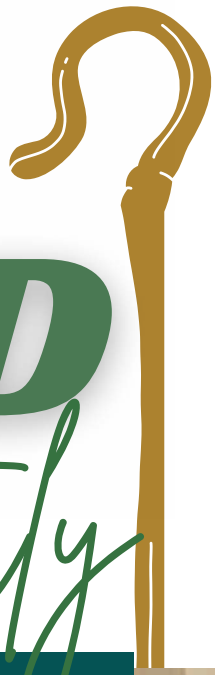


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A Warm Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of the 2026 Good Shepherd Quarterly!

In this edition, we turn our attention to the first part of our parish mission statement: **Love God.**

This simple phrase is at the center of who we are as a faith community. More than words, it shapes how we pray, how we gather, how we serve, and how we grow together in Christ. It is the starting point for every ministry, every classroom, every sacrament, and every act of care within our parish and school family.

To Love God is to keep our hearts anchored in Him—in worship, in learning, in service, and in the everyday moments that quietly form a life of faith. It is both our foundation and our direction as we continue to grow as stewards of His call.

In the pages ahead, we look forward to sharing stories, faces, and moments from across Good Shepherd that reflect this mission in action. Each one is a glimpse of how God is working in and through our community.

Love God. Love Neighbor. Make Disciples.

We also invite you to share your ideas, questions, and suggestions as this Quarterly continues to grow as a living record of parish life. Our hope is to inform, encourage, and inspire through the reflections and memories shared within these pages.

Thank you for being part of the Good Shepherd story—past, present, and still unfolding.

Be on the lookout

Throughout the Quarterly, you will see our little Shepherd's Staff to indicate the end of an article.



Satisfaction From Confession

- by Father John Lijana



Occasionally I consult the book, **Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma** by Ludwig Ott, to learn about the teachings of the Church. All of our teachings have been written about in a variety of ways and the style of writing changes over time. This book was first published in 1952, and it becomes obvious very quickly that it was written many years ago.

I was perusing this book for content regarding gratitude and stumbled upon a little-known aspect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - satisfaction. I do not recall discussing satisfaction in seminary and I believe you will find this helpful so I will share it with you in this edition of the Good Shepherd Quarterly.

Sacramental satisfaction comes from works of penance which are placed upon a penitent to atone for the remaining corporeal punishment for sins once the sins are forgiven. The desire for satisfaction is a component of the sorrow we feel for committing a sin. So unlike other Christian denominations, we do not believe that when God forgives that he absolves us of all punishment and guilt and the satisfaction comes from faith.

The Catholic view is based in Scripture. For example, in Genesis, God punished Adam by cursing the ground so he had to toil for his food and Eve by making the act of giving birth immensely painful. There are other passages where punishment occurs along with forgiveness, such as Numbers 12:14, 14:19, and 20:11. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus demands of his disciples that they carry the cross with him, meaning perform penitential works (Mt 10:38 & 16:24).

Therefore, the Council of Trent declares that the priests have a duty to impose satisfactions (penance) in proportion to the sins confessed and the ability of the penitent. As a minister of the Sacrament, I must try to achieve the completeness of the Sacrament, and as a healer of the soul, prescribe appropriate remedies to heal the wounds in the soul (penances). Thus, the sacramental satisfaction received works to remit temporal punishments for sins and the healing and recovery of the penitent's soul, which will weaken temptations to commit sinful acts.



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According to the Church, voluntary penitential works such as fasts, prayers, almsgiving, or others will provide the same healing and completeness of doing the penance. Keep in mind that these acts are to be, “of a penal character, that is, must be associated with labor and difficulty, which is factually the case with every good work in the state of fallen nature. This possibility of satisfaction by voluntary means is founded on the redemptive grace of Christ (Ott, Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma, pg. 459).

This means that we can make efforts to heal our soul and alleviate our guilt by voluntarily performing various works of mercy. We are given many opportunities here at Good Shepherd to do just that. We have the church offertory, various ministries at the church and elsewhere (St. Vincent de Paul), in addition to the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. We must remember to go to Confession on a regular basis, do the penance, and make ourselves available to share our time, talents, and treasures with others, especially the poor. So the next time I am rambling about needing volunteers, or someone else is pleading for assistance of some kind and you do not want to be bothered, you are being offered an opportunity to repair some of the damage on your soul that comes from living in this world. If you do enough works of difficulty and labor, your guilt over things you did or said in the past fade away. When this happens, reconciliation is now complete.

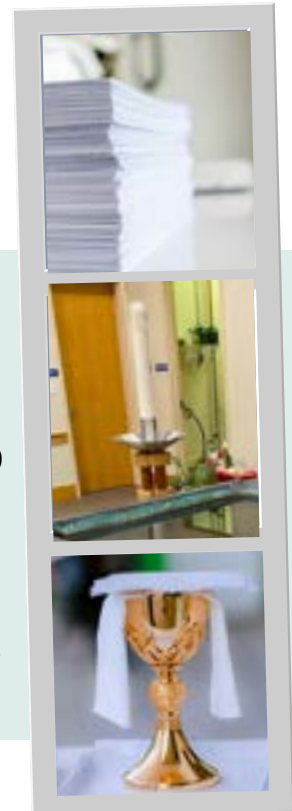
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Did You Know?

THERE ARE EXPENSES few think about that are necessary for liturgies and church administration. For instance, each year at the Easter Vigil, parishioners witness the blessing of the new paschal candle that is used in the sanctuary during the Easter season and at all funeral Masses and Baptisms throughout the year. A paschal candle can cost as much as \$800. Also, other necessary liturgical supplies are an expense that must be budgeted for annually. For example, GSC spends about \$4000 a year on hosts and wine for Communion.

In addition to liturgical needs, a parish this size has a large budget for everyday necessities such as janitorial supplies and copy paper. Good Shepherd uses about \$1800 worth of copy paper in a year and spends over \$5000 a year on such things as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels.





The Good Shepherd Mission

The Good Shepherd mission—

Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples—is a simple but powerful call that shapes everything we do as a faith community. It reminds us that our identity is rooted in relationship: with God, with one another, and with those we are called to serve.

To Love God is the foundation of it all. It means placing God at the center of our lives through prayer, worship, and daily attentiveness to His presence. When we truly love God, that love cannot remain internal—it must be visible. Our response to our love for God should be evident in our actions. Period. That is true stewardship.

Featured Section: Love God

In this issue of The Good Shepherd Quarterly, we are focusing on the first instruction of our Parish Mission Statement: **Love God**.

At Good Shepherd, to love God is not simply something we say—it is something we live. Our engagement in parish life becomes a visible expression of that love through worship, fellowship, and service. When we gather for Mass, spend time in community, or offer our gifts for the sake of others, we are responding to God with grateful and faithful hearts. Being part of the Good Shepherd community is, in itself, an act of devotion—choosing to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ as members of one body.

