

St. Clare

236 S. Beach Boulevard



Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, April 21, 2024

***“A good shepherd
lays down his life for
the sheep.”***



This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children’s books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn’t sit by passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn’t flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even “lays down his life for the sheep” (10:11).

We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the “shepherds” of Israel. In the previous chapter of John’s Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus’ miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God’s people, yet these

shepherds both rejected him themselves *and* prevented their “sheep” from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does.

Jesus is not just “the” good shepherd; he is *your* good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For *you*.

Today, rejoice that your good shepherd is guarding and protecting you. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to “steal and slaughter and destroy” you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

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Readings for the 4rd Sunday of Easter

- ◆ 1st Reading— Acts 4: 8-12
- ◆ 2nd Reading— 1 John 3: 1-2
- ◆ Gospel Reading— John 10: 11-18

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Church Office Hours:.....
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

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 your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**
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Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.
 † First, he said that the Rosary is a “compendium of the entire history of our salvation.”
 † Then, the Pope noted, the “Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil.”
 † Finally, the Pope said, it is “an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.”
 All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.
 Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done.
 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +
Tuesday, April 23	8:30 a.m.	Deborah Mariano +
Wednesday, April 24	6:00 p.m.	Alan Noonan +
Thursday, April 25	8:30 a.m.	Johnnie Penton +
Friday, April 26	8:30 a.m.	Albin Provosty +
Saturday, April 27	4:00 p.m.	Andrew Deidrich, Jr. +
Sunday, April 28	8:30 a.m.	Bill Bradford +
	11:00 a.m.	Michael McClain +
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish



April 21	Father Adam Urbaniak
April 22	Father Peter Varghese, C.M.I.
April 23	Father Khoa Phi Vo
April 24	Father Marcin Wiktor
April 25	Our Seminarians
April 26	Retired, extern & deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons
April 27	Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School



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PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS



- * The **Over 50's** group is open to anyone aged 50 or older. This group has been meeting for years to fellowship over lunch, an afternoon of BUNCO and Sunset at the Waveland lighthouse each month. There is the occasional 'field trip' also. Please join us!
- * Sunday, April 28 at the Waveland Lighthouse at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and relaxation. Bring a chair, a snack and your beverage of choice. Outdoor games are also welcome!

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

April 27 & 28th

We have a great lineup for our festival. Check out our flyer and we want to thank our sponsors who help to make our festival a success.



We also need volunteers to make our festival successful. There are volunteer sign-up sheets located at the back of the Church. Come join the fun and volunteer! Drawdown tickets have been mailed. Additional drawdown tickets are available for purchase. There will be a silent auction booth and we are looking for any silent auction (no rummage sale) items you may want to donate. These can be dropped off at the church. Thank you for the support in the past years, and we look forward to working with everyone this year as we continue to raise funds for Catholic education and church improvements.

Eucharistic Revival T-Shirts

The deadline to order a t-shirt for this monumental event is quickly approaching. All orders must be turned in by Sunday, April 28, 2024 to Terry Calhoun.



Order forms are available in the Gift Shop by the sample t-shirt display. The cost is \$20.00 and the sizes start at Youth X-Small and go up to Adult 4XL.



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We will also engage in a mini session of our Self-Care Saturday Support, where you'll be treated to a brief yet revitalizing SoulCore chair workout and a soothing guided Lectio Divina.

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[Trinitywellnesscenters.com](https://www.trinitywellnesscenters.com)

For more information contact:

M. Cecilia Escobedo @ 228-203-0753
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Space is Limited - Register Today



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a hug, and a kind thought.

