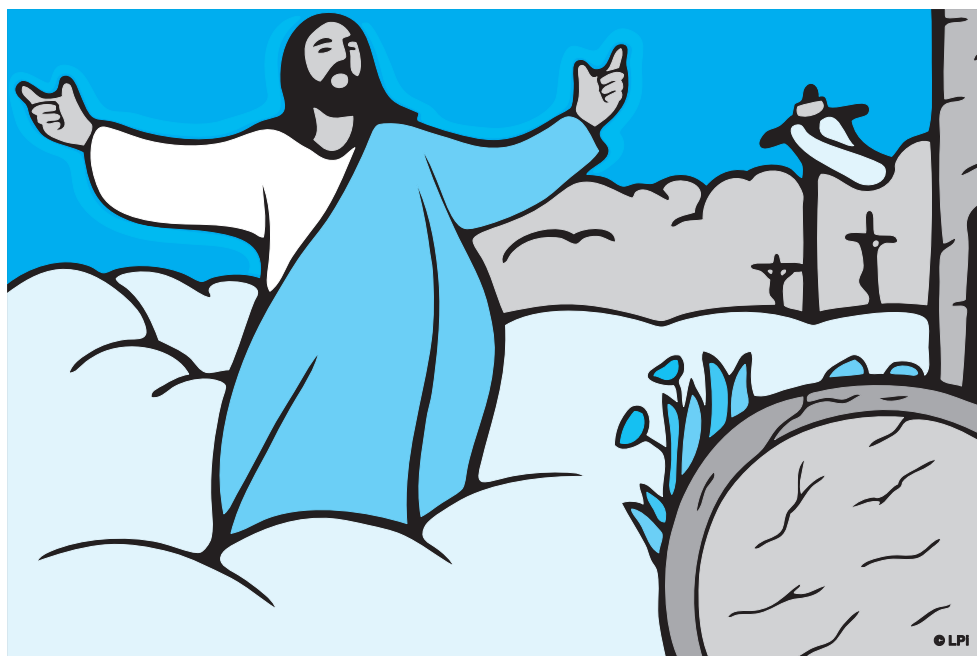


Welcome To  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
Catholic Church  
Menomonee Falls, WI



**Ascension of the Lord — May 16, 2010**



*Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." - Jn 17:20-21*

**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, May 17**

9:00am Keep Warm Quilters

**Tuesday, May 18**

9:00am **Liturgy— James Vetter†**

1:00pm Faith Sharing Group

7:00pm Doubters, Seekers, Thinkers

7:00pm Grief Support Group

**Wednesday, May 19**

*St Ben's Meal Program*

**Thursday, May 20**

10:30am **Liturgy—Marcella Gross†  
(at Northfield Manor)**

10:00am Centering Prayer

**Friday, May 21**

9:00am **Liturgy— Hassenfelt Family**

4:00pm **Word Without End** begins

**Saturday, May 22**

4:00pm **Word Without End** concludes

4:30pm **Liturgy— James Fitzgerald†**

**Sunday, May 23 PENTECOST**

8:30 & 11:00—Listen to the Lord Gr K-5

8:30am **Liturgy—For the Parish**

11:00am **Liturgy— James Jalas†**

12:00pm Children Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

- May 24 Guest House Shelter
- May 24 Pastoral Council Formation Mtg
- May 25 Reader's Preparation
- May 25 Faith Sharing Group
- May 26 Guest House Shelter
- May 26 Men's Group
- May 27 Centering Prayer

**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.*

# Feast of the Ascension

It's fairly easy and sometimes rather convenient to make a sharp distinction between the material world and "spirit" world in such terms as these: one is real, the other isn't; one is sensible, the other isn't; one is provable, the other isn't; one is under our control, the other isn't. Some people even try to negate the spirit world completely. They claim that we can't test it in a lab; we can't prove scientifically what a spirit is. Most of us, however, have a great deal of experience with the spirit world and believe firmly in it. A new idea pops into our heads that is just the right way to solve a problem. We catch school spirit at pep rallies. We talk about high-spirited adventures or being in low spirits. While none of this experience of the spirit world is tangible, we still act upon it as being very real. Not everything important to us is tangible and sensible. In fact, sometimes what is most real to us is spirit. Spirit is what can most motivate us, inspire us, bring us to insight and creative responses to situations that would otherwise perplex or even overwhelm us.

We might well imagine the disciples' perplexity and overwhelming sense of absence when Jesus ascended into heaven. The first reading account from Acts mentions that "as he was going" the disciples were "standing there looking at the sky." Maybe they wanted a last glimpse of Jesus. Maybe they were wishing that he wouldn't leave them. Maybe they were still trying to catch a last-minute some-

thing of his spirit so they wouldn't feel his absence so keenly.

