

Welcome To
GOOD SHEPHERD
Catholic Church
Menomonee Falls, WI



Second Sunday of Lent—February 28, 2010

Parish Life This Week

Monday, March 1

- 9:00am Keep Warm Quilters
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

- 9:00am **Liturgy—For the residents
(at Messner)**
- 1:00pm Faith Sharing
- 7:00pm Grief Support Group

Wednesday, March 3

- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Doubters, Seekers, Thinkers
- 7:00pm Adult Confirmation

Thursday, March 4

- 10:30am **Liturgy— For Justice and Peace
(at Tamarack)**
- 10:00am Centering Prayer
- 7:15pm Central America Group

Friday, March 5

- 9:00am **Liturgy—Jim Maples†**

Saturday, March 6

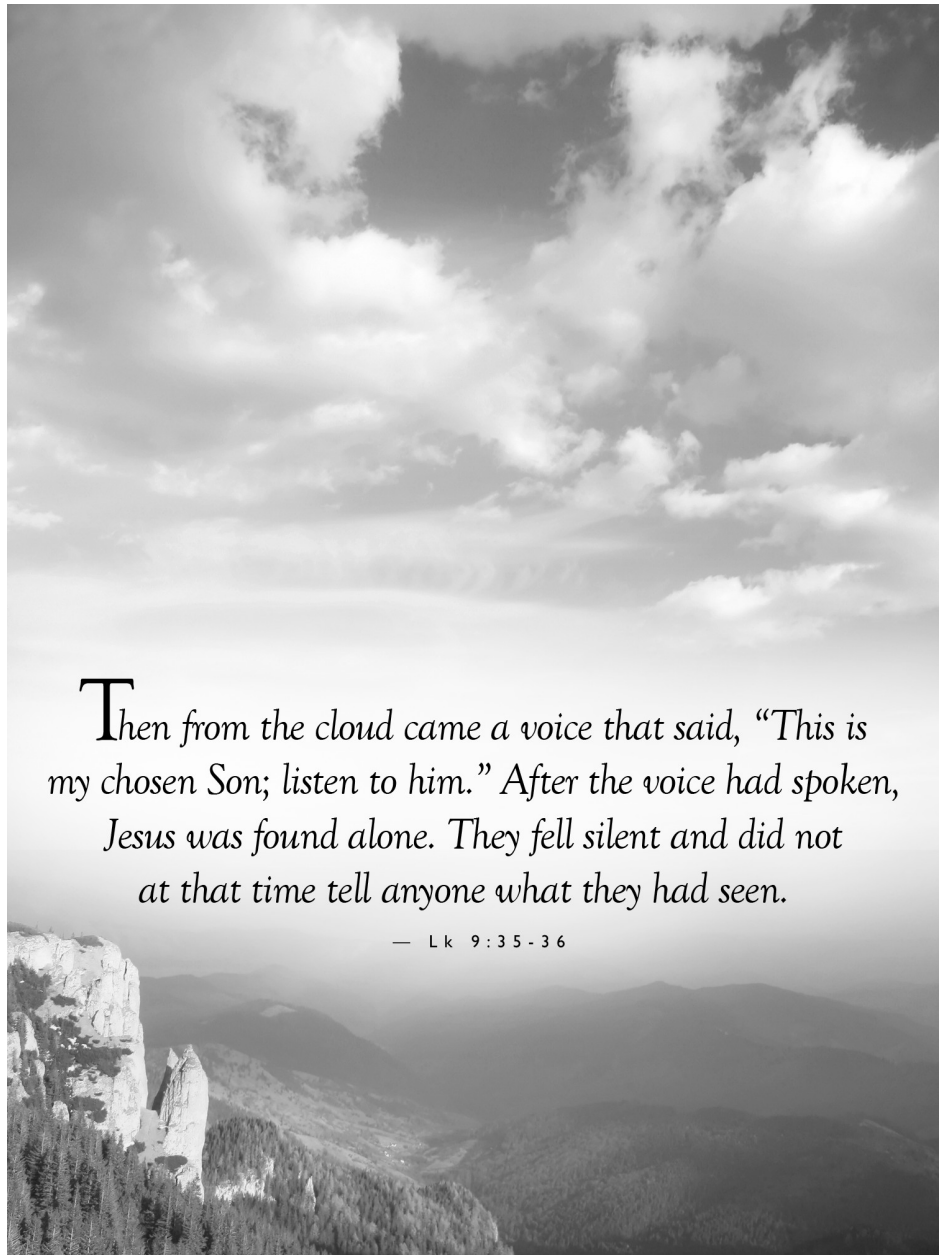
- Immigration Postcard Campaign after Mass*
- 4:30pm **Liturgy— Lyle Priske†**
- 5:30pm Generations of Faith

