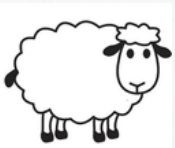

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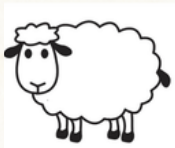

Parish Prayer List

Vincent & Karen M., Kim G., Jim R., Mimy B., Halsey VL., Jane R., Beth R., Father John Paul Boyer, Jo M., Samuel, Darlene, Nekka, Carol B., Charlie O., Jim C., and Sue

If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please let the office know.

As we search for our next Rector, please pray for our Vestry, Wardens, our next Rector, Mother Frieda, and for each other. God bless all of us.

Wardens' Update

On 9/14 the Vestry reviewed all the recommendations for the Rector Search Committee. Thank you to all who responded with recommendations, and to those who have agreed to serve. Once the Vestry votes to approve the committee at the 10/19 meeting, we will publish the full list.

Thank you, also, to everyone who participated in our Day of Discovery with Mother Bonnie. There were many thought-provoking topics discussed by the participants. Mother Bonnie will now compile the discussion notes and share them with the Search Committee. This information will guide the creation of the church profile.

Please remember that the Wardens and Vestry members are YOUR representatives at Good Shepherd. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to share with them, please do.

Please continue to pray for your Wardens, Vestry, and the whole of Good Shepherd while we are on this journey together.

Elaine Richau
Dale Cich

Calendar

10/18 21st Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

10/19 - Monday
Vestry Meeting
6:30 PM Jewett Hall

10/21 Wednesday
10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:00 PM Eucharist with Music
Ascension-Style Service

10/25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

*View the calendar of all events at goodshepherdbuffalo/calendar

Strawberry Festival/Chicken Barbeque
June 19, 2027

Coffee Fundraiser

We will be selling coffee from Great Lakes Coffee Roasters between now and 11/8. Ground coffee and K-cups will be available in five varieties.

This is a great way to support Good Shepherd and a local business at the same time. And the high-quality coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift for the coffee lovers in your life. Don't forget to place some orders for yourselves!

Details and order sheets can be found in this week's email or in church. See Jennifer Snyder-Haas with any questions you might have, and thank you for your support!

Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday evening service time has changed to 6:00 PM. The Rev. Canon Cathy Dempesy-Sims officiates with music provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. Come as you are and join us for this uplifting contemporary service in the Ascension Style.

The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu.

Throwback to January 17, 2015
German Dinner – "Not Your Oma's Church Supper!"
Lots of Lederhosen

Volunteers Wanted

The Ken Perry Food Pantry is in need of able-bodied volunteers to help unload our FeedMore deliveries on Wednesdays. The truck may arrive between 10 AM - 2 PM (we are notified of the exact time the day before). The actual unloading process usually takes only 15-20 minutes. The boxes range from 20-40 pounds. If you might be able, interested and available, please email Heather Lodinsky at hlodinsky@aol.com for more information.

From the Treasuer

September YTD statements are available. If you have any questions or if you notice an error, please contact Pat Lalonde at pat.lalonde@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd.

Approximately $510 has been received for Search Expenses so far. Remember that we have a gift program in place, so please consider making a donation for this purpose.

Important Contact Information

Non-emergency messages can be sent to the office at officegoodshep@gmail.com or to Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com or left on the answering machine in the office (716) 833-1151. For pastoral **emergency** calls (only) phone Elaine Richau at (716) 982-2890.

Non-emergency property messages should be left on the answering machine in the office, or sent to Dale Cich at dtcich@gmail.com. Property **emergency** calls (only) should be routed to Dale Cich (716) 353-0474.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be ordered for $100/ pair in memoriam, in thanksgiving or for any other desired occasion. Two or more people can also share the cost of the flowers if desired. To order flowers, please send your flower request (colors, flower types) to Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com. Your dedication for the service leaflet should be sent to officegoodshep@gmail.com. Payment should be made through the Sunday collection or mailed to the church. Please reference 'Altar Flowers' in the description.

Keep saving your 2026 Dash's receipts. We can also submit 2025 receipts, but any old receipts from 2024 or earlier are expired. For every $5,000 in receipts we submit, we earn $100. Even small purchases add up!

We are also still collecting aluminum pull tabs from soda, soup, and other cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Submissions for the Newsletter should be sent to **nancy.cich@gmail.com** no later than 5 pm on Thursday for publication on Friday.

Please consider remembering Good Shepherd in your will. It is a wonderful way to continue your support of your parish into the future for generations.

Note - Although we have not withdrawn Endowment or Investment funds since May, it is because we have taken another loan from the Diocese and have incurred some credit card debt.