As Scripture reminds us in the book of 1 John, Chapter 4, verses 7-12:

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Gifts from the Garden

Lessons from a seed

In the quiet work of soil and seed, something beautiful has begun to take shape at Good Shepherd—a new parish garden where the church and school community have come together to cultivate more than just plants. Together, hands young and old have prepared the ground, planted seeds, and tended new growth with care and hope. What is taking root there is more than produce; it is a shared witness to what can happen when a community unites in purpose. This garden will provide care for our land, nourishment for our bodies, and a living space where parish and school can gather, connect, and grow together.



In many ways, this garden is a living example of stewardship. It reminds us that what God has entrusted to us is meant to be nurtured, shared, and allowed to flourish for the good of all. As a Church community, we are called to cultivate not only the earth, but also the life of faith entrusted to us—so that it may bear fruit long into the future and help sustain and propel the Kingdom of God.

In the weeks ahead, we will focus on the true meaning of stewardship, inviting you to pray and discern how to use your God-given gifts—like seeds planted in good soil. As Scripture reminds us, ***“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace”*** (1 Peter 4:10).

At Good Shepherd Parish, stewardship is more than a program—it is a way of life. Our Be SEEDed initiative invites us to be rooted in Christ and actively engaged in His Church, growing and bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

To be “SEEDed” is to live our faith in community. We show our love for God through worship, service, and relationship—offering our time, being present to one another, and serving as His hands and feet in the world.

We are also called to share the gifts God has entrusted to us. Each of us has talents that strengthen the Church, and offering them in ministry and service is a meaningful expression of our love for God.

Stewardship includes our financial gifts as well. Our generosity sustains the life of the parish and supports worship, formation, and outreach, allowing Good Shepherd to remain a place where all can encounter Christ.



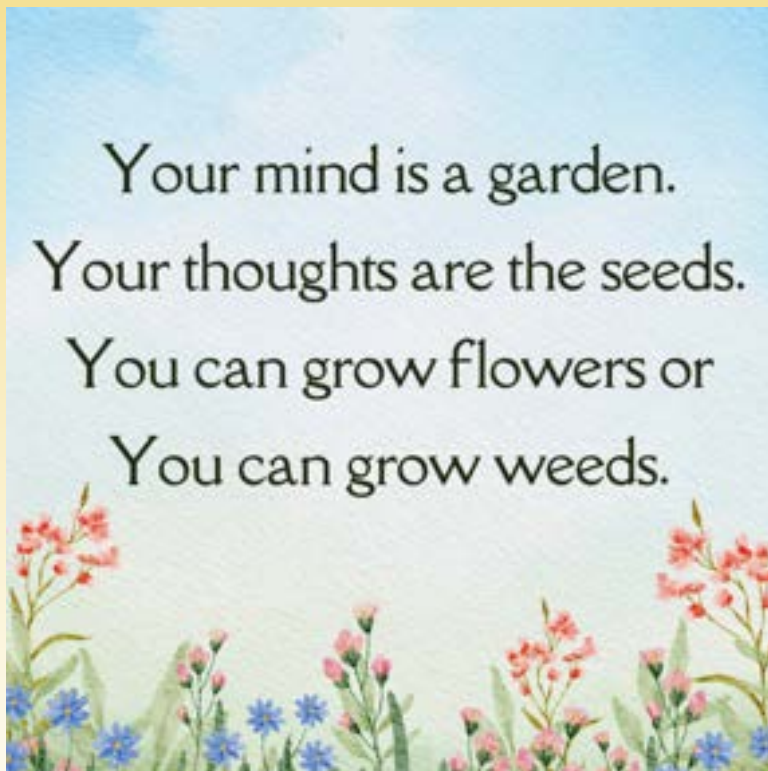
Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

At the heart of Be SEEDed are four values: **gratitude, generosity, grace, and growth**—giving thanks for what we have received, sharing it freely, extending God’s love to others, and continuing to grow in faith.

As we begin, we are invited to ask: How is God calling me to grow? How can I share my time, talents, and treasure in service to Him?

When we respond with open hearts, we become co-workers in God’s plan, helping to build a community that nurtures faith and bears lasting fruit.

Let us be SEEDed—rooted in gratitude, growing in generosity, formed by grace, and committed to a life of faithful growth.



Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent or praiseworthy**—**think about such things.**

Hispanic Financial Workshop Series: Stewardship in Action

By Cricket Hater, Director of Stewardship

The Hispanic Community Financial Workshop Series was a meaningful and practical initiative designed to empower members of the parish with essential financial knowledge and tools. Partnering with Traditional Bank and made possible through the generous support of the Mission and Ministry grant from the Diocese of Lexington, the program reflected a shared commitment to stewardship, education, and community growth.



Led by Traditional Bank's Frankfort Banking Center Manager Rebecca Quarles, with Sarah Barreto (teller) and Raphael Roca (IT) facilitating in Spanish, this four-part seminar series began in January and covered essential topics including budgeting, savings, credit, and giving. Each session was thoughtfully designed to address real-life financial challenges and opportunities, equipping participants with knowledge they can apply in their everyday lives.

The workshops were held on Sundays following the Spanish-language Mass, making them accessible and convenient for members of the Hispanic community. This intentional scheduling helped foster a welcoming and familiar environment, encouraging participation and engagement. To further support attendees, lunch and all necessary materials were provided at each session, removing potential barriers and allowing participants to focus fully on learning and discussion.

Throughout the series, participants gained valuable insights into managing their finances more effectively—from building and maintaining credit to creating sustainable budgets and developing consistent savings habits. Rooted in a spirit of faith, the workshops also highlighted how we love God as good stewards through the responsible and intentional management of our financial gifts. Just as importantly, the sessions emphasized the role of generosity and giving as part of a holistic approach to financial stewardship, aligning practical skills with faith-based values.

The success of the Hispanic Community Financial Workshop Series highlights the importance of offering accessible, culturally responsive educational opportunities within the parish. By meeting people where they are and addressing tangible needs, the program strengthened both individual confidence and the broader sense of community.



Looking ahead, there is great enthusiasm to build upon this foundation. As Cricket Hater, Director of Stewardship, shared, "We are excited to continue providing practical, life-application resources for all members of our parish and look forward to expanding this program to reach an even wider audience." This initiative stands as a strong example of how collaboration, faith, and education can come together to make a lasting impact



PPC NEWS

Greetings everyone!

The Parish Pastoral Council has recently changed our regular meeting day. Meetings are currently scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month.

The PPC is updating the By-Laws of our committee to be in line with diocesan by-law requirements for Parish Pastoral Councils. Past activities were:

A Christmas giveaway after all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. A small bag of candy and a keychain flashlight were given to families attending all Christmas masses.

A breakfast was hosted and prepared by the PPC for the attendees of the Confirmation Retreat. The PPC also hosted another breakfast for the First Communion retreat on April 25th.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding our parish, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members. All parishioners are welcome to attend our meetings.