Sunday, March 7

- Immigration Postcard Campaign After Masses*
- 8:30 & 11:00—Listen to the Lord Gr K-5
- 8:30am **Liturgy—Clarrisa Tieman and
Donald Tieman†**
- 8:30am Generations of Faith
- 11:00am **Liturgy— For the Parish**
- 7:00pm Cluster Mission Begins at St. Agnes

Upcoming Events

- Mar 8 Mission at St. Agnes
- Mar 9 Mission at St. Agnes
- Mar 10 Cluster Communal Penance at St. Agnes
- Mar 10 Adult confirmation class



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

— Lk 9:35-36

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries reach out with active concern to those in need.

Reflected Glory Can Work Wonders

When Mel Ellis, a former nature writer for the Milwaukee Sentinel, writes about the relationship of the moon to the sun, it reminds me of our relationship with God. "The moon is a barren, desolate planet," Ellis said. "Yet, on reflecting the glory of the sun, it not only becomes a thing of beauty in its own right, but brightens our nights and softens the harsh edges of reality." He adds, "It is amazing how reflected glory sometimes works wonders."

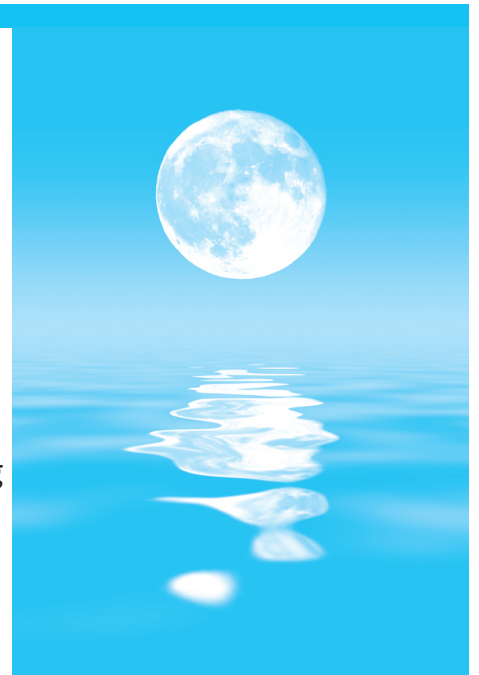
Our lives can be as barren and desolate as the moon. But when we receive God's grace, we are like the full moon basking in the sun's glory and we become a little bit like God. Sometimes this reflected glory from God causes God to work wonders in us.

Just as the moon reflects its light to Earth and to other heavenly bodies, we reflect our light to others. All our experiences become an expression of God in our lives. We find God in our friendships, in our jobs, and in everyday acts of kindness. We also find God in those Lenten experiences of sadness, hardship, and loss. A friend was slowly dying of a lung disease. Although he expressed some regrets and sadness, he found peace basking in the support of family and friends and expressing a strong faith and trust in God. "I feel so blessed" and "I've had a wonderful life," he said. It's times like these, when we are emotionally moved by pain and loss, by intense gratitude, by supportive relationships, or by the awe of God's creation, that we experience the pull of the divine in our lives---the reflected love of God that teaches and inspires us, and ultimately, soothes our souls and gives us peace.

"When a ray of light strikes a crystal, it gives a new quality to the crystal," Thomas Merton said. "And when God's...love plays upon a human soul, the same kind of thing takes place. And that is the life called sanctifying grace."

So next time we see the moon reflecting the light of the sun or we see a ray of light striking a crystal, let's think about the wonders God works in us when we bask in the reflected glory of God's grace.

Barbara Finley



Food Pantry Needs: *Baby food, Baby Diapers, Toilet Paper*

Parish Mission Begins in One Week!

Theme-*Unleashing the Reconciling Power of Jesus in Our Lives*

Presenters:

Fr. Don Hying and Sr. Fran
Cunningham, SSSF

7:00pm—8:30pm Each Night

- **Sunday, March 7**
- **Monday, March 8**
- **Tuesday, March 9**

- **Wednesday, March 10—
Cluster Communal Penance
Service**

WHERE:

St. Agnes Catholic Church
12801 W. Fairmount Ave
Butler, WI

Easy Directions!

Take Lilly Road to Hampton.
Turn left on Hampton
Go to 127th Street
(Stop light at that intersection)
Turn Left on 127th
Turn left on Fairmount

Immigration Corner G.S.I.S.G.