As time will tell, Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence but marks a new kind of presence. In the "absence" left by his ascension, we his followers are commissioned to "preach[ed] in his name to all nations." What is it we preach? That suffering and even death lead to new life and that forgiveness will be granted to all who repent. His very ascension into heaven is our commissioning on earth because, "clothed with power from on high," we are now the visible presence of Jesus.

Think of that: his ascension itself is a commissioning. His absence brings a presence—the Holy Spirit who is the "power from on high" and who consecrates us to continue Jesus' saving mission. The very absence sends us forth to be and do as Jesus. We don't do this on our own, as Jesus promised. We can't set out to take up Jesus' mission to preach the Good News until we receive the Holy Spirit. This

ensures us that our work isn't ours but Christ's. Ultimately our mission is to preach not simply events but a Person—Jesus Christ, the risen One. Even more: with the Spirit, we *are* the presence of the risen Lord. It's his Spirit we catch. And it is very real, indeed.

— From *Living Liturgy*, 2010



**Food Pantry Needs: Cereal, baby food, boxed foods**

**Congratulations**

Kimberly Fiene  
 Todd Tilidetzke  
 Married, May 15, 2010

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you looking for a ministry that only involves about 9 hours per year? Do you like to help those that are less fortunate? Can you make Jell-o, meatloaf or a dessert? If you answered yes to any or all of the above questions, we have a wonderful ministry for you to participate in. We are in the process of making our new St. Ben's Meal Program schedule for the year and could always use a few more helpers. St. Ben's volunteers are put on a team. Your team is assigned to bring one of the above foods to Good Shepherd nine times through out the year. Volunteers are also invited and encouraged to go down and serve at St. Bens. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please call Shari at the parish office - 255-2035.

**Immigration Corner**

Good Shepherd Immigration Study Group (GSISG)

**MYTH: Immigrants send all of their money to their home countries.**

**FACT: Immigrants do send a considerable amount of money home to support their families, but they also contribute to the economy through consumer spending of immigrant households and their business contributions to the amount of \$162 BILLION in tax revenues to federal, state and local governments.**

# Word Without End...

You're invited

During Fr. Mich's sabbatical, he visited a Sikh place of worship; and in that sacred space, he experienced *people reading their Scriptures continuously - 24 hours a day!* We thought that such a prayerful reading of our Sacred Scripture would be a beautiful way to end the Easter Season.

You are invited to join us **Pentecost Weekend 4 pm Friday, May 21 through 4 pm Saturday, May 22** for a *perpetual reading of Sacred Scripture* - one day (24 hours) in the day chapel (south entrance.)

We're calling this daylong prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture -

## Word Without End!!

***There is a sign up board in the narthex. We need at least 2 people for each hour - to read Sacred Scripture - specifically the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Call the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you.***

A blessed conclusion to the Easter Season!

**Plan ahead for Pentecost - Wear Red**

Pentecost means Spirit, power, love, anointing, fire, new life, church, tongues, healings, wind, witness, gifts, and charism. The community of Good Shepherd looks forward to this feast with expectant hearts and open spirits. At the liturgies on the Feast of Pentecost, as we celebrate this new outpouring of the Spirit, we invite all to wear **red**, the liturgical color for feasts of the Holy Spirit. **Pentecost Sunday is celebrated May 22/23.**



### Common Ground of Grief: Healing After a Parent Dies

Presentation by Patrick Dean, Grief Counselor  
 Tuesday, June 1 - 11 am-12:30 pm and repeated 6:30-8:00 pm  
**San Camillo, 10200 W Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee**  
**Cost: Free and open to everyone**

Patrick Dean, Director of Grief Education Services with Catholic Cemeteries and a professional photographer, will be presenting this grief program. The session will consist of photographic images and grief education content followed by a period of questions and answers. This program is for anyone who has experienced the death of a parent. *Common Ground of Grief* is sponsored by the John Paul II Center and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For further information visit [www.cemeteries.org](http://www.cemeteries.org), [www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org) or contact 414-438-4420, ext. 302 or [patrickdean@griefwork.com](mailto:patrickdean@griefwork.com).

### Support Group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed.

Persons who are separated, divorced or widowed are invited to a non-denominational support group gathering every Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The gatherings are held at Holy Angels School, 230 N. 8th Ave. in West Bend. (enter via the Cedar Street doors). The meetings include guest speakers, panel discussions, small group sharing and other activities. The fourth Friday is a pot luck at 6:30 p.m. followed by games and cards. For more information, please call Dolores (262) 306-1243.

