

Pastoral Council

The council meets monthly on the 1st Monday of the month to advise and help make parish decisions. Council members also serve on Commissions. The nomination and discernment process is held each spring. Council members serve a 3 year term.

Commissions

Christian Formation Commission

We meet once per month to see how things are going in the CF department. We brainstorm ideas on what is going well, what we need to continue and what we need to change. We report back on any progress and activities since the last monthly meeting.

Human Concerns Commission

We believe that as Christians we must uphold the dignity of people everywhere. Social action will always be for us a chief concern. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit who calls us to share our gifts in genuine outreach and service

Pastoral Care Commission

This commission meets quarterly to plan and guide the work of pastoral care within the parish.

Prayer and Worship Commission

We meet monthly to set goals and directions for parish worship and spiritual growth as well as continuing personal spiritual life.

Stewardship Commission

We are commissioned to nurture, listen, and engage the parish community to share their time, talents, and treasures to promote the spiritual needs of our Good Shepherd family.

For further information, or to sign up for any of these ministries, please contact

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Ministry

DIRECTORY

A concise description of areas of ministry at
Good Shepherd Catholic Church



Acolyte

Assists the presider at the liturgy. May include some pre-liturgical tasks. Commitment is one or two times per month.

Adult Formation Advisory Group

Meets regularly to evaluate and consider new directions in Adult Faith Formation.

Adult Learning Center

Help people complete their GED and learn about resources in the community. Also, promote citizenship activities like voting and serving in leadership positions at school and in their communities.

Art and Environment

Meets as needed and as available to develop seasonal decorations.

Baptism Committee

Prepares parents and godparents for their child's baptism.

Barbers Without Borders

Volunteers go once a month to St. Ben's during the meal program to cut hair for men, women and children who come in to have a meal. We shampoo hair, cut hair, and trim beards and mustaches.

Bereavement Ministry

Within one month of a funeral, we send a bereavement packet that includes a letter and support materials. At 6-8 weeks a follow-up phone call. Further follow-up is assessed at that time (follow-ups continue for 12 months, if needed).

Bread Bakers

We bake bread 2-3 times per year for our Eucharistic celebrations.

Building and Grounds Committee

This is an opportunity to make a difference in the maintenance and up keep of Good Shepherd. We discuss, evaluate, and propose projects for the repair and improvement of Good Shepherd. If you have the desire to make a difference in building and grounds this is the ministry for you.

Bulletin Stuffers

We place inserts into the bulletin as needed.

Cards Ministry

Makes cards on a monthly basis to be mailed to the homebound and hospitalized. This ministry is an effort to provide outreach for those who can not actively attend GS events and to keep a connection of caring and love with all those who are in need.

Catechists

Teach and catechize the children and youth to better understand and explore their faith. We help children of all ages understand their faith, grow in it, and learn more about the Catholic Church.

Cathedral Center

We prepare food and/or serve homeless women and children once a month. We enjoy serving our guests in a welcoming and caring way.

Catholic Heart National Work Camp

We plan a work camp experience, formation, and fundraising for a national, week-long trip for youth to serve those who need help in another state. It is a bonding experience and an experience that helps them grow closer to each other and Christ.

College Care Connection

We mail out care packages to college students in the Fall and gift cards in the Spring. College Care Connection brings the community of Good Shepherd to our college students no matter how close or far they are from us during their college years.

Communion Ministers

We prepare and distribute communion at liturgy and nursing homes when assigned, or take communion to the homebound.

Deacon Gene Outreach Committee

We determine how the Outreach Funds should be distributed based on Outreach guidelines and criteria.

Doubters, Thinkers, and Seekers

We are a discussion group focused on exploring spiritual concepts that elicit doubt in people's minds. We try to ponder and discuss these concepts to obtain better recognition of our true beliefs.

Eighth Day Choir

We sing for funerals. Rehearsal begins 45 minutes before the mass liturgy.

Ellacuria Sister Parish Community

Our focus is to remain in solidarity with the people of Ellacuria and El Salvador. We provide moral and financial support that helps in providing the community clean drinking water, a church to worship in, scholarships for education, and other sustainable projects.

End Human Trafficking

We help inform parish members on human sex trafficking that occurs on a local/state and international level. We also encourage parishioners to share

information with others and to take actions to work against the spread of human sex trafficking in our area.

Falls Area Food Pantry

Donations are collected in church every weekend with baskets at each entrance. Also, we volunteer at the pantry to help families shop once per quarter.

Funeral Baking Team

We prepare desserts for funeral meals.

Funeral Greeters

We welcome people to funeral liturgies.

Funeral Meal Prep Team

We aid grieving families by preparing and serving funeral meals.

Gay and Straight in Christ

GASIC welcomes, supports, and affirms LGBT persons, their families and friends, and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. This ministry works to help the LGBT community and take its rightful place within the Catholic community.

Generations of Faith Development Team

This team was created to offer different input and perspectives into GoF. We aim to bring Christian Formation to families of all sizes and ages by having all generations participate together in forming their faith.