Sincerely,
Joan Luther, Chairperson



Gratitude in the Gift of the Sacraments

by Laura Hack, Director of Faith Formation

Fellow disciples, I want to share with you the new-found grace that I have recognized in the Holy Sacraments, just since January this year. Preparing to share our faith for Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) sessions has always been a great joy for me, studying the different ways that lead us to the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, leaves me awestruck, but then seeing others embrace our faith is gift, Grace, itself. To meet others where they are, we have begun to more strongly emphasize the Biblical foundations of the seven sacraments of the Church. Most in OCIA come to us from a protestant background and embrace the Word of God.

We have found that our parish's **Formed** subscription has some outstanding resources for sacramental preparation, each of which include the Biblical grounds. For your benefit, these are the programs we have been using:

- *Reborn: You, Your Child, and the Heart of Baptism* (This is used for preparing the parents of infants seeking baptism but also helps our protestant brothers and sisters understand why Catholics baptize infants.)
- *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* (This includes the physical healing offered in Anointing of the Sick.)
- *Sent By the Spirit: The Sacrament of Confirmation*
- *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*
- *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Matrimony*
- *Symbolon: The Faith of the Church* (We use the sessions on Matrimony and Holy Orders and it's always helpful that Deacon Mike Lynch is also a leader.)

Not only have the Biblical roots of the sacraments been powerful to remember, but the Formed content tends to constantly remind us that the sacraments are **God's offer for us to continually re-create us in His likeness and image**. Focusing on God's beckoning to 're-create' me through the sacraments has created a shift in my gratefulness for the purest gift of love that is offered through each. (A small anecdote here: I was a public-school student in the second grade, 1970, and for our yearly spring show one of our songs was Cat Stevens' *Morning Has Broken*. I may have only been seven years old at the time, but I remember being confused when I looked at the words on the song sheet and it said, "God's

recreation of the new day", yet we were taught to sing 're-creation of the new day'. Imagine that, and in a public school) 🌻

God's freely offered gift of re-creation has heightened my awareness, but especially, my gratitude for the Catholic Church and the sacraments. The gratefulness has also led to me making sure that I am properly disposed to receive the grace—not only in being in a state of grace before receiving the Holy Eucharist,

but in honoring the gift that I have received, be it Communion, Reconciliation, or in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and seeing each patron at our St. Vincent de Paul as a graced encounter with a brother or sister.

Saint Thomas Aquinas saw knowledge of the sacraments and gratefulness as necessary components towards being properly disposed to receive and benefit from the grace that is offered (ST III. Q.73, A.3). He embraced the necessity so completely that it also served as the foundation for the Church's teaching on Baptism by

Desire and Spiritual Communion. Most of you have probably witnessed at one time the Rite of Acceptance, now known as the Rite of Entrance. The un-baptized who want to become a formal student of the faith (or catechumen) participate in the Rite of Entrance by proclaiming their desire to engage in instruction and rites towards full initiation at Easter. Their *desire* and proclamation to our community, then your pledge of support, allows that should God call them Home before they are ritually initiated, they are allowed a Christian burial in the Catholic Church. (As a cradle-Catholic, I *so* did not appreciate the grace in Baptism in the Catholic Church that will some day allow my family and community to pray with me in Holy Mass as I begin my journey towards Heaven.)

Gratitude. Gratitude for God's love for you and me. Gratitude for the Catholic Church and my parents and family who had me baptized at 15-days. Gratitude for the seven sacraments and God's constant call to re-create me in His likeness. Gratitude for each of you who walk with me as a community as I strive to become the re-created idea that God has for me ... *and you!* I hope you will join me as I challenge myself to be grateful in my everyday life and community—even when you are angry with me because I haven't completed your certificates for completing the sacraments. I am grateful for your grace.



To register for FORMED, go to:

FORMED.org > [click on FORMED FOR PARISHES](#) > [click on FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION](#) >

Then just follow the prompts. Contact Laura if you have difficulties
LHack@cdlex.org or 502-227-4511 x1349

I'd Like to Introduce....God!

While Jesus was here on earth He said: ***“Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment.”*** (Matthew 22:37)

Remember when you met your spouse? How long did it take before you trusted him or her, enough to really share your heart? How did it happen? Through dating, the two of you talked, got to know each other and eventually the attraction grew to love. But what if you never talked on your dates, never got to know each other? Would you still have decided to spend a lifetime together? Probably not.



It is the same with our love for God. What is your impression of God? Is He that “guy with the white beard” up in heaven waiting to judge you and decide whether you go to heaven or hell? If God is so good why do we have so many problems on earth? Why did God pick the Israelites to be His chosen people? What did He want them to do? The Bible opens God up for scrutiny. It tells us all about Him and what He wants from us. It shows us His great plan for each of us. It shows us His perfect love for each of us!

Good Shepherd offers Catholic Way Bible Study during the fall and winter months. The groups meet on Tuesday morning from 10:00am till noon or Tuesday evening from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Come and join us!

OK, I hear the objection now, because I've used them myself many times, I'm busy at work, I have a family to care for, I just don't have time. Many of us “make” time to watch Kentucky Basketball. Please make some time for God. Then there is the objection, I read the Bible Stories when I was a kid, so I already know everything that I need to know. Since I've been reading the Bible daily, God is now sitting and looking over my shoulder pointing out things I missed. For example, in the story of Mary Magdalene and Peter and John going to Jesus' tomb on Easter Sunday to finish the burial preparations, Mary mistakes the risen Jesus for the gardener. When He speaks to her, she finally recognizes Him and rushes to hug Him. He stops her, telling her that He hasn't finished His mission and must return to His father. One of the things that Jesus' death and resurrection was to accomplish was reopening the gates of heaven, closed since The Fall.



CATHOLIC WAY BIBLE STUDY

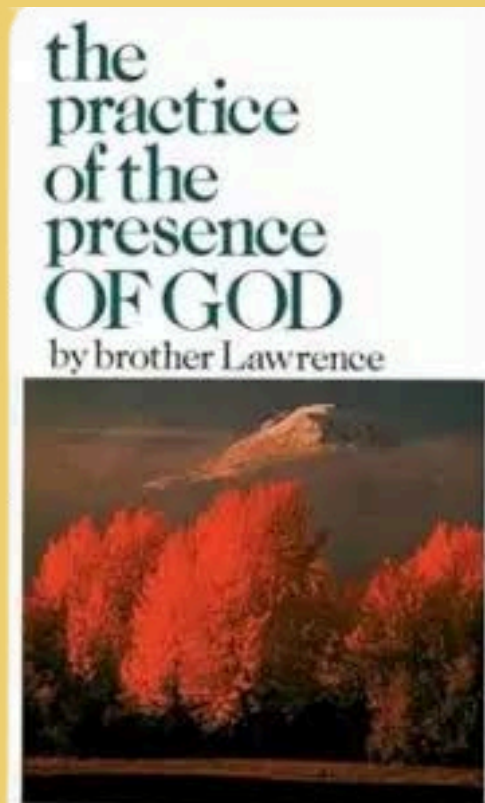
Perhaps Jesus had the souls of all the people who had died in the roughly 10,000 years since we were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. Perhaps He was in the process of taking all these souls to heaven when He stopped, simply to comfort Mary Magdalene in her great distress. What a stupendous God! What love! Hear what God told other people as they were reading, so that you get a panoramic picture of all the Bible teaches.

