

## Shepherding Through Virtue

*Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)—Good Shepherd Sunday*

*Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." John 10:27–28*

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.

In our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Prior to this passage, they asked Him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." To that, Jesus responded, "I told you and you do not believe." Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them Who He was through His works: "The works I do in my Father's name testify to me."

Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus' works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue.

Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life. For example, do you see courage in the face of fear? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? Do you see a supernatural ability to forgive another? If so, what is God telling you through the increase of that virtue? Do you see an increase in the virtue of piety, by which your life of prayer becomes more important to you? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue?

The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God's voice telling you to avoid these things.

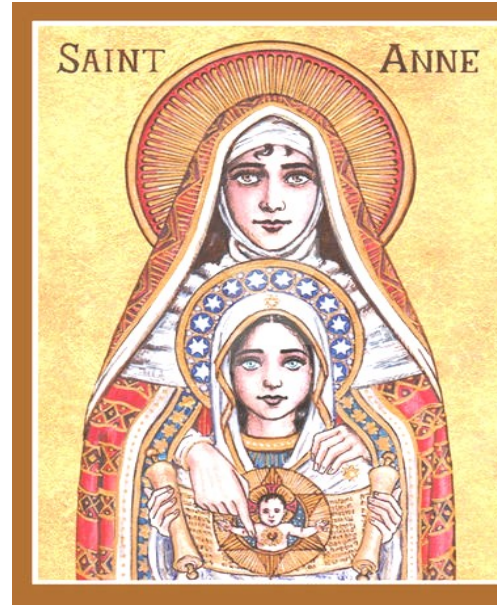
Reflect, today, upon God's actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernable touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him and receive eternal life.

*My revealing Lord, You speak to me day and night, calling me to follow You as my Shepherd. May I learn to perceive Your voice as You speak to me in varied ways so that I can more readily follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

## St. Anne Catholic Parish

May 11, 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass:** 9:00 am

**Daily Mass:** Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am  
First Saturday's ONLY @ 9:00 am

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

**Baptism and Holy Matrimony:** The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Father Ishida.

**Parish Office:** Please email or leave a voice message.

### Parish Staff

Parish Office: 509-723-1459

Email: [stannemedicallake@gmail.com](mailto:stannemedicallake@gmail.com)

Website: [www.westplainscatholicparishes.org](http://www.westplainscatholicparishes.org)

Father Michael Ishida, Pastor

Evie Noder, Parish Bookkeeper

Michele Flynn, Office Admin

Sacramental Emergencies – 509-998-7093

### Pastoral Council

*(meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)*

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

Monica Schindler, Marlayna Smith

### Finance Council

*(meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday quarterly @ noon)*

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson,

Dan Quaschnick,

### Physical Address:

708 E Lake Street, Medical Lake, WA 99022

### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 125, Medical Lake, WA 99022

### Ministry Contacts

#### Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

Lectors – Cheryl Moriarty 509-999-1967

Music – Linda Pearson 509-879-0753

Fellowship—Betty Patterson 509-998-6631

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison 509-244-4533

Meditation Garden— Linda Pearson 509-879-0753

#### Parish Guilds

Prayer Chain, Prayer Chain—Pam Harper 509-496-5930 or email @ [stanneprayerchain@yahoo.com](mailto:stanneprayerchain@yahoo.com)

*(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)*

### **FORMED.org—“Forming Catholics for Life”**

Step 1. **Sign up as a Parishioner (it's FREE)** : search for **St. Anne Medical Lake**

Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

*welcome*  
to our Parish

**JOIN US on Mother's Day**  
*Sunday, May 11*

Mother's Day Breakfast immediately following Mass. Hosted by the men of the parish in honor of all mom's.



**Diocesan news to your inbox every Friday**

SCAN TO SIGN UP

**We love** having you as part of our flock

Keep in touch with us via email & text

Text the word **westplains** to the number **84576**



**SPOKANE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

Scan to join the online community via Mighty Networks

**Please note:**

Mass Intensions take approximately two (2) weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

04	Sunday	Pro Populo
05	Monday	Tim & Pam Harper
06	Tuesday	
07	Wednesday	
08	Thursday	
09	Friday	
10	Saturday	Patrick Blakely †
11	Sunday	Pro Populo

*St. Anne ... Pray for us!*  
*Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!*

**St. Anne's needs you!**

*Please prayerfully consider helping with your gift of time and talent.*

**Parish Finance Council**

Betty Patterson, long time parish finance council member is stepping down. **THANK YOU BETTY!** We need someone to replace her. If you are interested in being part of the Parish Finance council, please talk to Father Ishida. The Parish finance council meets quarterly. Members have a unique opportunity to help Father Ishida manage the parish's finances and budget.

**Please prayerfully consider and talk to Father.**

**33-Days to Eucharistic Glory**

*33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* is the first ever Eucharistic Consecration. This unprecedented spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format. Life is a pilgrimage, a sacred journey toward our eternal home with God. Learn what it means to be a pilgrim in our world today.

