



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

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4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The fourth Sunday of Easter every year is traditionally known as the Good Shepherd Sunday within the Catholic Church. The Good Shepherd Sunday is also traditionally designated by Holy Mother Church as the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Today we are urged by the Church to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray to "the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his vineyard" (Matthew 9:38) to the greater glory of His name.

As we continue our journey through the liturgical season of Easter, we celebrate what is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus applies to himself this image (cf. Jn 10:6), rooted in the Old Testament and very dear to Christian tradition. Christ is the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. Thus, a profound communion is established between the Good Shepherd and his flock. Jesus, according to the Evangelist, "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out ... and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (Jn 10:3-4). Sheep and Shepherd are united by long familiarity, real knowledge and mutual attachment: he takes care of them; they trust him and follow him faithfully..." (Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily for Good Shepherd Sunday, 1999). This teaches us two essential principles.

First, the function and qualities of a good shepherd. Second, the flock's obligation and responsibility. Today's celebration of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd serves as a reminder that in addition to being the flock, we are also shepherds. This is because every person who is among the flock is also a shepherd in some way.

We may ask the question; who is a good shepherd and where can we find one? We find a good shepherd in every good mother or father, in an honest president or governor, in a
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This is why the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in
order to take it up again.

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This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Apr. 22	8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30 pm St. Anthony's Slice of Heaven 1:00 pm Pinochle 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Holy is His Name Bible Study
Tues.	Apr. 23	9:00 am Children's and Mom's Activity 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Chosen Season 4 Showing
Wed.	Apr. 24	8:00 am Mass (Int James Brady) 9:00 pm St. Zelig Martin Mom's Group 1:00 pm Senior's Game Day 5:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Mass in Genesee 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Apr. 25	8:00 am Mass (Int Helen Brady) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Apr. 26	9:00 am School Mass 6:00 pm KC's Social and Bishop's Dinner
Sat.	Apr. 27	11:45 am Convention Ladies Rosary 1:00 pm CWL High Tea Party 4:00 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Confirmation (Lewiston)

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—4:00 pm
Tuesday—4:30 pm
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am

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Family Faith Formation

Religious Education

PK-5th Grade @ 9:15 am

MS/HS Youth Groups @ 12:45 pm

StuebenvilleNW Preregistration due May 1st

Save the Date: Summer VBS 2024 June 19th - 21st

Religious Education Coordinator—Job Opening

You are invited to apply for the position of RE Coordinator (Pre-K through grade 5) here St. Mary's Church in Moscow. Jenny Morrison will continue in her position as Youth Minister and Safe Environment Coordinator. The RE Coordinator will work in collaboration with her to continue to grow the Family Faith Formation program at our parish. The ideal candidate will have parish experience in religious education, excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to call forth and nurture the gifts of others. This person will work with the parishioners, staff, and the pastor. For a complete application packet, please contact the office.

CWL High Tea Party

Saturday, April 27th from 1-4 pm at the Family Center. Suggested donation \$20. Wearing fun hats is encouraged!

St. Mary's School Auction

Join us Through the Looking Glass

Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

1912 Center in Moscow

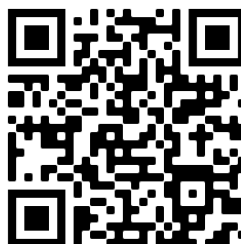
—Seniors—

Our next time to gather is Wednesday, April 24 from 1 to 2:30 pm. Bring your favorite game and, if you want, a goodie to share. There will be coffee, tea, cookies, all sorts of goodies and fellowship. Hope you can come and bring a friend!

Flowers

We would love to keep our sanctuary beautiful throughout the Easter Season and beyond. Please consider donating flowers from your garden, buying some from a local florist, or offering a monetary donation to go toward flowers. Contact the office for more details on how to get involved.

Online Giving



Scan the Code or Visit:

<https://osvhub.com/stmarysparishmoscow/funds>

Sacrificial Giving: April 2024

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$ 25,173.20

April 7: \$ 6,611.56

April 14: \$ 6,267.37

April 21: \$

April 28: \$

April Offertory Income: \$ 12,878.93

Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 80% of the year, we have received 85.5% of our annual goal. Thank you!