Not only does the Bible provide information about God, it shows His plan to make up for the disobedience of Adam and Eve, our parents. Most importantly, the Bible shows how much God loves us! Come join us and experience the Bible for yourselves. This is the Good News that God wants us each to share with the world.

Watch for the announcement of Bible Study resuming in the fall. Again, if the day of the week or the time of day doesn't fit in your schedule, call us and let us know what day and time is best for you. God loves you! Let Him show that to you!



Spend Time with God This Summer



Quiet time is where spiritual growth often begins—not in noise or activity, but in calm, steady presence with God. In learning to slow down and simply be with Him, we come to know a deeper love for God that shapes everything else we do.

This summer, we invite you to a simple, discussion-based book study of *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence, exploring how everyday moments can become encounters with God.

This is not a long-term commitment—just four sessions in total, beginning in June, with separate men's and women's groups gathering for reflection, sharing, and encouragement.

For more information or to join a group, contact Cricket at the parish office.

“We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.”

— Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Showing Our Love for God through Service

by Stephanie Sims, Good Shepherd Vincentian



Our local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is an extension of our parish so plays a part in Good Shepherd's mission to **"Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples."** As we focus on the first part of that mission in this month's Quarterly, I want to share with you how SVDP, particularly our Good Shepherd Conference and its members (Vincentians), strive to grow in our love for God and show His love to our community.

**"We must begin by establishing the kingdom of God in ourselves."
(St. Vincent de Paul)**

The primary purpose of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to increase the holiness of its members. A Vincentian is dedicated to growing spiritually and to serving those in need and bringing them closer to God. Vincentians strive to grow in holiness through prayer, through reflection on sacred scripture and the teachings of the church, in our daily lives, and in our relationship with our fellow Vincentians and with those in need. The ministry of our SVDP conference is to bring concrete aid and the comfort of the Gospel to those who are poor and suffering. This loving service then brings each member closer to God.



**"In serving the poor, we serve Jesus Christ."
(St. Vincent de Paul)**

Besides following the example of St. Vincent de Paul, Vincentians also trust in Divine Providence as SVDP founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, did. Ozanam believed God was acting in his life and the lives of others and that God was providing for him and the Society. St. Louise de Marillac also had a deep faith in Divine Providence, and she wanted to do the will of God. St. Louise was a friend of St. Vincent de Paul and worked closely with him and she is an inspiration to Vincentians. She believed that we find God in the poor. St. Louise knew that it is the love of Christ that urges us to go to the poor, the downtrodden, and the underprivileged.

**"You will go and visit the poor ten times a day, and ten times a day
you will find God there!" (St. Vincent de Paul)**

The mission of our SVDP conference is to join together in a bond of friendship, and to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those in who are needy and suffering. The SVDP here in Frankfort feeds and clothes the poor through our food pantry and thrift store located on Wallace Ave. We also offer affordable housing options in that neighborhood. Our volunteers are blessed with the opportunity to not just serve those in need but to talk with them, to offer compassion, to pray with them and evangelize. Our local conference affords Good Shepherd parishioners and others in our community a way to give of their time, talent, and treasure. To come together to meet, to pray, and to work together. We invite you to join us and to learn more about our ministry and how it supports our parish's mission to **"Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples"**.

For more information, reach out to me or our Conference President, Steve Mims, or one of the other Good Shepherd Vincentians. Or just stop by the food pantry and thrift store one day for a visit or to lend a helping hand. Also, our monthly meetings are open to all and are usually held at the food pantry at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month.



"I will be ever thankful for the time and resources I have shared with SVDP. I am thankful for every opportunity provided that can help others and inspire them to act generously and charitably. I am also thankful that SVDP has helped me to obey God's commands and see in my own heart how I must grow to be more like Jesus."
(Jared Davis, GSC parishioner and Vincentian)



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Staff Spotlight: Bob Amato

contributed by Mike Stone



Dcn. Bob Amato Balances Duties, Work with Carmen's Help

"We pray together. We're very active in things at church. She accommodates my church responsibilities," he said. "One of the most important things is to share prayer life and faith life together"

Deacon Bob Amato's entry into the diaconate was delayed. Receiving encouragement from different individuals, he went to an inquiry class in 2010. With two teenagers and a toddler at home, plus a full-time job, Bob and his wife, Carmen, discerned it wasn't the right time for the required commitment. Though dissuaded at the time, the thought of becoming a deacon remained with Amato.

Both before and continuing after that exploration, Amato was absorbed more deeply into his faith. He said he was getting more and more joy from the church. "I decided I wanted to dedicate my life to the church and bring other people to Christ. I don't know if I really knew what to expect. It's been good. It was a leap of faith to see what God puts in front of you. You don't know the challenges put in front of you. It's been a blessing.

"It was surprising to me how the Holy Spirit can give inspiration. I never thought I could preach a homily. I almost quit when studying homiletics. It amazes me I can deliver a message people (may) need to hear."

AS DEACON, he assists at Mass and helps with sacramental ministry to the homebound. He performs an occasional Baptism, which he enjoys. He does marriage preparation and performs a few weddings. *"I like helping young families,"* he said. He also leads funeral services and currently is trying to recruit and train altar servers to provide another avenue for youth to become more involved with the church. The altar server program was disrupted by COVID. Amato hopes to bring it back.



"I really think it's the day-to-day (activities); trying to be a bridge between the Church and the community," he said in response to a question about what gives him the most satisfaction. *People I meet usually know I'm a deacon or find out. People are prone to ask me questions about the faith or problems. Once, I ran into Kroger wearing my clerics. A lady stopped me and asked me to pray with her. Things like that are kind of neat."*

He sees Good Shepherd as an open and welcoming community. He cites the activities available, like St. Vincent de Paul, Stewart Home School, and services for the homebound. Good Shepherd is, *“an outpost of Catholic faith in Frankfort, holding up the Catholic faith, being present, witnessing. Having a Catholic school (where youth) can learn about faith in that setting.”*



Bob Lettice with CSS graduates

There's more to do. He would like to bring more beauty to the liturgies, to raise the mystery people experience at church. "We've started growth with some young families," he observed. He'd like to see continued growth, continued integration with all the communities, specifically noting the Hispanic community. He hopes to see all integrated as one. "I think it would bring critical mass to youth programs, to the choir, and things like that. See the school continue to grow."

THE REFERENCE TO CRITICAL MASS belied his engineering profession, a career that followed the footsteps of his father, Joe, who died in 2016 at age 92.

Joe Amato moved to Frankfort in the 1950s after college and pursued a career with the Kentucky Department of Transportation, eventually serving as Assistant Director for Bridges.

He was a cradle Catholic, and he married a Methodist who attended church with Joe. Edna Amato, who died in 2017 at age 84, worked for the Kentucky Arts Commission.

