



GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Community

DECEMBER 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## GSCC AT A GLANCE

WELCOME! WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE WITH US! IF YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ARE LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH US, PLEASE VISIT GSCC.NET/START-HERE TO EXPLORE MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND REGISTER TO BECOME A MEMBER.

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Pastor: Fr. Michael Ciski, TOR

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Sat: 5:00pm | Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30am

Tues: 7:00am | Thurs: 7:00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Mon: 9:00am | Thurs: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sat: 3:30 - 4:30pm

By appointment: 817-421-1387

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday-Thursday\*: 9:00am - 9:00pm

\*Thursday Family Adoration: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1514-1515) teaches that this sacrament is not only for those at the point of death, but for anyone seriously ill or facing serious surgery. In fact, it is preferred that parishioners entering the hospital for surgery should ask the priest for this sacrament before being admitted. Parishioners should never wait until the last minute to call. We encourage parishioners facing surgery to let the parish priest know of their condition before entering the hospital so that they can be anointed before admission.

# Shepherd's Corner

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me

Let me start out by saying, I love my brother. He's 13 years older than I, so my first memories of him are when I was about 5 or 6 years old and he would come home from the Navy. Perhaps it's because every time he came home, he would bring me a gift. I remember a warm sweater from Norway (not my favorite thing as a child, but as I grew older, I appreciated it on those cold Ohio days). My favorite gift was a battery-operated remote-control car he bought when he was in Germany. But our relationship isn't built on gifts (although that did help back then). Even though there's the large age difference, we find joy in one another's company. One of the people I worked with at another parish told me she always knew when I was on the phone with him because all she could hear was my laughter.

Yes, we do a lot of laughing. Many times we laugh because he tells me of his dreams. He has vivid dreams that he blames on the cholesterol medicine he takes. Evidently, they are VERY vivid. He often dreams that I'm in his house and that I live under his bed. I tell him, even if I was bi-locating, I wouldn't live under his bed. He says, even though he knows it's a dream, he still gets up, turns on the lights and checks to make sure I'm really not there. What else can I do but laugh at him (oops, I mean laugh with him)?

Thinking of dreams, I remember a line in *A Christmas Carol*, when Ebeneezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Bob Marley. He says to the specter, "You may be an undigested bit of beef, a blot of mustard, a crumb of cheese, a fragment of an underdone potato." He didn't believe what he saw in front of him; it seemed irrational, but through it he had a conversion. I'm intrigued by our Gospel as we hear how Joseph had a dream to take Mary as his wife, even though she was "with child." Joseph didn't question; he accepted the dream as reality. How was Joseph able to discern the dream was a message from God and not simply his imagination? I pondered this question for a few days (between everything else this season calls us to), and while we will only know the truth when we meet Saint Joseph, two thoughts came to mind.

The first one was based on relationship: Joseph's relationship with God and his relationship with Mary. As we ponder Jesus' ministry, everything he did was about relationship with the Father and with His creation. Jesus brought healing, consolation, mercy and hope to the people. In fact, Mary Magdalene didn't, at first, recognize Him after the resurrection until He called her name. Do we have that type of relationship with God that we see and hear him in the comings and goings of our life, or do we find we're too busy and pulled in too many directions? Advent asks us to slow down and build that relationship with Him.

The other thought was that Joseph simply chose to accept his dream in faith. Perhaps it's like us who, by faith, believe Christ suffered, died and rose again. We're not able to explain or prove the resurrection or even the transubstantiation of the bread and wine at Mass. We accept this on faith.

Joseph doesn't speak in our Scriptures. It is his actions that speak for him. It was in the quiet of the night that he was able to discern God's voice. Do we have the quiet in our lives to be able to hear God speaking to us?

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Mike



## THIS WEEK

AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

• OCIA | 7:00pm | Upper Room

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- SCHEDULE CHANGE: No Adoration
- Men's Scripture Study | 9:15pm | St. Maria Goretti
- Waiting Well Advent Small Groups | 7:00pm | Upper Room