Greeters

We welcome people to the liturgy. This is a great ministry for families to enjoy together.

Guest House Ministry

We show our concern and be a presence among homeless men. Twice a month we help give out socks and underwear in the dispensary or help with mail in the office. We take donated clothes and items down to Guest House when they accumulate in the closet.

Health Ministry/Wellness Weekends

Nurses provide blood pressure monitoring once per month and advise/encourage medical care as needed.

HOPE Network

We assist with donations of clothing and other goods, provide office help, and help with the silent auction. This ministry provides emotional and material support to single mothers and their children in the greater Milwaukee area.

Hospitality

We help with hospitality at various parish events and when help is needed at weekend hospitality after Mass.

Immigration Study Group

The mission is to inform the Parish of current information, news and events pertaining to Immigration reform, attend marches, peaceful protests and legislative actions as well as promote immigration reform campaigns from the USCCB and the Archdiocese.

In the Spotlight Planning Group

We plan and implement our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation program between the Sunday Masses.

LARCUM Ecumenical Committee

An ecumenical committee comprised of members from different churches in the area. The purpose is to provide members of different Christian faiths opportunities to meet and interact in a variety of ways.

Listen to the Lord Leaders

We share the Word with children during the Liturgy of the Word at weekend Masses.

Liturgy Preparation Team

We are responsible for preparing the focus of each of the liturgical seasons.

Matthew 25 Local Work Camp

We plan a local work camp experience for 5th - 12th graders right in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. This is a chance for youth to see how those in their own communities need their help. We live out what Jesus taught us in Matthew chapter 25.

Men's Discussion Group

Take a night out with the guys to share some thoughts during an informal evening get-together. We cover books, movies, or articles that have some spiritual content for serious personal reflection.

Musicians

We prepare vocal and instrumental music and lead the community in song at weekly liturgies. This requires weekly practices.

Nursing Home Ministry

We provide communion and connection to those in our community who are in nursing homes.

Parish Clean-up/Project Days

Help keep our church property attractive and prayerful.

Personal Prayer After Mass

Strive to reach out to all who need/request prayer after each mass.

Personnel Committee

This committee advises regarding personnel matters and assists with the interview and hiring process.

Prayer Network

We are individuals committed to prayer who make a prayer chain via the telephone or email.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are taken to those we visit either in the hospital, nursing home, assisted living, etc. They are also available on the day we have communal anointing.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those who wish to be in full membership in the Catholic Church. There is a need for team members, sponsors, and catechists who will walk with candidates on their faith journey.

Readers

We proclaim scripture at liturgies. Readers gather once a month to prepare for, gain background of, and reflect on the readings proclaimed.

Repairers of the Breach

Share a brown bag lunch and scripture with those at Repairers of the Breach, a daytime homeless shelter in Milwaukee.

Sacristans

We maintain the liturgical environment by tending to duties such as changing candles, dusting, and sometimes washing the altar linens and albs. Commitment is about 1 hour per month.

Sharing the Journey Vision Team

Sharing the journey is an evangelization ministry that invites people into Good Shepherd and many of its activities and helps to promote a welcoming atmosphere at Good Shepherd.

Sleeping Bags and More

We provide warmth and comfort to the homeless by making homemade sleeping bags.

St. Ben's Meal Program

We prepare food for St. Ben's Meal Program once per month. The preparation rotates monthly between meatloaf, fresh fruit, and dessert.

St. Michael Parish Ministries/Ministry to Refugees

You are invited to join several Good Shepherd parishioners in following the Biblical call to “welcome the stranger” by teaching English to refugees from Myanmar (formerly Burma) and driving them to appointments to see doctors, dentists, etc.

Stewardship Mailing Teams

We stuff envelopes for monthly mailings. This is usually done on Thursdays either in the morning or afternoon.

Ushers

We participate at our chosen Mass with seating people and helping with the collection. Requires friendliness and willingness to help. Men, women, and families are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

This week long summer program for children in 4K-5th grade needs planners, teachers, and helpers. This is a fun celebration of our children and their faith. Teen and adult volunteers welcome!

Video/Tech Ministry

This ministry provides the important service of capturing homilies at one Mass per weekend for the homebound to be viewed later on our website. This ministry also provides technical support for graphics shown on screen in church during weekend worship.

Visitation Ministry

We take communion to the homebound, as necessary. We also visit nursing homes, discuss spiritual needs, emotional needs, and physical needs, and occasionally provide assessments and referrals to health and mental health professionals.

Vocation Committee

The vocation committee prays for and promotes priestly and religious vocations. We meet for 2 hours 2-3 times per year.

Women Celebrating the Spirit

We aim to raise awareness of the role of strong women in church history and to recognize women as spiritual leaders. We want to inspire young girls to explore their gifts and to acknowledge the work women do in the church today.

Work Clothes Ministry

We take the donations that are put into the closet near the south entrance to The Guest House and The House of Peace.

Youth Group

Teens get together for a little faith and a lot of fun once or twice per month with events such as a bonfire, retreats, movie night, game night, laser tag, and baking Christmas cookies. Adult chaperones welcome.