Bob is one of four siblings. Jean Dorton is a retired teacher living in Versailles. She did teach for a time at Good Shepherd. Bill lives in Southgate, Ky., and is a retired building inspector. David, also an engineer, now retired but performing consulting work, lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

Bob, the youngest of the siblings, was born Oct. 8, 1964, in Frankfort. He remembers playing a lot of sandlot baseball. At that time Country Lane Estates had a lot of empty lots. He also spent a lot of time playing golf. In fact, he worked at the Frankfort Country Club golf pro shop from seventh grade through college. Other youth jobs were a State-Journal route and a couple years working at the Country Club tennis courts.

He graduated from Franklin County High School in 1982. He played golf, basketball his sophomore year, and swam his senior year. He was a member of Key Club. He started college at the University of Louisville. *“Golf was my passion,”* he recalled. *“I wanted to study engineering.”* Only two schools had golf and engineering, UK and U of L, which offered him a position with the golf team. He stayed two years before transferring to the University of Kentucky.

“At the time, I was kind of sick of golf. The UK engineering program was better suited to me. I had a lot of friends there.” He sat out a year of golf but ended up playing for UK and serving as team captain in 1987, the year he graduated. That year he finished 12th in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, humbly admitting he was leading the tournament with six holes to play.

After college, he started his professional career working for the Highway Department in Frankfort, but golf was never out of sight. He went to Washington, DC, and was employed by the Naval Civilian Engineering Command. At 25, he had his mid-life

crisis. *“I didn’t want to work for the federal government all my life. I had an opportunity to teach golf at a Club Med in Florida.”* He worked there for six months. Then he tried golf course architecture, blending his passion for golf with his engineering background. He got a job at a golf course in Ocean City, Md.

He investigated being a touring golf professional. He went to Quebec and hung out with a couple pros that he’d met. He played in one Quebec Open and realized the pros were a *“whole lot better than me.”* He returned to Frankfort in 1990. He got a job at Frankfort Country Club, admitting he wanted to get playing privileges. He was in the clubhouse when Fred Meyer walked in. He told Amato to apply for an engineering position at HMB. He was hired and worked both jobs.

CARMEN ENTERED HIS LIFE in late 1990. Bob describes it as love at first sight. *“Carmen moved into an apartment on Shelby Street and was having a little party. A mutual friend invited me to go. I remember the date because it was the day (October 25, 1990) the Reds swept the World Series. Our eyes met, and it was love at first sight. I got the courage to ask her out.”* They got engaged in January 1991 and were married in June 1991.

They quickly embarked on a new life in Elizabethtown, Carmen as a teacher and Bob as city engineer. They returned to Frankfort in 2000. In addition to childcare, Carmen continued to teach, including a year at Good Shepherd Catholic School, before she earned her master’s degree and became a first grade reading recovery specialist with Franklin County Schools. Bob initially worked for the Kentucky Public Service Commission in the Department for Energy Development. He started as Energy Director then the Deputy Executive Director. He spent nine years “working on a lot of legal stuff” regulating utilities, ensuring adequate service and fair rates.

He was there nine years, left for a short while and worked for Greg Meyer, then was hired back to the Energy Cabinet as Director of Energy Generation and Transmission. That job lasted three years. “I wanted to get back to municipal government,” he said. “Work for a city where you actually build things, help the people.” He was hired by the City of Nicholasville, where he remains employed. His job title is Director of Utilities and Finance, which he says is kind of acting like a co-city manager.



Carmen and Bob have three children, all of whom graduated from Good Shepherd Catholic School and Franklin County High School. Alex, 32, lives in Louisville and is a financial analyst for a military contractor. Mary Grace, 29, is a CPA. Anna, 20, is a junior studying biology at Bellarmine University.

Both before and continuing after that exploration, Amato was absorbed more deeply into his faith. He said he was getting more and more joy from the church. *“I decided I wanted to dedicate my life to the church and bring other people to Christ. I don’t know if I really knew what to expect. It’s been good. It was a leap of faith to see what God puts in front of you. You don’t know the challenges put in front of you. It’s been a blessing.”*

Between work and the diaconate, there’s not much time left for leisure activities. Bob plays golf, works in the yard, plays tennis, and likes to go fishing with the family. They like to pursue outdoor activities. He is a “big UK fan,” and they do like to travel.

BOB AND CARMEN HAVE a strong partnership in fulfilling the diaconate duties. A deacon’s spouse also must pledge commitment to the calling.

“We pray together. We’re very active in things at church. She accommodates my church responsibilities,” he said. *“One of the most important things is to share prayer life and faith life together. She helps with marriage preparation ministry. She coordinates and trains lectors. She leads the Stewart Home School ministry. She is involved with the Kings Daughters Apartment meals. She makes visits to the homebound. With me working, she spends a lot more time at it than I do.”*



It is no surprise that deacons must pray. There is an obligation for morning and evening prayers. “The biggest challenge I have right now is balancing deacon responsibilities, work responsibilities, family, leisure time. Trying to figure out how to retire.” Fulfilling his prayer obligations can afford a respite. He’ll take his prayer book and a cigar and reflect on the banks of Elkhorn Creek. Bob says it’s a peaceful, quiet time, but considering his history, his dedication and his commitment, he won’t be sitting there very long.

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Reflections from Deacon Kaldy

by Deacon Tom Kaldy

The Bunny in the Grass

The Monday after spring break, I was walking the 8th grade from the school building to my classroom in the Parish Life Center. The morning felt ordinary—hallways, chatter, backpacks shifting on shoulders.

Then one student paused and said, “Look... there’s a bunny.” We all stopped.

Out in the grass and clover, a small rabbit was quietly feeding, completely unaware of our presence—or perhaps simply unbothered by it. I stopped the group, and for a moment, we all stood in silence, watching.

No one rushed it. No one spoke above a whisper. Even the bunny stayed calm, continuing its breakfast as if we weren’t there at all.

In that small pause, something shifted. It reminded me that sometimes the most meaningful moments don’t announce themselves—they simply ask us to stop.

Sometimes you just have to Take-the-Time.



Jesus and the Children

I am convinced that we can change the world if we just stop and take the time. Jesus is the perfect model for us. Remember the story in Matthew 19:13-15? Jesus was teaching and “Some people brought children for him to place his hands on them and to pray for them, but the disciples scolded the people.

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ He placed his hands on them and went away.” Jesus Took-the-Time. There are stories like this throughout the Gospels where Jesus takes the time to interact with people who need his help.

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The Small Things That Change Everything

We can change the world if we follow the model that Jesus set for us. You are probably familiar with the idiom, “A little goes a long way.” It means that a small amount of something can produce a significant positive effect. Here are three simple ways that we can change the world and ourselves by just Taking-the-Time.



- **First, we can Take-the-Time to call a family member or a friend.** It doesn't have to be a long call, maybe just a few minutes to ask how they are doing.
- **Second, we can Take-the-Time to perform a RAK (Random Act of Kindness) for someone.** It could be as simple as taking in their garbage can when you go out to retrieve yours.
- **Third, we can Take-the-Time to pray for someone.** This is called intercessory prayer. We do this at every Mass. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer. We can pray for the Church, our political leaders, people who have some special need, and for our parish. God wants to hear our prayers.