### WEDENSDAY, DECEMBER 24

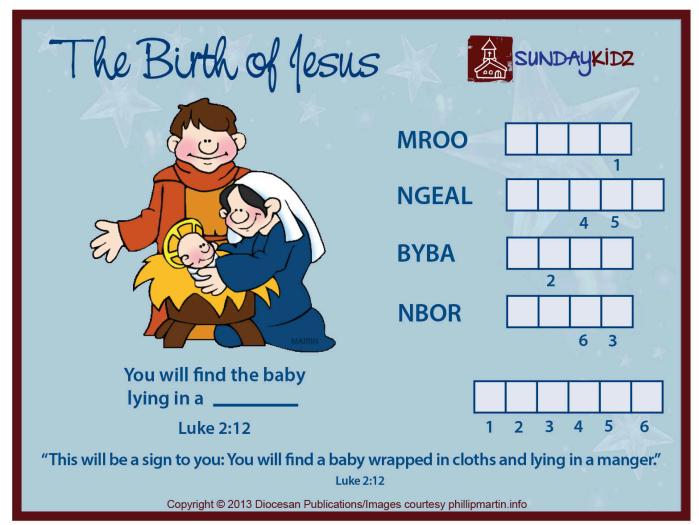
- Parish Office Closed: No 8:30am Mass or Adoration
- Christmas Eve Masses | 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm & 12:00am | Church
  - 4:00pm | Concurrent Masses in Daily Chapel & Parish Hall
  - 6:30pm | Concurrent Mass in Parish Hall

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

- Parish Office Closed: No 8:30am or 7:00pm Mass, Adoration or Reconciliation
- Christmas Day Mass | 10:00am | Church

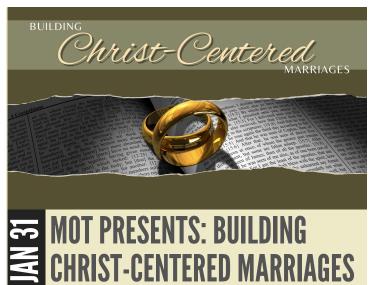
### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

• Parish Office Closed: Regular Mass & Reconciliation Schedule, No Adoration





# Register now for these exciting opportunities!



### Saturday, January 31 6:00pm | Parish Hall

Marriage on Tap invites all married and engaged couples to a special event with Catholic speakers and authors, Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford. They will lead us in two talks and guided reflection time that will help us learn how to keep Christ at the center of our marriages through a foundation of virtue, unity and communication.

Cost is \$30 per couple and includes a buffet dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the opening session at 6:30pm. Limited child care is available for ages 4-13 (registration required).

Join us as we tap into the gift of marriage and learn to spread that gift out in the world! Visit **gscc.net/christcenteredmarriages** to learn more and register by **Friday**, **January 23**.



# SUPER CASINO NIGHT XVII, HOSTED BY GSCC MEN'S CLUB

### Saturday, February 7 5:30pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Super Casino Night XVII, hosted by the GSCC Men's Club. This vibrant event will transform our venue into a dazzling casino, where guests will enjoy thrilling games, a live auction featuring exclusive items, and a silent auction packed with exciting opportunities. Don't miss your chance to win fabulous prizes in our raffle and enjoy delicious food and drinks, all in support of our mission to serve the community.

**Early bird pricing of \$100 per ticket ends December 31**, after which tickets are \$125 each.

There are also sponsorship and donation opportunities. Visit **gscc.net/casino** to learn more and get your tickets today!



Saturday December 27

Office Closed Daily Mass - 8:30am Reconciliation - 3:30pm Mass - 5:00pm Thursday January 1

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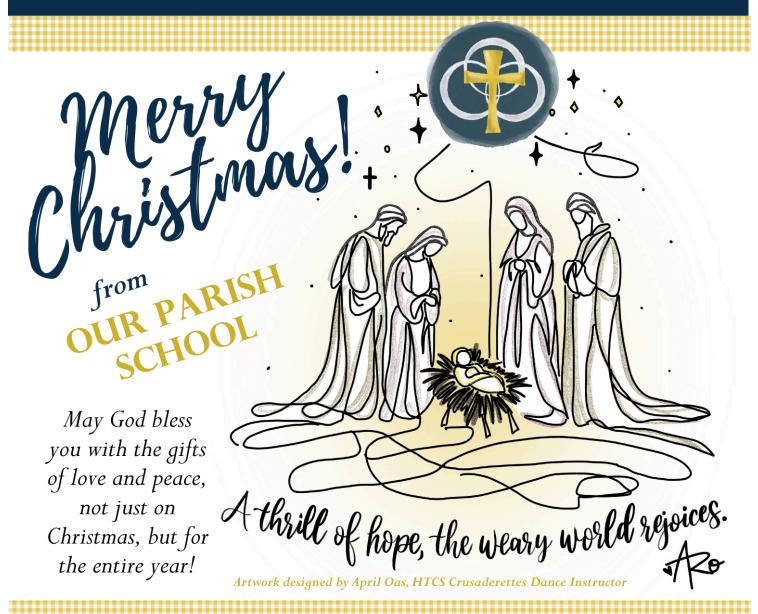
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 8:30am and 11:00am (Holy Day of Obligation)



Office Closed Daily Mass - 8:30am

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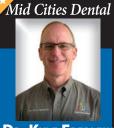
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