Pray
for
Vocations



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The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

April 21—"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystalized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love."
~ St. Faustina

April 22—"Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with Him."
~ St. Vincent Pallotti

April 23—"Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory; so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross."
~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

April 24—"Be generous to the poor orphans and those in need. The man to whom our Lord has been liberal out not to be stingy. We shall one day find in Heaven as

much rest and joy as we ourselves have dispensed in this life"
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

April 25—"The Cross will not crush you; if its weight makes you stagger, its power will also sustain you."
~ St. Padre Pio

April 26—"Live so as to not fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."
~ St. Rose of Viterbo

April 27—"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."
~ St. Boniface of Mainz

HELP NEEDED

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED THIS SUMMER

****ATTENTION STUDENTS****
FUN WAY TO EARN ALL OF YOUR SERVICES HOURS

JUNE 24-28
8AM - 12PM

VOLUNTEER FORM CAN BE FOUND ON WEBSITE



START the PARTY

Registration is now OPEN for St. Clare's VBS 2024

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To fill out the Online Form

June 24 - 28, 2024

Celebrate the Good News



St. Clare Vacation Bible School

Start the Party!!!



Monday, June 28 thru
Friday, June 28, 2024

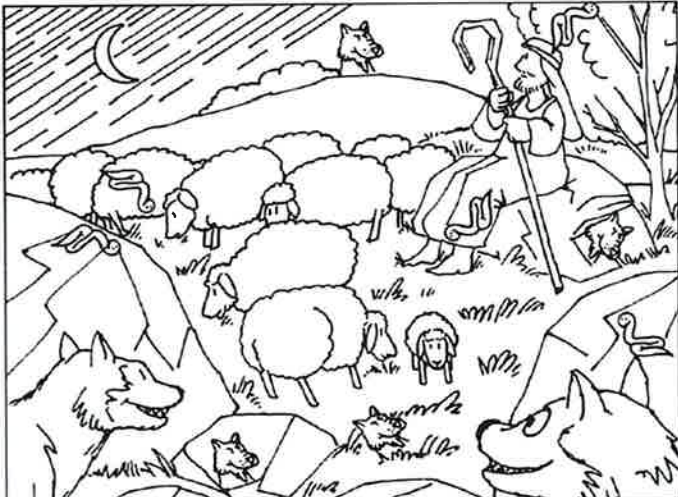
Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+ April 21, 2024 • John 10:11-18

The Shepherd and His Flock

A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Count how many.
 4 or 5 ? 5 or 6 ? 



Shepherds who don't value their sheep run away when wolves come. But what does the Good Shepherd do?

Find the answer to each math problem.
Use the code to find what the Good Shepherd does.

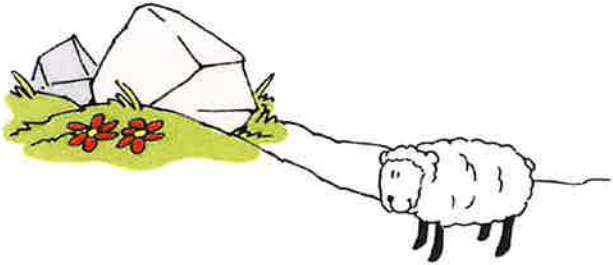
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2 = D	6 = I	10 = P	14 = Y
3 = E	7 = L	11 = R	
4 = F	8 = N	12 = S	

3+2 7-4 9-2 5-4 6+8 6+6

4-2 11-2 9+4 3+5 7-2 3+3 6x2

12-5 3x2 2x2 5-2 11-7 2+7 7+4

9-4 11-5 3+9 24-12 8-3 2+1 1+2 4+6





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SATURDAY

Classic Car Show 8-2 pm
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 Artist 11 til 1
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- † Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- † Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the chapel 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- † **Adorers are needed for Wednesday.**
- † Contact Terry Callhoun at 228-671-8063.

Worship of the Eucharist (CCC 1378).

“It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence.” [Catechism of the Catholic Church 1380]

Do you want to experience your faith more deeply and live it in your daily life? To enrich your relationship with God, no matter how strong it may be right now? Are you looking for a faith journey? Do you want to become more confident in and enthusiastic about your faith and in sharing it in the secular world? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then **Cursillo** is for you. Applications are available on the table in the hallway.

Men’s Weekend—April 25—28, 2024 Contact Charles Walden at cwaldensr1@gmail.com.

