

## St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church

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St. Mary Mass & Confession Saturday Mass: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am Wednesday Mass: 10:00 am 6:00-8:00pm Adoration & Confession

Friday Mass: 8:30 am Adoration 9:00-10:00am Confession 4:00-6:00 pm

St. Mary: First Saturday Mass 9:00am (the first Saturday of each month)

St. Patrick Mass & Confession Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

Saturday Confession: 2:30-3:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 6:00 Adoration to follow Tuesday Confession: 4:30-5:30 pm

Thursday Mass: 9:00 am

Thursday Confession: 7:30-8:30 am

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231-263-5288 School Office Principal@stmaryhannah.org Baptism: Prep Class will be May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Church with Fr. Joe. Parish membership is required.

Marriage: Arrangements and Instruction must be made with the Pastor at least 6 months in Advance.

The Right of Christian Initiation RCIA: for Adults. Please contact Deacon Tim Webb at 231-409-0786 (cell)

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the Parish office or the Rectory at 231-263-2430 if you or a member of your family would like a visit from a Priest or Deacon.

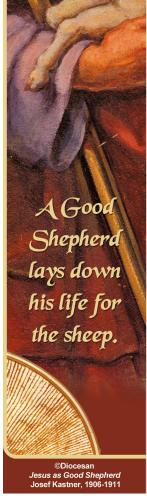
Funeral: Please contact the parish office to arrange for funeral services or a Mass.

Cemetery: Contact Ellen at 989-948-8866

Parish Membership is by registration in the Parish Office. To register contact the parish office or pick up a registration form at both church entrances.

#### Parish Mission Statement

"We the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Church believe in a loving and caring God. By our Baptism we are called to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to build the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our families, in our school, in our parish, and in our world."



#### From Fr. Joe

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, and in this Sunday's Gospel (John 10:11-18) we hear Jesus describe himself as the good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus contrasts a good shepherd with someone who is only a hired hand, who watches over the sheep for pay. But to a hired hand the sheep aren't his own, so when danger approaches, such as a wolf, he abandons the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters the sheep. Not so with a "good shepherd".

Now, someone could reply that this is all very idyllic to think that every shepherd willingly dies for his sheep. In actuality today, many shepherds and/or farmers would probably try really hard to prevent their sheep, or other livestock, from being hurt or killed, but may ultimately consider such losses as one of the acceptable costs of doing business – that such losses are inevitable.

Of course in all of this, Jesus isn't talking about actual sheep (Ovis aries), but about people. Yes, the Chosen People – the Jews – but also ALL people. Jesus said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:16) In Jesus' discourse sheep = people who need someone to lead, to nurture, to protect, and even willing to die for them.

Jesus did just that; he led, nurtured, and protected them, and he gave his life for them — his people — and for the Church he formed. A God who loves us that much would not begin something as important as the Church and then leave it, hands-off, alone, as if to say, "Well guys, it's time for me to go now. Goodbye and good luck! And oh, by the way, remember what I taught you, and that it's very important to follow my commandments. See you later, at the end of time." No; after his resurrection, Jesus drew near to the remaining 11 apostles, those men he had personally chosen, and said to them:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20. underline emphasis added)
Jesus left the Church in the hands of his chosen Apostles to shepherd her, under the leadership of the chief shepherd, Peter. Q. Where does that come from? A. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth

will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19) And from a post-resurrection encounter in John's Gospel, when Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him, following each of Peter's three affirmatives, Jesus said to Peter, sequentially: "Feed my lambs", "Tend my sheep", and "Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17) — things a "good shepherd" does.

Q. Why did Jesus form his Church with this kind of hierarchical structure of shepherds (the Apostles and their successors, i.e. Bishops), with a chief shepherd (Peter and his successors, i.e. the Popes)? A. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and unless "the end of the age" meant only one generation, the Church that Jesus formed needed - and still needs - a structure with designated shepherds, and a lead shepherd, in order to maintain unity. Q. Are we sure Jesus intended for there to be unity in only one Church? A. In addition to Matthew 16:18-19 (above), remember that in this Sunday's Gospel regarding the good shepherd, Jesus said he must lead all the sheep so "there will be one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:16). And later in John's Gospel, "Jesus prayed, saying: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for them [the Apostles], but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, ...., so that they be one, as we are one, ...., that they may be brought to perfection as one, ...., that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." (John 17:20-26 underline emphasis added) Yeah, I'm pretty sure Jesus intended there to be one unified Church.

Segueing from the structure of the universal Catholic Church to that of the "domestic church" (i.e. the family), I'm taking this opportunity to address parents, who have the awesome responsibility to "shepherd" their children—to lead, to nurture, to protect, and even be willing to die for them. In the Order of Baptism, when having their child baptized, Catholic parents are told, and then asked: In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him (her) in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he (she) may love the Lord and his (her) neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility? And the parents answer: "We do." or "Yes." They promise

And the parents answer: "We do." or "Yes." <u>They promise</u> <u>God</u> — not the priest — that they will shepherd their child(ren). <u>Parents, shepherd your sheep!</u> Don't abandon them or your responsibilities, when difficulties approach (e.g. enticements of the secular world).