(Good Shepherd Immigration Study
Group)

Following each Mass next weekend, March 6-7, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are encouraged to sign postcards asking legislators to support immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship. To learn more, visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Catholics Returning Home

The Four Saints and Good Shepherd cluster of parishes in the Menomonee Falls/Butler area will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., hosted at Saint James Parish. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Laverne (262) 251-3968 or Shirley (262) 251-3888.



*Catholics
Returning Home*



Centering Prayer: A Prayer of Silence

Prayer is one of the three Lenten practices, along with fasting and giving alms. There are many different ways to pray and, most of the time, our prayer involves talking to God.

During Lent, you are invited to experience another form of prayer, a prayer of silence, called Centering Prayer. In silence we become aware of God, the God who is the center of our being. A Centering Prayer "sit" is 20 minutes.

Centering Prayer can be done individually or with others. Everyone is invited to our weekly **Centering Prayer session in Room 200 at 10:00 a.m.**, which also includes reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mary Ann Erdtmann, 414-353-8740 or mae63@sbcglobal.net. Information sheets are also available in the rack at the south entrance and in the narthex

An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls

With Dr. Deirdre Dempsey of Marquette University
Thursday, March 25th ~ 7 - 9:00 pm
at Good Shepherd Parish ~ Daniels Hall

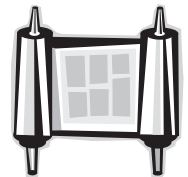
This evening will offer an overview of the Dead Sea Scrolls including:

- * The history of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls;
- * The politics and problems that impacted the publication of the scrolls, and
- * The importance of the scrolls for Christians and Jews.

Dr. Dempsey is an associate professor in the Department of Theology at Marquette University. She has taught courses on the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as courses on a variety of Old Testament books. Her Ph.D. is from the Catholic University of America - the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures and her area of expertise is Northwest Semitic Languages - Hebrew and Aramaic.

To register contact Marguerite Thompson margueritet@archmil.org or 262 255 2035 - ext. 23

There is no fee. However, a free will offering will be gratefully accepted.



Vocation Corner

Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? What is he revealing to you? Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

Brown Bag Lunch at Repairers March 19

Plan to attend the Brown Bag lunch. Those who have attended found it a moving experience. Our next Brown Bag lunch takes place on **Friday, March 19**. It includes having lunch and reflecting on the following Sunday's Gospel with members of Repairers of the Breach, a daytime homeless shelter in Milwaukee. *We will carpool from Good Shepherd at 11:15 a.m. The Brown Bag lunch begins at noon and ends at 1 p.m. There will be a short reflection time afterwards. If you can attend and/or provide 10 lunches, please contact Mary Ann Erdtmann 414-353-8740, mae63@sbcglobal.net.*

SINGLE SOULS 35+: Please join us for our next event, Friday March 5th 6p.m. at the Trysting Place Pub, Appleton Ave, for a fish fry. Contact Linda at 345-5104 for details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Individual Penance (in the reconciliation room in the Day Chapel, south entrance) . Next dates are :

- **Monday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 4, 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

Continuing the Healing

We will be viewing and discussing the DVD *"The Healing Circle: Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy Share Their Stories"* on Wednesday, March 17 – 6:30-8:30 pm in the Chapel. "The Healing Circle," an effort to address the issue in ways that support victims and communities through the healing process, was sponsored by Marquette University, the Restorative Justice Institute and the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Diane Oman of Catholic Charities will be joining us to help facilitate the discussion. Questions? contact Jane Clare in the parish office.

Morning of Reflection for Women with Bishop Sklba Faith-filled Women and Mission

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 8:30-11:30 a.m.
St. Francis Seminary, 3257 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis
Cost: \$10 per person - Pre-registration is required
Bishop Sklba will be leading this morning which will continue the conversation concerning women's life and work in the contemporary church. The morning includes a continental breakfast, prayer, presentation by Bishop Sklba, and time for reflection. This program is being sponsored by the John Paul II Center of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. **To register** or for more information contact Bonnie Bresnahan at 414-758-2240 or bresnahanb@archmil.org.

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Scripture Readings For the Week

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For the Hard of Hearing

Hearing Assisted Devices available for celebrations and services, see usher for assistance.

