Shepherd's Voice

The monthly parish newsletter of

# GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH

### WHAT WE BELIEVE...

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 2024

TRINITYTIDE

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Sunday, June 2 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 4

Sunday, June 9 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 5

Sunday, June 16 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 6

Sunday, June 23 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 7

Monday, June 24 at 12:15 PM

The Nativity of John the Baptist

Sunday, June 30 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 8

Sunday, July 7 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 9

Sunday, July 14 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 10

Sunday, July 21 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 11

Monday, July 22 at 12:15 PM

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Sunday, July 28 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 11

Sunday, August 4 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 12

Sunday, August 4 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 12

Tuesday, August 6 at 12:15 PM

Feast of the Transfiguration

Sunday, August 11 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 13

Sunday, August 18 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 14

Sunday, August 25 at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Trinitytide Proper 15

### **NOTES FROM RINDA**

Most of you know how much I love hymns and how they sometimes reach us when other forms of communication fail to do so. I can't take credit for this idea, (Thank you Fr. Ran-

dall), but for a while now we have been using the same offertory hymn each Sunday.

We are going to try something different. In your bulletin you will find an insert that asks for your <u>favorite offertory hymn</u>. We will ask for a brief comment on why this particular hymn is special to you. Some of these hymns will be used in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. As you think of your favorites, think about the purpose of the Offertory in our service. We are bringing the gifts to the altar in preparation for distribution. As Fr. Randall prepares the bread and



wine, it is a great opportunity to prayerfully prepare our hearts for receiving the Body and the Blood of our Savior.

I hope that each of you is enjoying the summer (even though summer hasn't arrived yet—the temperature only feels like that). I pray that as we enjoy this season, we will remember to be faithful witnesses to the power of God's love for us all.

### Rinda Coleman

Music Director

# FIND YOURSELF A GROUP OR TWO!

**Men's Fellowship**—next meeting on Saturday, June 8 at noon; agenda includes lunch & ARDF **Women's Guild**—next meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 10:00 AM

**Bible Study**—meets every Monday at 6:30 PM in the conference room; currently study John **Discipleship**—meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the conference room; studying catechism **Choir**—on summer hiatus; rehearsals return late summer/early Fall on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM **Mothers' Prayer Group**—next meeting date tbd and announced in Sunday bulletin



### **AIDEN** MIRE

Summer got off to a jet set start for Aiden as he made his way over to Europe once his semester ended at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. He'll also be working part time at First National Bank USA Boutte. In his downtime he'll be relaxing with some good books, doing yard work, and thrifting.

Aiden's number one tip for having a great summer: "Stay busy!"

### GABE LAGARDE

As a rising senior pitcher at John Curtis Christian School, Gabe will spend a good portion of his summer playing summer ball and improving his game.

Gabe will also be working this summer at Alternative Tees. When he's not on the mound or at the job, Gabe enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Gabe's advise for having a great summer: "Enjoy the moment and don't take time for granted."





### CAROLINE GRAF

At least one trip to the beach with friends is in order for Caroline who wrapped up her sophomore year at University of Louisiana at Lafayette. But in between beach visits, she'll be taking a summer course at Delgado and completing a social media internship for UL.

Caroline offers the following thoughts on enjoying a great summer: "I would say the number one tip to having a great summer is spending time with the people you love. Since I go to school away from home, I do not have as much time as I used to to catch up with family and old friends, so summer is a great time to do so."

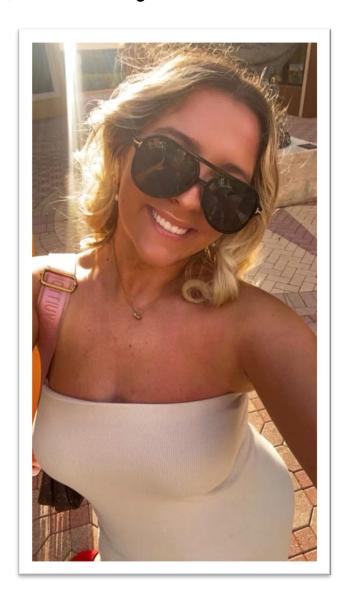
### HALEY LAGARDE

Calling it her "last summer before I have to get a big girl job" Haley has some pretty cool plans to beat the heat this summer.

In addition to hanging out with family and friends, she plans to attend her brother Gabe's baseball games and her cousins' volleyball matches.

All of that will be happening when Haley isn't coaching her own softball team or working at a landscaping company.