The Value of a Moment

If we Take-the-Time to do these three things on a regular basis we can change the world and ourselves. I want to close with a quote from Theodor Seuss Geisel, “*Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.*” We can know the value of a moment and have those precious memories, if we Take-the-Time.

Good Shepherd **MOVIE NIGHT**

by Mary Simpson

Did you know Good Shepherd has a Movie Night Ministry? There is always something special and spiritual about sharing *a meal and a movie* with fellow parishioners. Community life has always been one of the ways Christians grow in love for God. Why? Because God often chooses to reach us through the people around us. Sharing a meal together is in line with the early church where they broke bread in their homes and ate together with loving hearts. When a movie sparks discussion about values, hope, sacrifice, or redemption, it becomes an opening to talk about God. Most importantly, being rooted in a spiritual family makes it easier to grow in your relationship with God. Jesus connects love of God and love of neighbor together. Investing in relationships with fellow believers by listening, laughing, and encouraging each other is the kind of love God calls you to. The gathering is the **3rd Sunday of each month at 3:30p.** For more information contact Mary Simpson or the Parish Office.



What do all the colors mean?

The purposeful use of color in the Catholic Church

by Joan Luther

During any liturgical season in the Catholic Church a color symbolizing that season is displayed in our church. And it's not by accident, it's by design. Our Liturgical environment team creates an atmosphere conducive to thoughtful, sacred worship, helping all who gather to encounter Christ more fully. The different seasons are easy enough to remember, but making sure the right color is being used can be daunting, especially during Advent and Lent.

Green is used most of the year and dictates Ordinary Time. Green symbolizes life, growth, and hope.

Purple is the second most used color. Lent and Advent are both marked with purple (violet). It signifies anticipation, repentance, and penance.

White is used almost as much as purple. The seasons of Easter and Christmas use this color, with a touch of gold. Also, white is used for special feast days and holy days. It symbolizes purity, light, and joy.

Red is not used like the other colors since it is not delegated to an actual season, but for specific days, such as Palm Sunday and Pentecost. It symbolizes the blood of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Pink (rose) is only used on two Sundays during the entire year. Gaudete Sunday and Laetare, it shows our joy and gives us a break from the repentance color of purple.



Now that seems easy enough to remember but putting it into practice can be an up and down experience, in a very literal way. For instance, during a nine-day period during Lent, no less than five color changes were needed for the church. The color changes always include hanging new banners and fabric throughout the church and chapel. Possibly also changing the altar cloth or moving candelabras around if needed for a certain Mass.

Special note to remember is that we mainly change the church environment for the season or special day, Father John and our deacons will wear vestments noted for each day. So, the church may have green up, but Father John will be wearing a red vestment if that day is the feast day of a martyr. Both are correct.

Good Shepherd is blessed by our parish having its own "florist", Becky Fister, who has been making our weekly altar arrangements and all the special arrangements used during Christmas and Easter. A huge "THANK YOU" to her and all the liturgical environment team for making our church so beautiful each week.





Record-Setting Fish Fry Supports Council 1483 Charitable Donations

THANK YOU!

Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council 1483 extends its sincere thanks to Good Shepherd parishioners and members of the Frankfort/Franklin County community who attended the six Lenten Fish Fry presented by the Council.

A record number of meals were served. The Lenten Fish Fry purpose is twofold:

- To provide a parish event to build community and help parishioners meet their Friday abstinence obligation; and
- To raise money to support Council 1483 charitable donations.

At each Fish Fry, attendees may donate directly to a specific charitable organization or activity in addition to purchasing a meal. The donations collected are matched by the Council. This year, the donations went to the Simon House, the Good Shepherd Catholic School Eighth Grade Trip, St. Vincent de Paul, William Joseph Crisis Nursery, Access Men's Shelter, and Walk-Bike Frankfort.

At the January, February, and March Council 1483 meetings, the Fish Fry proceeds were used for additional donations to:

- Provide semi-annual support for a seminarian, currently Didier Buwani who was housed at Good Shepherd on his arrival from Africa.
- Support Fr. John's spiritual pilgrimage to the shrine of Mary at Medjugorje in Bosnia.
- Support Marie Hettinger's mission trip to Albania.
- Fund equipment needed for the newly formed Good Shepherd Safety Team. The Safety Team is being trained to monitor activity in and around the church during Mass times and respond to safety and medical issues.
- Contribute to the Good Shepherd Catholic School Eighth Grade trip.
- Contribute to the Good Shepherd Catholic School tuition assistance program.



Incidentally, the Frankfort Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Good Shepherd is well-known beyond Franklin County. Regular attendees come from Anderson, Scott, and Woodford counties often commenting that the fish fry at Good Shepherd is the best in the area. Again, thanks to each of you for your attendance and support.

PARISH ACTIVITIES supported or planned by the Knights of Columbus address identified needs.

On March 15, the Knights distributed 265 English and 75 Spanish versions of Prayer Time — A Collection of Catholic Prayers. The booklet is a publication of the Knights of Columbus in support of its Building the Domestic Church series. A few additional copies are available on the kiosk in the church gathering area.

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The Knights are organizing for late spring an estate planning session to be led by Gregory A. White, FICF, CLTC, MDRT, the Knights of Columbus area field agent. The program will last approximately one hour and provide an overview of estate planning to help participants plan for their fiscal future. The entire Good Shepherd community will be invited to participate, members and non-members alike. In addition to the program, refreshments will be provided.

Council 1483 is growing. Rene Rodriguez, Membership Director, is spearheading an effort to reach out to members of the parish community to join in our fraternal order. All Practical Catholic gentlemen of Good Shepherd Parish are welcome to share their time, talent, and treasure through participation in the Council.



Please consider this an invitation to join the fellowship. Good Shepherd Parish are welcome to share their time, talent, and treasure through participation in the Council. Please consider this an invitation to join the fellowship.

Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month and begin with a 6:00 p.m. social hour featuring dinner and refreshments. All practical Catholic gentlemen are invited to attend the social hour and learn about the ability to fulfill our faith's contributions of time, talent, and treasure by joining the Knights. The business meeting follows the social hour at 7:00 p.m. and typically lasts about an hour. Please contact any Knight for information on how to join or just come to the social hour on the fourth Monday of each month and join us.

FAMILY DIRECTOR HUGH MULLIGAN announced at the March meeting that Sean Murphy was 2025 Council 1483 Knight of the Year. He was Grand Knight 2023-25, volunteers for many Knight activities, and serves regular duty as an usher at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Grand Knight Joe Hoelkinger announced at the February meeting that a written history of Council 1483 from 1910-1960 is available in digital format. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy can contact the Grand Knight.

Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council has been busy and has plans for an even busier year. It offers all practical Catholic gentlemen the opportunity to join and contribute their time, talent, and treasure to the parish and the Frankfort/Franklin County community through the Council.