And children, follow your shepherds!

Have a blessed 4th week of Easter,

(The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal will be starting soon. Please see the back side of this sheet for some – hopefully – interesting information.)

### Catholic Services Appeal

The time for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is approaching, and you should be receiving (and maybe already have) information about the appeal in the mail in the next week or so.

This year there are, again, some incentives (well, hopefully you consider them incentives) to participate early and even at a greater level. The incentive is a <u>chance</u> to win a couple of prizes. The two prizes are: (1) a reservation of up to two pews at one liturgy of the winner's choice at St. Mary of Hannah, and (2) three homemade pies of your choice baked by me. (I hope that is not a <u>disincentive</u>. There are pies I am more familiar with, but I'm willing to <u>try</u> whatever the winner requests.)

How will this work? From the information posted on the diocesan CSA data site, those who pledge or donate before the May 4/5 kickoff weekend will have their name entered four times into the drawing, those whose participation is posted on the diocesan CSA site, or in the parish office, by Monday, May 6th will be entered 3 times; those posted by Monday, May 13th will be entered two times; and those posted by Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will be entered once. Also, those who increase their pledge from the previous year will receive another entry, for a potential of up to 5 entries. On Friday, May 24th, two names will be randomly drawn from all of those entries. The first name drawn will receive the prize of a reserved pew(s) at one liturgy of their choice here at St. Mary of Hannah good through May 2025. The second name drawn will receive the prize of three homemade pies good anytime I'm available through December 31, 2024. (FYI – there will be a separate drawing for St. Mary of

Additionally, I would like to invite you to a Mass in grateful thanks for the intention of those who gave to last year's Catholic Services Appeal. That Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of Hannah on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. (The usual Wednesday evening Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will start at the conclusion of that Mass and continue until 8:00pm.) FYI – there will also be a Mass at St. Patrick on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for the same intention, so if you can't make the Wednesday evening Mass at St. Mary of Hannah, you are welcome to the Thursday Mass at St. Patrick.

Hannah Parish and St. Patrick Parish)

Regarding the 2024 CSA target for St. Mary of Hannah, this year it is \$52,533,

Whoa, that's a lot of money! Yes it is, and it is a

slightly higher target from last year. Why does our target keep going up? Well, has the cost of maintaining your household gone up? Those same economic forces that cause your household expenses to increase also affect the Church and the many necessary services and ministries it provides and supports. How are we ever going to reach that target? By all of us participating. Here's an example: if each of our 232 registered parish households made a gift to CSA of \$230, we would make - and even exceed - our target. Now, not everyone can give \$230 toward CSA; but some can, and some can give even more. But we are all called to make a sacrifice and give something - at the very least the support of prayer. (Please know that any funds received over our assigned target will be returned to the parish for use in the parish.)

I personally value and support the work of the Catholic Services Appeal, and since this year I am the pastor of both St. Mary of Hannah and St. Patrick parishes, I will be supporting both parishes toward reaching their CSA target. My gift toward each parish's CSA campaign is \$850 for a total gift of \$1,700 toward the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. Your level of support is between you and God. We do not ask for. nor will we make your donation amount public. In making mine public I just want you to know that I am personally committed to the work of CSA and to helping our parish reach its goal. Will you join me - at whatever level you are able - by making some gift to CSA, and help to tend and care for our Church family locally in the Diocese of Gaylord, and beyond? If you are unable to make a monetary gift to CSA this year, please pray for our parish's effort, and for the Diocese of Gaylord.

God bless,

In Joe

# St. Mary of Hannah ~ Fourth Sunday after Easter ~ April 21, 2024 † PARISH NEWS † SCHOOL NEWS



**Blood Drive:** There is a blood drive on Monday, April 22nd from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Blood is desperately needed. Give the gift of life.

**<u>Finance Council Meeting:</u>** There is a finance council meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm.

<u>Job Opportunity:</u> St. Mary of Hannah Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. Please apply at Diocese of Gaylord, Human Resources. https://dioceseofgaylord.org/job-opportunities

<u>Altar Society Bake Sale:</u> There will be an Altar Society Bake Sale the Weekend of April 27-28. Please donate or purchase baked good to help support the Altar Society.

#### St Patrick WOW Ministry - April 2024

The St Patrick WOW Ministry will meet on Thursday April 25. We invite you to attend the 9 am Mass followed by the Rosary. At 10 am join us for breakfast. This month we will have a talk given by Matt Breimayer on the Family Love Letter, an invaluable program designed to assist families in organizing their important information. If you plan to attend, please call the Parish Office at 231 943 4633 and RSVP by Monday, April 22.

