, was part of the conversation in Ed's apartment. Good Shepherd parishioners know who Vince is even if you don't know him. He frequently accompanies the choir at masses with his trumpet. He said his hobby always has been music, but "no one ever mistook me for Winton Marsalis," he said,

He, too, remembered Fr. O'Dwyer. He mentioned the often used phrase people ask themselves when considering life decisions? What would Jesus do? Vince recalled his youth, saying "For us, it was what would Fr. O'Dwyer do?"

Ed and Vince are two of the eight children born to Gustave Edward LaFontaine, Sr., and Kathleen Whitehead LaFontaine: Charles, Ed (no one ever called him anything other than Edward even though he was Gustave, Jr.), Margaret (Coleman), Oscar, Maurice, Daniel, Babette (Rassenfoss), and Vince. The names indicate the links to other Frankfort families. Kathleen's sisters married into the Lynch and Yagel families.

Ed graduated from Good Shepherd High School and attended one year at Xavier University in Cincinnati but "followed the President's call" after that first year and joined the U.S. Navy as an aviator. (In Naval parlance, pilots are called aviators.) He was stationed in Leyte in the Philippines and flew reconnaissance missions over the Pacific theatre.

Vince remembered the Navy would not accept Ed's enlistment until his tonsils were removed. "It was Navy Day 1942, and I know because my mother shipped me out to have mine take out, too!" he said.

After the war, Ed worked for the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, eventually becoming director. He traveled the state promoting aviation and was involved in airport development. Being in the air stayed with him after retirement. He was a prominent hot-air balloon hobbyist, piloting the Farmers' Bank balloon for many years.



Vince said he never went up in the balloon. He recalled monitoring a line of people waiting to go up in a tethered liftoff. His brother-in-law, Ed Rassenfoss was helping tend the line and asked if he'd taken a ride. "I said, 'You see what holds them up? Bailing wire and hot air. I'm not getting into that thing'."

Vince also studied for a year at Xavier following his graduation from Good Shepherd High School. He did not go into the military. He transferred to the University of Kentucky and earned his degree in 1957. He worked until his 1970 retirement with the Kentucky Department of Transportation in the Planning Division. He said his title changed to whenever the engineers wanted to give you a big name but didn't want to pay for it.

Ed's career led to his being selected for the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. It also spurred his effort for many years to partner with Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council 1483 to provide scholarships for high school youth to attend the summer aviation camp held at Lexington's Bluegrass Field.

Ed married Kathleen Lowman and they had four children: Linda (Newman), Margaret (known as Missy), Gustave Edward, III, and Margaret. Vince notes Margaret was a student manager for the University of Kentucky basketball team and truly bleeds blue. Ed said he and Kathleen were "married forever." It also is noteworthy that there is a Gustave Edward, IV, and a Gustave Edward V.

Vince was married to Lucy for 42 years. They did not have any children. Lucy died in 2014.

Both Ed and Vince have fond memories of Good Shepherd School. Ed remembered his principal, Sr. Mary Alonzo. Vince recalled his favorite teacher, Sr. Mary DeLourdes. "She tried to convince me to read music. I wasn't interested. She sent me to a room to practice. I played the last thing I heard on the radio. She came back and said, 'I didn't send you here to play that!' A lot of people in Frankfort really loved the lady."

She retired to the Nazareth community near Bardstown, and when she died Vince was asked to play at her funeral. It was not the first time Vince or Ed played at a funeral. Vince estimated he'd blown "Taps" at more than 1,000 veteran funerals.

Obviously with Vince, but also with Ed, music remained a large part of their lives. Not only was the family band part of their lives, but they were part of a Frankfort drum and bugle corps that formed after World War II. One year, the corps won the state championship, and it played in Washington, DC.

For Ed and Vince, the music and life play on!



# *Good Shepherd School Green & Gold Gala*

## *Frankfort--A Ky Distilled Experience Raffle*

*You could win a 2 night stay in a downtown townhouse, several premium bourbons including George T. Stagg, local restaurant and tap room gift cards, and other goodies.*

*Drawing on Nov. 19, 2022 at noon*

*Only 250 tickets will be sold!*

*Purchase tickets at parish office or get more details and purchase online at*

*<http://bidpal.net/frankfortkydistilledraffle>*

## *Online Auction*

*Variety of items up for bid including vacation condos, wine and spirits, holiday decor, student creations, gift cards and more just in time for Christmas.*

*November 9-19*

*<http://bidpal.net/gssgala>*

## *Trivia Night*

*Pizza Dinner, Fun, and Fellowship*

*Babysitting included*

*Live Auction & Giveaways*

*Nov. 18, 2022 in the Good Shepherd Parish Life Center 6:30pm-8:30pm*

*For details and to RSVP: [gssfrankfort.org/greenandgoldgala](http://gssfrankfort.org/greenandgoldgala)*

# THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

## Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—lifeshaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives
- and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

## Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

## Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.



## Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs
- and to the universal Church.

## A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way.

Stewardship is a part of that journey.



**As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

1 Peter 4:10

# November 2022 Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 8:15 Mass -- All Saints Day 10:00 Bible Study 5:30p Mass--All Saints Day 6:00p Spiritual Life Committee	<b>2</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 5:30p Mass -- All Souls Day 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You	<b>3</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>4</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass 12:30p First Friday Adoration	<b>5</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience Collection for St. Vincent de Paul 9:00 Youth Life Event 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass +1 more...
<b>6</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience SVDP collection Masses Donut Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep 6:00p Youth Life (High School)	<b>7</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Youth Life (Middle Sch.) +1 more...	<b>8</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience Open House at GSS 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:30p School Council	<b>9</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You	<b>10</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>11</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	<b>12</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>13</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience Masses 10:30 RCIA	<b>14</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>15</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 7:00p Respect Life Mtg. (Zoom)	<b>16</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You	<b>17</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass 9:30 Finance Council	<b>18</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass 6:30p Trivia & Auction Preview	<b>19</b> Raffle for Ky Distilled Experience 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>20</b> Masses 10:30 Pancake Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep	<b>21</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>22</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study	<b>23</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p That Man is You	<b>24</b> RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>25</b> 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	<b>26</b> 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>27</b> Masses 10:30 RCIA	<b>28</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Knights of Columbus 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>29</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<b>30</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You			

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	2 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass 12:30p First Friday Adoration	3 Collection for St. Vincent de Paul 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
4 SVDP collection Masses Donut Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep 6:00p Youth Life (High School)	5 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Youth Life (Middle Sch.) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	6 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 5:30p Penance Service 6:00p Spiritual Life Committee	7 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You	8 RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	9 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	10 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
11 Masses 10:30 RCIA	12 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	13 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:30p School Council	14 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep 6:30p That Man is You	15 RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass 9:30 Finance Council	16 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	17 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
18 Masses 10:30 Pancake Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep	19 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	20 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 7:00p Respect Life Mtg. (Zoom)	21 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions	22 RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	23 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	24 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
25 Masses 10:30 RCIA	26 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Knights of Columbus 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	27 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	28 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions	29 RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	30 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	31 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group

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# January 2023 Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> SVDP collection Masses Donut Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep	<b>2</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>3</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Spiritual Life Committee	<b>4</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep	<b>5</b> RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>6</b> 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass 12:30p First Friday Adoration	<b>7</b> Collection for St. Vincent de Paul 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>8</b> Masses 10:30 RCIA 6:00p Youth Life (High School)	<b>9</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Youth Life (Middle Sch.) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>10</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:30p School Council	<b>11</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep	<b>12</b> RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>13</b> 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	<b>14</b> 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>15</b> Masses 10:30 Pancake Sunday 10:30 Confirmation Prep	<b>16</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>17</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 7:00p Respect Life Mtg. (Zoom)	<b>18</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep	<b>19</b> RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass 9:30 Finance Council	<b>20</b> 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	<b>21</b> 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>22</b> Masses 10:30 RCIA	<b>23</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Knights of Columbus 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>24</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study	<b>25</b> 5:30p Mass 6:00p Choir Practice 6:15p Confessions 6:30p REP & First Communion Prep	<b>26</b> RCIA (virtual) 8:15 Mass	<b>27</b> 11:00 Patriotic Rosary 11:00 Confessions 12:00p Mass	<b>28</b> 3:00p Confessions 4:00p Mass 7:00p Singing Praise Prayer Group
<b>29</b> Masses	<b>30</b> 4:45p Rosary 5:30p Word & Communion 5:30p ACTS Mtg. (Women) 6:00p Faith Formation at Stewart Home School	<b>31</b> 8:15 Mass 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Parish Pastoral Council Meeting				

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