Ladies Weekend—June 27—30, 2024 Contact Shelby Miserendino at samiserendino22@gmail.com.



Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd.”

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture

Shepherds who don't value their sheep run away when wolves come. But what does the Good Shepherd do?

Find the answer to each math problem.

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 2-2 7-4 9-2 5-4 1-6 6-4
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 9-4 11-5 3-5 14-12 4-3 2-7 1-2

Saint

Of the Week

St. Bathild

Patroness of Children, Sick People, and Widows.

In the first half of the seventh century, Bathild was born to Anglo-Saxon parents. But early on, she was sold into slavery in France and served in the palace of King Clovis II. Because of her intelligence, she was given responsibilities far beyond her station, and eventually, she was noticed by the king. He grew so impressed with her grace, beauty and intelligence that in 649, he granted Bathild her freedom, and they were married. She became a model member of the nobility, and soon, she became known for her concern for the poor.

When Clovis died in 657, Bathild was granted the regency on behalf of her five-year-old son, Clotaire III. With the help of her former master Erichinoald and a few French bishops, Bathild became a wise and caring regent.

An Enlightened Noble

In less than 10 years as regent, Bathild was able to achieve great reform. Never forgetting her roots, she ransomed Christian slaves and founded hospitals and other institutions to aid the poor. She also helped found several abbeys and monasteries, including those at Corbi and Chelles.

End of an Era

Bathild's regency ended in 665 after a tumultuous palace revolution. Finally free of the burden of power, she was able to realize her long-held wish to withdraw to a religious life.

She renounced all of her noble entitlements and entered the Abbey of Chelles. Bathild lived there as the humblest of nuns, especially obedient and respectful of the abbess, and continued to serve the poor until her death in 680, after a lengthy and painful illness.



Oh Lord our God,
grant us the vision of
Your servant St. Bathild—
humility to balance
our achievements,
compassion to match
our ambition,
generosity to accompany
our success, and
the memory of our beginnings,
that we never neglect those less
fortunate. Amen.

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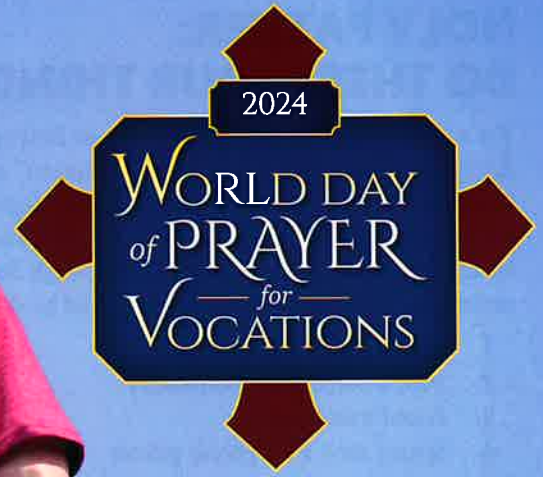
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Diocese of Shreveport

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.” ~JOHN 10:11

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO FOCUS ON VOCATIONS

In just three months, tens of thousands of Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for the nation’s first Eucharistic Congress in more than eight decades. While the main focus is clear—to adore Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament—participants will also notice a heavy emphasis on vocations.

Religious communities from across the country will be attending, many underwritten by Serra International, which is organizing a large area in the convention hall that will be teeming with sisters and brothers. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an entire section to showcase diocesan priesthood, with a small army of priests on hand to talk with young men.

Also in attendance will be hundreds of seminarians, many of whom will have just completed the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, an ambitious project that will see thousands marching toward Indiana along different routes totalling 6,500 miles.

The connection between the Eucharist and vocations is clear: Three-quarters of recently ordained priests regularly participated in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary. And at Catholic youth events, even those offering sports and high-energy activities, teen participants still rank one “activity” as their favorite: Adoration.

As the Church prepares for this historic event, let’s ask our Eucharistic Lord for an outpouring of vocations!



Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Above: Last year, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City led more than a thousand faithful Catholics in a two-mile Eucharistic Procession—one of the longest in the country.