### Pallium Mass and Send-off Blessing

Tuesday, June 8 - 6:30 pm-Presentation, 7:00 pm-Mass followed by a reception. The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee 53202. Free and Open to the Public. Archbishop Listecki will be receiving his "pallium" from Pope Benedict XVI at the end of June. The pallium signifies the responsibility that each archbishop assumes to shepherd the flock of Christ entrusted to him. You are invited to take part in a special send-off event on Tuesday, June 8 for Archbishop Listecki and the pilgrims who will travel with him. The evening will include:

- A presentation on the history of the pallium by Bishop Callahan—6:30 p.m.
- Mass and Send-off Blessing presided by Archbishop Listecki—7:00 p.m.
- Buon Viaggio Reception—8:00 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact Randy Nohl at [nohlr@archmil.org](mailto:nohlr@archmil.org) or 414-758-2216 with questions.



**Blessings!!!**

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2010  
 Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sun: Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/  
 Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Vocation Corner**  
**Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.**

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 Director, Liturgy & Music ..... S. Joann Julka, SSSF  
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 Custodian ..... Jerry Podkowinski  
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 Director, Child Ministry ..... Lorrie Maples  
 Director, Youth Ministry ..... Suzanne Foster  
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 Pastoral Care Coordinator ..... Cheryl Matusiak

### Pastoral Council

Dave Christensen ..... Chairperson  
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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 parish to register. Next celebrations are: June 19/20

### 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.

## Save the Date for a High Seas Expedition

This year Vacation Bible School will be held here at Good Shepherd the week of June 14th through the



19th. We will again be participating with St. Mary's parish. The VBS will be held at Good Shepherd. For more information or to learn how you can participate in the fun, contact Lorrie at the parish office.

## Gay and Straight in Christ

Please join Gay and Straight in Christ this Sunday evening as we plan our afternoon at Pridefest. Our help is needed in two areas - greeters at the gate and assistance in the PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) booth. The experience last year was very rewarding. See you this evening at 7:00pm in the chapel.



## May is Stroke Prevention Month

Did you know....Up to 80% of all strokes are preventable. The National Stroke Association's stroke prevention guidelines will help you learn how you may be able to lower your risk for a first stroke. The National Stroke Prevention Association suggest you ask your doctor for advice on how to best use these guidelines. Know your blood pressure, find out if you have atrial fibrillation, if you smoke - stop, if you drink alcohol, do so in moderation, find out your cholesterol, if you are diabetic, check your blood sugar regularly, exercise, enjoy a low salt lower fat diet, know the symptoms of a stroke.

## Casa Romero Renewal Center invites you to learn The Art of Christian Companionship (Subsidized by the Eschweiler New Century Fund)

in a two-year certificate program beginning again in September 2010, offering CEU's through Cardinal Stritch University.

The mission of the **Spiritual Mentoring Program** is to form and equip persons to be faithful in their spiritual walk and to become true companions to others, to become adept in discerning the movement of the spirit as one journeys and lives out their relationship with God.

This program is designed for:

- \* Those who seek to integrate their spiritual journey within their daily lives.
- \* Those who desire to serve God as a listening presence with others.
- \* Those called to be a spiritual companion with others.
- \* Those called to serve in parish ministries.
- \* Those seeking an ongoing formation opportunity.

For more information, please call Casa Romero at (414) 224-7564, email us at [casaromero@wi.rr.com](mailto:casaromero@wi.rr.com) or visit our website at [www.casaromero.org](http://www.casaromero.org)

## Engaged Encounter Weekend, Coming to St James Parish in Late Summer!

John and Louise Vos of St. James parish will be hosting an Engaged Encounter weekend at St. James for couples preparing for marriage. Since this is a "PILOT WEEKEND", the cost will be ONLY \$50 per couple. It will be held on August 6-8, 2010.

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation program for couples being married in the Catholic Church. This weekend-long workshop will encourage couples to share honest and intensive communication about their future lives together, discussing nearly every aspect of their relationship, including money, children, sexuality, and their roles in the church and society. Couples about to be married in fall 2010 or in 2011 are invited to sign up for this weekend. It is a great gift for parents or grandparents to give as a wedding gift. This will be a commuter weekend where the couples drive to/from the parish. For more information, please contact John or Louise at their home - 262-439-8559 or by email - [loujon@email.com](mailto:loujon@email.com).

**Concern Yourself:** St. Mary's and St Anthony's Blood Drive will be held this **Tuesday, May 18th** in Conf. Rooms A&B from 1:30- 6:30.

There is still room for appointments! For more information, Contact Lory P. @ 414-353-8695 or Lori O. @ 262-309-7292.



## Elizabeth Ministry: Providing Long Distance Support

If you have a family member who needs support for childbearing issues such as miscarriage, infant death, infertility, difficult pregnancy, etc. and they are not church members or they live outside the area, Elizabeth Ministry can still help. We will support YOU, the grandparents, aunt, uncle or other relative in dealing with the situation. Elizabeth Ministry can also send cards and prayers of support or make long distance calls. Please contact Cheryl Matusiak at the parish office and let us know what you need. If you include contact information on the rosebud table prayer tags (in the narthex), we will call and offer support from someone who understands.