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A MESSAGE ON THE FUTURE OF *Good Shepherd Catholic Church and School*

What has Good Shepherd Catholic Church and School meant to you? Community? Family? Faith? Prayer? Support? Guidance? A moral purpose or compass? Comfort? Compassion? A vision of eternity? Reassurance? Direction? Wisdom? Many thoughts, emotions, and actions cannot be listed because they are personal for each individual. Each one has a different, very personal answer to the initial question.

Suffice to say, each individual practicing member of Good Shepherd Parish has something for which he or she is thankful for having received from Good Shepherd. If nothing else, it's living and pursuing God's grace. What has God given you?

Looking toward the future, Good Shepherd must address many things to meet the faith needs of the parishioners: encouraging vocations, furthering ministries, maintaining Catholic education, protecting our physical home. If we are grateful for all the blessings bestowed on us, it is incumbent on each of us to ensure Good Shepherd will be a presence in the on-going cycle of life in our community, our family, and our faith.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS to help Good Shepherd into the future. The easiest is to pray. Pray that needs are fulfilled. Pray that the future is vibrant. Pray that the parish can meet the challenges to come. Aside from prayer, which costs nothing and takes only the time devoted to the act, in what way can each parishioner help Good Shepherd into the future? How will you share your possessions?

The most valuable of all possessions is time. It cannot be manufactured; it only passes. How do you use your time? Is it not worthwhile to give some time to support the entity that symbolizes your faith — the Good Shepherd Catholic Church? The support can be as menial as pulling weeds or as substantive as ministering to others.

Every person has talent or skill. There are many ways that personal talent can be used to benefit the parish. There are committees, ministries, and projects that could use different talents or skills to help guide Good Shepherd into the future.



Asking for contributions of time, talent, and treasure is a daunting request. It asks each parishioner to search his or her heart and weigh the costs — both real and spiritual — of each commitment, as well as consideration of the benefits both personally and to the Parish. If we are fulfilling the challenges of living a Christ-centered life, it is an obligation. Each person has a different way of contributing time, talent, or treasure. It doesn't have to be all three, but it is what each person is best able to provide. What is your contribution?

YES, THIS ESSAY IS from the Good Shepherd Finance Council. Its mission is to be the guardian of parish fiscal responsibility. That is our charge. The Council knows monetary contributions vary by each person's ability and means to provide, which the Church recognizes by encouraging not just donations of treasure, but of time and talent, too.

The Finance Council knows that some expenses are looming. Maintenance is paramount. Retaining and rewarding staff — at both the parish office and at Good Shepherd Catholic School — is critical. Consider the trailers being used for preschool never were meant to be permanent. Other important and necessary projects and expenditures will arise. Just like a house, structures that are 20-plus years in age require attention to maintain usefulness.

Please know each Good Shepherd Finance Council member is a practicing parishioner of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Many have children who attend or attended Good Shepherd Catholic School. We live the financial burden of weekly collections and debt reduction just as you. Our commitment is to eliminate the current parish debt before committing to other projects, but the physical campus and basic staff must be maintained. Please keep that thought in mind as you contemplate the future of Good Shepherd and its importance to you. What do you want the future to look like? Are you willing to contribute your time, talent, and treasure to make your future a reality?



Kids say the CUTEST things

Quotes from GSS 2nd graders and CCD students:

How do you show your love for God...

"By helping my family and being patient. I love God so much."
(Sarah)

"By praying every night and go to church. I read the Bible. I am nice to my friends." (Merci)

"I go to church. I pray to God when I need help. If my friend is sick I can write a letter to make them feel better." (Ligi)

"By throwing away trash that is on grass. I help my planet so it doesn't get sick." (Alexius)

"By giving money at Mass.
Pray for everyone.
Obey my parents.
Pray for my teachers and school." (Miles)

I listen to Him when I pray.
(Amaya - 2nd grade)



"Being helpful to my parents and by going to church." (Dyker)

"I don't talk over my teacher. I do chores to help my mom and dad. By being kind." (Lotte)

"By helping other people. I plant grass and take care of the earth."
(Walter)

"By helping people and also sharing things. Throwing away trash and giving things away I don't need. Put God 1st." (Beckett)

"By serving him. By praying. Learning about him. Talking about him." (Andrew)

"I take care of my animals. I clean up other people's messes. By being very nice and kind." (Lively)

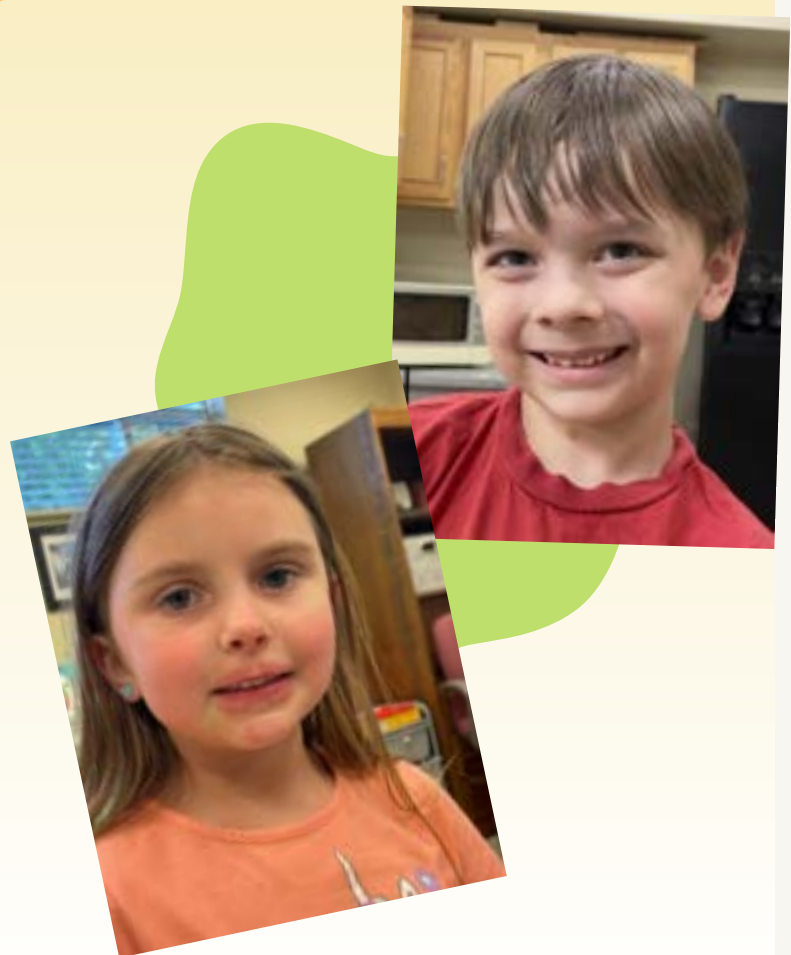
"By praying for my friends and family and all God provides for us like when I pray before I eat dinner. I help people when they're hurt." (Ellen)

"By going to church. By praying. It is fun to love God because he loves me." (Tallulah)

"By helping people. You can also teach people. If you need help God will help you too. And people will help you too." (Thomas)

By praying in church. I take care of my family. I help people. (Lillian)

"I take care of my pets by feeding them and not fighting with them. I also take good care of God's earth by not littering and not destroying the world. By going to church and participating. Also by listening to my parents and not talking back." (Isaac)





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Our Mission:

Putting Christ at the Heart of It All.