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holy and caring priest. We can find a good shepherd in every humble and God-fearing youth, in a caring brother or sister, and in every just and respectful law enforcement officer. We find a good shepherd in a caring doctor, a compassionate nurse, a dedicated teacher, a committed farmer, a diligent student, an inspiring and motivating sports coach, an intentional life coach/mentor, etc. In whatever position we find ourselves, or whatever role we play in someone's life or in society, we must see ourselves as shepherds who lay down their lives for others. St. John emphasizes this in his first epistle, as he tells us; "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another" (1 Jn 3:16).

In the Catholic Church, Jesus imparts guidance to his disciples through the bishops, who serve as the Chief shepherds of each diocese. Every bishop carries a crosier resembling a shepherd's crook. In the Catholic Church, the crosier is a symbol of the good shepherd which the bishop is called to be. The crosier also serves as the symbol of authority given to the bishop to shepherd and guide his flock (the people of God). Using a staff, the shepherd repels wild animals that could threaten or prey on the flock. He lays down his life for his sheep.

We have been delivered from evil and saved from sin and shame by our Lord Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for His flock. He nourishes us with His body in the Eucharist and feeds us with His Word.

Brothers and sisters, as the sheep of His flock, we must make Christ the shepherd of our soul. We must listen to His voice in the scriptures, and in the teachings of the Church, and to be truly part of Christ's flock, we must follow His examples. If we draw close to Him, we shall hear and recognize His voice. He invites us: "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). He never fails because he knows the path we walk every day. He knows when to carry us on His shoulders, for our own safety. We are not only his flock, we are also His children and for this we are grateful.

Together with the Psalmist in Psalm 95:6-7, let us proclaim: "We are the people of the Lord, the flock that is led by His hand, Come let us adore Him." Alleluia!

~Fr. Anthony

Socials this Weekend!!

Please join us for "Saturday Social" after the 5pm Mass.
Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served!

Coffee Social will be offered after both Masses this Sunday!!
Please consider signing up. Thank you!

The Shroud of Turin: Dr. Scott French

May 1, 2024—Dinner at 6pm and Presentation at 6:30 pm
St. Augustine's Catholic Center

St. Mary's School News

This past week, St. Mary's Catholic School had a successful Open House. The school is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and recognized by the State of Idaho. St. Mary's School also won the National Blue Ribbon School Award in 2005. Students in grades 3-8 are currently taking the ARK test (Assessment of Religious Knowledge) required by the Diocese. This test helps the school evaluate religious knowledge and check for any gaps that may need to be addressed.

We have a talent show on April 25th run by the student council and our big spring musical is coming up.

BEYOND WALLS AND VOWS

Are you longing for more meaning, more peace, more connection in your spiritual life? The Center for Benedictine Life at the Monastery of St. Gertrude extends an invitation to people like you who experience a deep longing to embark on a path of profound hope. Come and listen to the Prioress, Sister Teresa Jackson, speak about the ancient path of St. Benedict and the flexible ways of integrating Benedict's wisdom into daily life. There will be opportunities for questions, and interaction with those already lending energy to this vital process. Light refreshments will be served as we share a new vision of connection to the Monastery for men and women of all faith communities. Embark on this path by attending a presentation, "Beyond Walls and Vows" at All Saints Catholic Church on Saturday, May 18th from 10-11:30 AM in the large classroom, hosted by the local community of Benedictine Oblates. Contact Regina Sullivan (208-791-6007) with questions or more details.

Please Join Us in Prayer

- ◆ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Dick Gludt, Fr. Joseph Muha, Babette Jackson, Camille Cooper, David Clark, Mary Ann Moser, Doug Mayer, John Rector, Deacon Frederick Joseph Schmidt, Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, & Joe Ulliman.
- ◆ **For our friends and family:** Steve Abrams, Mark & Kari Kimsey, Alaura Scott, Debbie Meshishnek, Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, & Arlene Stoddard.
- ◆ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ◆ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of April.**

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