

## Prayer at Good Shepherd

**Prayer Chain:** Our parish prayer chain is a group of people who offer intercessory prayer for those who have asked us to pray for them. Do you have a need for prayer? The requests we can pass along are for specific needs for yourself, or someone you know in need of prayer. If you're calling for another person, you must obtain explicit consent from them to have their intention included. If you would like to request a prayer, or join the prayer chain, please call the parish office (532-4344).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Exposed on the altar, the Blessed Sacrament is available for individual private worship and prayer on the first and third Sundays of each month from 11:30am until 12 midnight. Persons coming to pray are asked to use the east side doors to the Narthex for entering the building. A doorbell placed by the door will let the person inside the church know that you want in. A regular schedule of adoration ministers is maintained in the parish office; call the office if you would like to sign up to become part of the Adoration ministry.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is prayed in church starting one half hour before the beginning of all weekend Masses during the month of October. More information on how to pray the Rosary is available in the parish office.

**Stations of the Cross:** This private devotion is prayed during the season of Lent following the 9am weekday Mass. More information on how to pray this devotion is available in the parish office.

### Seasonal Prayer Opportunities:

-During Lent our parish offers more prayer and fellowship opportunities. Please check our bulletin, or contact the parish office for more information. Information may also be highlighted here on our parish website on the "Blog" page.

## Social opportunities at Good Shepherd

**Parish Picnic:** Once a year in springtime our Parish Council hosts a "hog roast" for the whole parish. This event coincides with the end of our PSR program on the first Sunday in May. The children lead the parish from the 10:30am Sunday Mass outside for a May Crowning, then on to the parish picnic. Come join us, meet some new folks from the parish, and enjoy some great food. Watch the bulletin and this website for more information.

**Parish Festival:** The annual Festival in September is a dinner and auctions (live and silent) for the adults of our parish. This event, which is our single parish fundraiser, is a chance for folks to come together in a spirit of supporting our parish and connecting with friends. Auction items are provided by parishioners with a wide range of value – some cheap, some more expensive. A unique theme is selected each year to determine the type of food served and the décor. Mostly, it's a lot of fun. Come join us! More information will be available in the bulletin and here on our website in the weeks leading up to the event. Tickets will also be on sale in the Narthex in the weeks prior.

**Pancake Breakfasts:** On the second Sunday of each month the Knights of Columbus offer a breakfast after each morning Mass. The menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, and beverage. Come on down to the parish hall after Mass; bring your family and friends.

**Harvest Dinner:** The Altar Society provides a full Thanksgiving style dinner each fall complete with turkey, dressing, and all the fixings. This is one of their main annual fundraising events. Watch the bulletin and this website for more information.

**Simple Suppers:** During Lent we gather each Wednesday evening at 6pm for a variety of soups and salads provided by parish organizations. This free event gives us all a chance to connect in a spirit of living simply the gospel message.

**Fish Fries:** The Knights of Columbus host Fish Fries every Friday evening in Lent. A full menu of abstinent-friendly food is a great way to feed your family and mix it up with parish families and the Smithville community.

**Family Dance:** Music, dancing, and good clean fun is part of this annual Saturday evening event. Typically scheduled in the fall, watch the bulletin and this website for more information.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Stick around after the Sunday 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday for the children's Easter Egg Hunt out on the front lawn of the parish provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**Halloween Party:** Come “trunk or treat” with us on a Saturday evening this fall. The Knights organize this event for all families, especially the children, of our parish. Watch the bulletin and this website for more information.

**Children’s Christmas Party:** Watch the bulletin and this website for news about the treats, presents, and a visit from Santa for all the children of the parish hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

## Outreach at Good Shepherd

**Food Collection:** Good Shepherd, in cooperation with Smithville Church of Christ, collects dry and canned food items, and toiletries, for our local food bank. The first and third weekends of the month are “*food collection Sundays.*” Help restock our local food pantry by dropping off your non-perishable food and toiletry items at the church. You can place them by the credenza in the narthex.

**Seasonal Events:** Each year our parish organizes trips to area soup kitchens, nursing homes, and other charitable organizations to help for a day. These opportunities will be announced in our bulletin, and here on our website.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights offer several outreach events each year.

- Roses for Life Campaign
- Roadside clean up
- Blood Drives
- Disabled Fishing Derby
- Tootsie Roll Drive

Contact the Knights if you would like to become involved in any of these events. Call Mike Thompson (816-783-7930) for information.

**Altar Society:** The women’s organization, in addition to providing the resources we need for our Liturgical life, hosts several outreach events each year including the collection of items needed by women at an area refuge center and Christmas food baskets for low income local residents. Contact the Altar Society to become involved, or for more information. Helen Smith ([hsmith1950@yahoo.com](mailto:hsmith1950@yahoo.com); 816-370-2434, Cell # 816-260-4475); Polly Harter ([pollykayharter@gmail.com](mailto:pollykayharter@gmail.com); 790-3257 or 739-2093)