## THINK Spring! St. Patrick Rosary Garden Annual Potted Plant Sale!

St. Patrick Rosary Garden welcomes the parishioners of St. Mary Hannah to participate in our annual potted plant sale. The pots sell for \$15 and include 4-6 different varieties of annuals all in one pot. The flower quality and selection are outstanding and last all summer long! The sale is May 4th & 5th and pre-sale orders are available at St. Patrick's website or church office and vestibule). The Rosary Garden Committee appreciates all your support. For additional information, contact Mary Terese Meernik. <a href="mailto:mtmeernikod@gmail.com">mtmeernikod@gmail.com</a>



We have Coffee and Donuts each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy in the fellowship.

#### FORMED® How do I sign up?

- 1. Go to FORMED.org
- 2. click "Sign Up."
- 3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
- 4. Find St Mary Hannah (By parish name, or zip code)
- 5. Enter your name and 'email—and you're in!

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Space travel through the Universe!

Tuesday a mobile planetarium visited and took our students and staff on a space ride through our solar system, the Milky Way galaxy, and beyond other galaxies, and out through the universe! We learned about planets, stars, the sun, the earth's center of magnetic energy, nebulas (where new stars are born), and black holes. It was absolutely a wonderful way to view the magnificence of God's creation that goes far beyond what we can see or imagine.

Cognition is a discovery center located in Beulah and offers planetarium shows on site and to your location. We thank Cognition for donating a family pass as a prize for our Golden Griffin raffle and the St. Mary of Hannah Home and School Association for sponsoring this great opportunity for us!











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April 27 - 28

LectorEMHCServersSat. 6:00 pmSheri LAngel B, Michelle PBrad & WyattSun. 9:00 amJoe BKathy P, Kathy WBristol & Degan

St. Mary's Altar Society, Respects Life and Protects the Precious Gift of Life. Please Pray the Rosary daily. For more information, call Karen Weber (231) 263-5851.



#### Mass Intentions and Schedule

\*\*St. Mary's Events are Bolded, St. Patrick's events are Italicized. \*\*

Monday, April 22nd	Easter Weekday
	NO MASS
Tuesday, April 23rd	Easter Weekday
4.30 5.30	Confession at Ct. Dataiol/s

4:30 pm - 5:30 pmConfession at St. Patrick's6:00 pm MassAt St. Patrick's with Adoration to Follow

Wednesday, April 24th Easter Weekday

10:00 am Mass † Jacob & Anna Weber

By: Barb Weber 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration at St. Mary's

Thursday, April 25th St. Mark

7:30 am - 8:30 am Confession at St. Patrick's 6:00 pm Mass At St. Patrick's

Friday, April 26th Easter Weekday

8:30 am Mass † Art & Eleanor Gaisser
By: Dick & Diane Gray
9:00 am - 10:00 am Adoration at St. Mary's

Saturday, April 27th Easter Weekday

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Confession at St. Patrick's 4:00 pm Mass At St. Patrick's

5:30 pm Rosary at St. Mary's

6:00 pm Mass † Goldie Greilick & Maurice Wurm

By: Barb Weber

Sunday, April 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass People of St. Mary & St. Patrick Parishes

11:00 am Mass At St. Patrick's

#### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION**

April 13 - 14	Co	Collection		<u>Online</u>	
General:	\$	4,420.00	\$1	,528.00	
School:	\$	685.00	\$	990.00	
Utilities/Fuel:	\$	10.00	\$	0.00	
Loose:	\$	491.00	\$	0.00	
Visitor:	\$	.00	\$	0.00	
Votives:	\$	64.00	\$	0.00	
Foundation:	\$	0.00	\$	16.50	

#### GRAND TOTAL: \$8,204.50

#### Thank you for your continued support!

St. Mary of Hannah Parish and School Giving Page! Here you can submit your weekly Sunday giving, sacrificial giving, make tuition payments and more.

For online Giving: Go to: <a href="https://www.stmaryhannah.org">www.stmaryhannah.org</a> There is an online giving button, click and follow the prompts. Or go to:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmaryhannah/funds. When the page opens, click the green button, "Create a new Account". Then follow the prompts.

Please come to the Knights of Columbus every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Even months are located at St. Mary-Hannah and odd months are located at St. Patrick's. For more information call Richard Karsncik, (313) 819-2469.



# Please keep the following, friends, family, and fellow parishioners who are sick in your daily prayers.



MaryJane DelGrosso	Coral Negron
Kelly Pierson	Susan Chastney
Rita Sheren	Hope House
Juanita Weber	Chad Zenner
Hunter Javin	Debby Regiani
Jacalyn Knight	Sherrie Haggerty
Dan Schneider	Randy Zoodsma
Carolyn Miesch	Teresa Casper
Carol White	Marjorie Steinebach
Sheri Leach	Vic & Jan Rioux
Milo Schmuckal	Alexandria Grogan
Dick Weidner	Tom & Mary Weidner
Lucille Zenner	Steven Donaldson
Isaiah "zay" Benavides	Dick Gray
Dorothy Lark	Barb Harrand
Loretta Bach	Brian & Dawn
Jim Kik	Heidi Musser
Kennedy Welsh	Shannen Lowe
LeeAnn Weber	Peggy
Bernice Pfau	

Please always keep Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Health Care workers in your prayers.

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