

Catholic Apologetics — One flock One Shepherd

Many places in God’s Word, Jesus or one of the disciples refers to His flock as one flock and one shepherd. If any Protestant says that their church is the one church, we need to be able to defend the Catholic Church as the true church. The Catholic Church began with the Apostles, meaning that our church began right after Jesus left the Apostles and gave them authority to continue His ministry. In the Bible, he tells the Apostles, “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.” In another place, he says that He consecrates Himself to the Apostles because, as He and the Father are one, He wants the Apostles to be able to bring others to the glory given to Him by the Father and that they will let the world know that Jesus was sent to bring others to the Father through the Apostles (John 17). Paul further defends the need for one in many of his Epistles. He talks of unity and oneness with many of the communities in which he was preaching. His words talk of “one accord” and “one voice”. He also talks of “unity” and “agree with what you say” and “no divisions among you”. He tells the Ephesians that there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all”. All of these clearly show that Christ wanted one unified church which He founded Himself, and entrusted to Peter and the Apostles. The Catholic Church is the unified church that Jesus gave to the Apostle Peter when God the Father revealed to Peter that Jesus was the “Christ, the Son of the living God”. At that point, Jesus revealed to Peter that he was the rock upon which He would build His church. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are 3 visible bonds of unity that the church follows. These are the Creed, the sacraments, and apostolic succession (formed by the Apostles from Christ himself). The wound to this unity is sin.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration
 Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
616 days or 88 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 26	36th Sunday after Pentecost	Steve Deskevich
Jan 27	No Liturgy	
Jan 28	No Liturgy	
Jan 29	No Liturgy	
Jan 30	No Liturgy	
Jan 31	No Liturgy	
Feb 1	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Feb 2	36th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Michael Lutak M&M Robert Datsko

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

36th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Luke 18:35-43

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world. Glory be ...

Kondakion

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power. Now and ...

Theotokion

Today the Virgin stands before us in the church, and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us. Angels are worshipping with hierarchs apostles, exult with the prophets, for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimenion

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

Noah Bus Trip - There are 10 seats available to see Noah at Sight and Sound Theater on July 24.

If anyone would like to drive instead of riding the bus, accommodations can be made for you to join the church group for the show and dinner.

Adults \$160 Children 12 to 3 \$111 See Mary Ann if interested

Weekly Collection - January 19, 2025 - \$447.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$175.00 Candles - \$15.00 Pyrohi- \$140.00 Nut Rolls - \$45.00
Improvements - \$15.00 Dues - \$5.00 Misc. - \$32.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - February 8, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12 Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

Marriage Day - February 9 will be Marriage Day in our Eparchy.

We will honor all those who are married.

Covered Dish Dinner - In honor of Marriage Day, we will have a covered dish dinner.

Please bring a food dish and a dessert.

Pinching Day - We will be making pyrohi on Feb 13 starting at 8AM.

Come and help with this fundraiser event.

March Events

March 1 - Pyrohi sale - Tell your friends and family to come and stock up on our delicious

Pyrohi. They make a great Lenten meal

March 22 & 29 - Our annual Pysanky Class from 9 to 12. Spread the word to your friends.



Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Hesel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

While rummaging through her attic, my friend Kathryn found an old shotgun. Unsure about how to dispose of it, she called her parents. "Take it to the police station," her mother suggested. My friend agreed and was about to hang up when her mother added, "Oh, and Kathryn? Call first."