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am
• *Childcare (4 & under) during Sunday liturgies in Rm. 219.*
• *Sunday 11:00 am liturgy signed for the deaf.*
Weekday: Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am; Thursday 10:30 am
(at MFHCC, Tamarack, or Northfield Manor); 1st Tuesday
9:00 am (at Messner Manor)

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Communal services held in Advent & Lent. Individual confession by appointment with the pastor.
Marriage: Preparation begins by calling the pastor no later than 6 months prior to the planned date.
Children's Baptism: Call the pastor to register. Next celebrations are: April 10/11

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a time to consider full membership into the Catholic Faith. Call our office for more information.

Adult Confirmation

Call our office if you wish to be confirmed.

Membership

Families or individuals over 17 are invited to join our Faith Community! Call the Parish offices.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her...

Dorothy Roche was born into eternal life on February 19, 2010. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Feb 23. Please remember Dorothy, her family and friends in your prayers.



Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday, March 1st.

Agenda items for Monday's Council Meeting are as follows:

Action Items

1. FIOF Expenditure Requests
2. Pre-Mass warm-ups
 - a. Pastoral Council member volunteers for April 25
 - b. Topic selection

Discussion Items

1. Voice of the Parish review of activity and responses to date.
2. Parish program /theme Consideration.
3. Preview of 2010-2011 fiscal year budget

Miscellaneous Follow-up Items

1. Council volunteers to write *Breaking Bread* articles on vibrancy findings
Public Awareness Committee – Council follow-up?

A Call to Servant Leadership

We need each of you to reflect on your talents and your willingness to serve God as a member of the Pastoral Council. The first phase of the Pastoral Council discernment process will begin on the weekend of March 20th and 21st, when you can nominate yourself or a fellow parishioner.

To assure the future vibrancy of Good Shepherd, we need at least four of you to step forward and become part of the servant leadership that has always been the hallmark of our parish.

So, please search your heart. Your talents are truly needed. We ask all of you to pray for the successful fulfillment of these Pastoral Council positions.



HEARING FROM THE PARISH

To better serve the needs of all parishioners of Good Shepherd, the Pastoral Council needs to hear your concerns.

If you have a comment (positive or negative), question, concern, request, problem, or a solution to a problem that you would like the Pastoral Council to respond to, please stop at the booth in the narthex after **Mass the weekend of Feb. 27/28**. We will make sure that your message is directed to the appropriate parish staff member or commission for prompt response and action.

Mark your Calendar for A Christian Passover Supper (Seder Meal):

Please come and celebrate with your family and your parish family this very special meal on **Sunday, March 28** beginning at 5:00 p.m. and lasting till about 7:00 p.m. We will gather in the hospitality hall. Please plan to arrive early to greet others and prepare for this ritual meal. Seating is limited to the first 100 so make your reservations early! **Deadline is March 22**. Cost is **\$6.00** per adult and **\$3** for children 12 and younger. Although the meal is intended for families, it begins with a 20-25 minute ritual prayer that may be too long for children under the age of four. Our dinner menu will include beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee and milk. Reservation forms will be in next week's bulletin.



In the Spotlight, 2010

An Adult Formation series - 9:45 am Sunday Mornings Daniels Hall

Childcare Available

This Week: 2nd Sunday in Lent, February 28: "Immigration: Let's Humanize the Debate." With Barbara Pfarr, SSND

Immigration was used as a "wedge issue" in last year's election. It often divides families and friends at casual gatherings. Yet the official Catholic position is solidly in favor of comprehensive immigration reform. What are the issues related to undocumented immigrants in our country? How can we have rational conversations about immigrants in our communities?

Sister Barbara Pfarr, a School Sister of Notre Dame, has worked with immigrants and their advocates in Milwaukee, south Florida and Chicago since 1979. She is currently the Immigration Organizer for WISDOM, the state-wide network of faith-based community organizations.

Next Time: 5th Sunday of Lent—March 21 and 2nd Sunday of Easter April 11: "Mini Course on "Discovering the Bible's DNA" with Dr. Patrick Russell

The various people, different places, and historical periods of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, can often get as tangled up in our minds as the strings of Christmas tree lights! These session will unveil the Bible's basic themes—its "DNA" structure—which organize the biblical books and their contents. The first session will focus on the Old Testament, while the second session will delve into the New Testament. Through this process, we will discover that the biblical writings outline the two fundamental ways that we are "genetically" drawn into relationship with the greatest mystery: God's love.

Dr. Patrick Russell is Assistant Professor of Scripture studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology, in Hales Corners, WI. He has his Ph.D. from Marquette University in biblical studies. He is author of "The God Questions: What Forms and Shapes Us" (Liguori Publications, 2007) and numerous articles on Scripture and spirituality. He is married to Stephanie and they have four sons.