Haley's summer advice: "Be safe, live life to the fullest, and give all the glory to God!"



### **IZZY** LANDRY

Entering her sophomore year at Bonnabel High School after this summer, Izzy has some pretty fun ways to pass her time until Fall. In addition to taking some trips with her family and hanging out with her friends, Izzy is setting aside some time this summer to learn some pretty adult things. She is interested in learning about grocery shopping, taxes, and saving money, and has a pretty good list of books she'd like to read as well.

Izzy's number one tip for a fun summer: "Just have fun and relax and take a break from the world with all the stress."



# CASEY'S SNOWBALLS EST. 1969 FLAVORS BANANA BAZOOKA BLUERERY BLUERERY BLUERERY BLUERERY BUBBLE CUIN CAKE BATTER CHERSCARE CINNAMON CLEAR SPEARMY COCONUT COTTON CANDY CREAM FLAVORS C

### **MATTHEW RFIGER**

When not on his quest to find the world's greatest sno-ball, Matthew spends his summer off from classes and his study of Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern State University. In addition to sno-balls, Matt is looking forward to spending some time in Leesville working with his dad; spending time at Toledo Bend hanging out with friends; and spending time his girlfriend, Madi, and their cat, Luna.

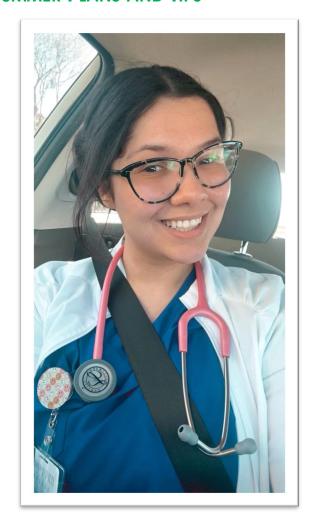
Matthew offers the following summer advice pro tip: "Use summer to try something new... like getting condensed milk on the bottom AND on top of a sno-ball."

### MADISON GRAF

Studying nursing at NSU in Natchitoches brings about many summer activities for Madison. In addition to continuing through her clinicals, she is also employed in the Emergency Department at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center.

When not in scrubs, Madi plans to spend her summer hanging out at Toledo Bend with her boyfriend Matthew and their cat Luna. She is also looking forward to a family vacation to the beach with her parents later this summer.

Madison's summer pro tip: "Always wear sunscreen and be sure to stay hydrated."



### FRILOT JOAN

A 2024 graduate of Ecole Classique, Joan will begin her college studies in humanities at Tulane University in the Fall.

This summer, Joan will continue honing her drama skill as she participates in Rivertown Theater's production of Mean Girls, Jr.

Joan's pro tip for a great summer: "Hang out with friends and family instead of isolating!"

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) GOES TO SUMMER CAMP! - JULY 12, 13, @ 14

**Vacation B I B L E School is lighting up!** Friday evening, July 12, we are lighting the campfire for a mix of activities and foundational teaching with S'mores fun. Our Hebrew elders will come visit to tell their stories. Our young \*shepherd children of all ages will gather with parents and friends on picnic blankets to listen, eat S'mores and learn campfire songs!

Saturday, we will jump into activities young Hebrew children may have enjoyed with more visits from Bible characters to tell their story and guide activities, crafts, and song.

We will invite all back for Sunday to share a song in church and end with a Happy Bounce.

Sounds like fun?

Invite all the young ones you know!

Fri 12<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 PM—8:00 PM Sat 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM—Noon

Sign-up online by visiting the VBS dropdown tab at www.GSCMet.com, texting, calling, or sending smoke signals, but **LAST MINUTE KIDS ARE WELCOME TOO!** 

Margaret Aucoin

(\*Help! I could use some help with making simple \*shepherd costumes! Time is short. Please help!)



### PRAYING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown began, Good Shepherd Church has been streaming our 10:00 AM Sunday morning Service of Holy Eucharist each week. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the lector reads a prayer entitled **An Act of Spiritual Communion** for those who are watching at home and are unable to partake in the reception of Holy Communion sacramentally. That beautiful prayer comes from the Book of Common Prayer (pg. 677, ACNA 2019) and can be prayed by a Christian any time they are longing for the grace of Holy Communion but are unable to receive the tangible elements of the sacrament. These are the words to that prayer:

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul.

And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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### **REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES**

<u>Holy Eucharist</u> 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM every Sunday

Red Letter Holy Days
12:15 PM or 6:30 PM