Kindergartners participating in a school Word & Communion service. Deacon Tom was talking about only needing God on our journeys (without extra fluff), and they were up front, answering his questions.



What's Happening in 5th Grade???

- by Cathy Coomes, 5th Grade Teacher

Winter in 5th grade found students exploring nonfiction articles and books. They focused on nonfiction text structures and features as they read about penguins, moose, the Hindenburg, the Titanic, and more. As background for their novel study, *Bud, Not Buddy*, the class learned about the Great Depression including causes, impacts, Hoovervilles, and the Dust Bowl. They even had a guest speaker, Mrs. Holly Brunson, who discussed banking during the Great Depression and today. After her talk, all the students wanted to open savings accounts!



STEAM projects helped students practice skills while designing and evaluating their projects. Students learned about DNA and its importance and structure during 4-H. Then they had the opportunity to extract DNA from strawberries. As a concluding STEAM project for a unit on Matter, the students used pipe cleaners and a Borax solution to grow crystals overnight. After removing their pipe cleaners from the solution, they were amazed at the complexity of their crystal structures. Since the Winter Olympics were occurring in Italy, the students explored the Games and completed a STEAM project. Each student created a skier using aluminum foil and craft sticks before sending it down the classroom's downhill slope as the class cheered. After all "skiers" had competed twice, the students determined the velocity that their skiers reached on the slope.



6TH AND 7TH GRADE POEMS





THE GREAT GALA 2026:

A Roaring Celebration: The Great Gala 2026 Recap



Good Shepherd Catholic School's The Great Gala 2026 was a resounding success, welcoming nearly 200 guests for an unforgettable evening on March 21, 2026, at the Kentucky State University Research Farm. As the school's largest fundraising event of the year, the Gala transported attendees to the glamour and excitement of a Roaring 1920s Speakeasy, creating a night defined by elegance, entertainment, and strong community connection.

Guests enjoyed a Gatsby-inspired atmosphere featuring casino-style gaming tables—including blackjack, Texas hold 'em, let it ride, roulette, and craps. Using novelty money, participants collected chips that could be exchanged for raffle tickets and chances to win prizes such as Yeti coolers, Apple AirPods, gift cards, and other popular items. Professional dealers were on hand to guide guests, ensuring a fun and inclusive experience for both seasoned players and first-time participants.

Beyond the gaming floor, the evening offered a deluxe buffet dinner, music and dancing, a photo booth, liquor pull, split-the-pot games, and auctions showcasing exclusive and highly sought-after items. Taking advantage of the beautiful outdoor setting, guests enjoyed a lively atmosphere filled with laughter, fellowship, and celebration.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, donors, and sponsors, The Great Gala 2026 raised nearly \$45,000, directly supporting approximately 200 students from preschool through eighth grade. Proceeds will fund technology enhancements, new instruments for the school's award-winning music program, science lab equipment, tuition assistance, and teacher salaries. In addition, nearly \$4,000 was raised through the Fund-a-Need initiative to revitalize the school playground, helping create a safe, engaging space for students to play, explore, and grow.

"The Great Gala is more than a fundraiser—it is a joyful reflection of our shared commitment to Catholic education," said Principal Kelly Rowe. "The generosity shown by our community ensures that we can continue forming students academically, spiritually, and socially, while investing in the people and programs that make Good Shepherd such a special place."



Sponsor Peremit America Guests



GSS Parents and event Sponsors
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One of the most meaningful moments of the evening was the premiere of Good Shepherd's new school video, which brought the school's mission to life through the voices of students, families, and staff—an inspiring reminder of why the community comes together each year to support the school.

"It was an incredible night that truly reflected the strength and spirit of our Good Shepherd community," said Katie Brown, Gala Chair and PTO President. "We are deeply grateful for the support that makes opportunities like this possible for our students."

A major driver of the evening's success was the online silent auction, which featured 110 donated items, with every item receiving a winning bid. The auction generated more than \$19,200 from nearly 530 bids, with popular offerings including vacation packages, a Tempur-Sealy bundle, classroom baskets, Good Shepherd experiences, local restaurants and hotels, Keeneland passes, and highly sought-after teacher experiences.

The Gala Cash Raffle also gave the broader community a chance to participate, with 915 raffle tickets sold, raising more than \$11,000. The drawing was held on March 27 at the parish's final Fish Fry. The grand prize of \$5,000 went to Karen Engstrom, while Ariel Williams won the \$1,500 second prize, and Vivian Berry received the \$500 third prize.

The success of The Great Gala 2026 was made possible by the extraordinary generosity of its sponsors. Special thanks to Permit America, the Great Gatsby Sponsor, along with Frankfort Toyota, Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Kentucky Farm Bureau – J.O. Osborne, Frankfort Animal Clinic, HDEZ Construction, CHI Saint Joseph Health, Expree Credit Union, and Independence Bank. Together, sponsorships totaled \$27,900, supporting every aspect of the evening.

"Our sponsors truly set the stage for an event that reflected the heart of our community and our commitment to forming students rooted in Christ," said Cricket Hater, Director of Stewardship at Good Shepherd.

Good Shepherd Catholic School extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, donated, and supported The Great Gala 2026. Your generosity continues to strengthen our mission and make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.



Around Good Shepherd

Chrism Mass 2026



Palm Sunday



The Last SUPPER



Holy Thursday



Good Friday 2026



Easter



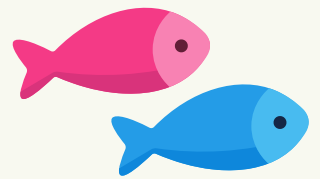
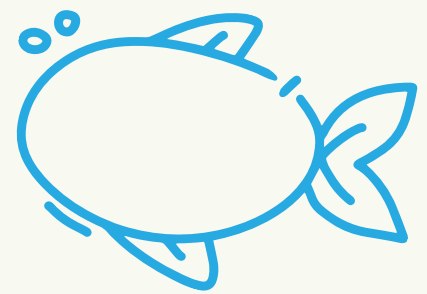
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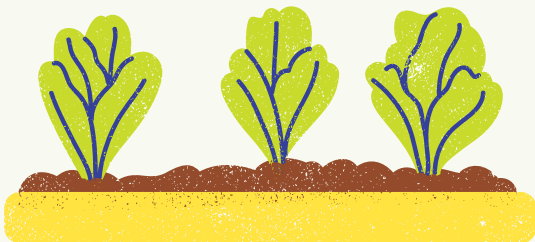


KOC 2026 Fish Fry





Good Shepherd Garden Club



More Gala Photos