Masthead photo: Fr. Peter Mangum of the Diocese of Shreveport celebrates atop a climbing wall during a vocations summer camp. Beside him is Fr. Kelby Tingle, who attended the diocese’s “Mission Possible” camp as a teen and is about to celebrate a much bigger achievement—his first year of priesthood.



IDEAS FOR ACTION

HOLY FATHER: DO THESE FOUR THINGS

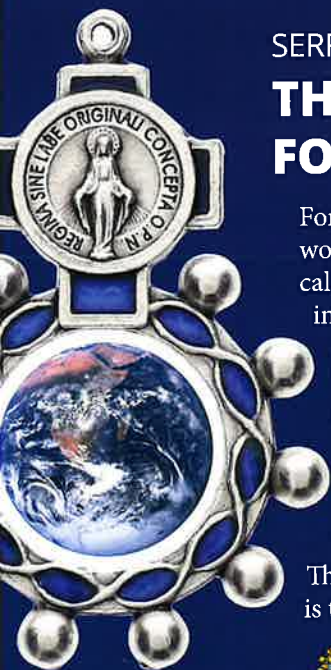
In a papal message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis used the term “*con-vocation*” to explain that a vocation is not an isolated “me-and-God” experience. Instead, young people hear God’s call within a *real Church community*. He offered four concrete ways to help youth discover their vocations, emphasizing these things should be done *together*:

1. Co-teach with a catechist
2. Visit a convent or monastery
3. Assist missionaries
4. Spend time with parish priests

Note that none of these involve phones or social media. How can you organize real-life activities for youth in your parish?



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SERRA CELEBRATES 100 MONTHS THE GLOBAL ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

For 100 months, Catholics from around the world have joined a massive video/phone call during which they pray the rosary to intercede for vocations. Created by Tim O’Neill in 2015, the Global Rosary brings together Serra Clubs comprised of lay people dedicated to promoting priesthood and consecrated life. “In its simplicity it becomes quite a feat,” said Tim. “It gives a chance for people worldwide to visit beforehand and after.... The most powerful way we Serrans connect is through prayer.”



Join the last Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM CST/CDT. Phone number and links are at serrainternational.org

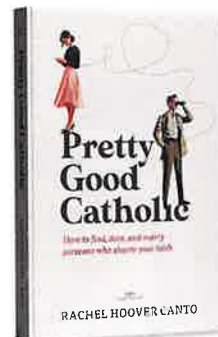
THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE SOLVING DATING DILEMMAS

The stats on Catholic marriages are alarming: for every ten weddings in 1970, today there are only two. Percentage-wise, that’s a steeper decline than priestly ordinations.

For young Catholics looking for love, the Catholic dating scene is not just frustrating, it’s downright discouraging. That was certainly the experience of Rachel Hoover Canto, whose new book on dating, *Pretty Good Catholic*, offers counter-cultural advice for how to date well, stay chaste, and find a good Catholic spouse.

After Rachel graduated from college, she watched her friends get married while she suffered through some tough breakups. That got her thinking deeply about the whole Catholic dating situation, which has its own set of quirks and challenges. Trying to be proactive, she started a Catholic singles group, interviewed people from CatholicMatch, and consulted dating experts. The result is *Pretty Good Catholic*, which serves as a how-to guide for even the most discouraged single man or woman.

Cristina Pineda, an LA-based celebrity matchmaker who also happens to be a faithful Catholic, offered high praise: “I wish I had this book when I was single,” she said, “I would have had less anxiety and more real, joyful fun!”



prettygoodcatholic.com

STORYBOOK ENDING

While writing *Pretty Good Catholic*, Rachel Canto took her own advice and found the love of her life. She and her new husband live in Nashville.



One Hail Mary

Sometimes it’s the simple things! A traditional practice that’s making a comeback is helping kids pray for their future vocations by saying one Hail Mary each night: “Mother Mary, as you said yes to the angel Gabriel, help me say yes to God’s call. Hail Mary, full of grace...”