**Please look for the sign up sheet in the back of the church or talk to Jeff King after Mass.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Lectionary #51C - Liturgical color: white*

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 13:14, 43–52  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b–17  
 Gospel: John 10:27–30  
 The Gloria; Apostles' or Nicene Creed

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



**Welcome to St. Anne Parish** To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

**St. Anne Parish**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturdays @ **5:00 pm**—confession @ 4:30 pm  
 Sundays @ **9:00 am** - confession @ 8:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule**

Mondays & Fridays— **6:00 pm** Mass  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - **9:00 am** Mass

**ADORATION**

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass

**CONFESSION**

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

**Schola Cantorum—Choir**

Interested in singing the Holy Mass?  
 Please contact Linda at 509-879-0753 or email at [sookisue@msn.com](mailto:sookisue@msn.com)  
*All voices are welcome!*



**PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS**

can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please call Pam Harper to request prayers. Call Pam @ 509-496-5930 or email [stanneprayerchain@yahoo.com](mailto:stanneprayerchain@yahoo.com)

**St. Anne Events!**

*Please JOIN US for fellowship immediately following Sunday Mass.*

**Mother's Day Breakfast—May 11**  
 Immediately following Mass.

**Monday, May 12 @ 6:00 PM MASS**  
 Confirmation— Congratulations Greyson!

**Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:00 PM**  
 Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

**Wednesday, May 14 @ 9:45 AM**  
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Attention! Attention!**  
**Mass Time Change!**

Thursday, May 15 - Mass @ 8:30 AM

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 Forming Catholics for Life. **JOIN for free!**

*Directions on front of the bulletin*  
 Forming Catholics for Life

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
**May 11, 2025**






Today is the perfect time to support our seminarians at Bishop White Seminary. The Saint John Paul II Foundation provides scholarships for these six seminarians. These seminarians are not covered by the Annual Seminarian Appeal. Please scan to donate today and help support our seminarians at Bishop White Seminary, or you can mail donation to: SJPII Foundation, PO Box 10253, Spokane, WA 99209





## St. Anne Parish Calendar — May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Mass  Join us for Mother's Day Breakfast ...immediately... following Mass.	12 6:00 PM Mass Sacrament of Confirmation! Congratulations Greyson 	13 Parish Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm	14 Quilting @ 9:45 am	15 <b>Time change:</b> Mass @ 8:30 am Father is at his monthly Presbyteral Mtg	16 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm	17 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Mass Join us for fellowship immediately following Mass, located in the parish hall.	19	20	21 Quilting @ 9:45 am	22	23	24 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
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**Consider a gift/bequest to St. Anne's in your will.**

I give to the "St. Anne Parish Preservation Fund" located in Medical Lake, WA., the following amount/percent \_\_\_\_ to be used exclusively for Church preservation. ... OR ... I give to "St. Anne Parish, located in Medical Lake, WA, the following amount/percent \_\_\_\_ to be used wherever needed most.

### NEEDED! Communion Ministry to the Homebound



Are you interested in taking communion to patients at Eastern State Hospital? Please contact Father Ishida for more information. Call @ 509-998-7093 or email [mishida@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:mishida@dioceseofspokane.org)



Do you know of a homebound parishioner that would like to have visits and communion brought to them? Please let us know by leaving a message at the parish office 509-723-1459 or email [stannemedicallake@gmail.com](mailto:stannemedicallake@gmail.com).

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.

A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining at 509-879-0753 Or email [sookisue@msn.com](mailto:sookisue@msn.com)

Seven Sisters Apostolate meet after 9:00 am Mass at St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake. For all those interested.

Please join us in the Church.

### Summer Vocation Camps

*For young men and women*

#### Registration Open for *Quo Vadis Days* and *Beloved*

For many young people, it is very difficult to prayerfully listen to the Lord and discern where God wants us to go. Ultimately, we know that we can only find true peace when we rest in God. Held each summer, the *Quo Vadis Days* retreat for boys—**and for the first time, the *Beloved* retreat for girls**—will help young people to examine their prayer life, draw closer to God, and offer practical tips on listening more intently to the Lord and following wherever He calls.

Highschool boys: *Quo Vadis Days*—June 24-27, 2025

Location: Pinelow Park, 3806 N Deer Lake Rd., Loon Lake, WA

Young men who will be in high school next year (9th—12th grade)

Cost: \$75 per camper—Register on Diocese of Spokane Website: [spokanevocations.org/qvd/](http://spokanevocations.org/qvd/)

Highschool girls: *Beloved*—June 27-29, 2025

Location: Pinelow Park, 3806 N Deer Lake Rd., Loon Lake, WA

Young women who will be in high school next year (9th—12th grade)

Cost: \$50 per camper—Register on Diocese of Spokane Website: [spokanevocations.org/beloved/](http://spokanevocations.org/beloved/)