



February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR

I believe we find ourselves in the middle of the Flu season. Do not be surprised if someone next to you does not offer the sign of peace. Just nod and understand they may be getting over something or not wanting to catch something.

Having the Flu go through the school during Catholic Schools Week is rather annoying. I am amazed at the number of students who have sat in the "sick chair" waiting to go home this week. So let us keep in prayer all who are sick and recovering from illness.

Catholic Schools Week is a great week to nationally acknowledge that our schools are a treasure. Our doors are open because of the faith. So joining the students in prayer in the classroom, at the close of recess or in the lunchroom is a great moment to give thanks. Mass each week is a wonderful source of grace. The students offer their abilities in making it a true time of prayer that brings everyone ever closer to Jesus.

The students that are entrusted to us by their parents have so many talents that get exercised in and out of the classroom. Some of them you get to see at the all school Masses we have a few times a year. For others it is on the court or field for the Warrior's team or in the larger community. St. Patrick's school tries to lay a strong foundation for future teachers and coaches to build upon as our students go on to High School and beyond.

This is an appropriate moment to thank all of our teachers. They chose to be here to teach (which they do so well) and model the Christian life, especially in ways of service. Our staff too goes out of their way to make St. Patrick's school a wonderful place to be. Kudos to Karla Reinhardt as our principal in her first year. She has set many things in motion so that we will be able to build on all of those ideas for many school years to come.

But our school is also built on those who have gone before us. There are so many generous people that have made St. Patrick's school a priority for their family. Others in our community have been so supportive to our school in many ways over the years. I am thankful for that, and ask for your continued prayers and support of our current students and staff.

Life seems so fast and chocked full of activities. The same is for our school. As you may have seen in our monthly newsletter the Shamrock, the many activities our students are involved in. For more immediate news, go to our Facebook page. For those wondering about information about our school, send them to our school webpage.

This year for Catholic Schools Week we added an extra layer of celebration by marking 125 years of Catholic education at St. Patrick school. We just celebrated a wonderful lunch with former teachers. Some of the Sisters that also taught here even made a special trip up for lunch and to visit our school. Please watch for other events in the coming months in which we can celebrate our Catholic school not just for a week, but all year long.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 2, 2020

- Sat. Feb. 1 5:00 PM For the repose of the souls of
Nettie & Jay Rose
- Sun. Feb. 2 8:00 AM For *our Parishioners*
10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Eileen Powers
- Tue. Feb. 4 5:30 PM For *Phil Buttner*
- Wed. Feb. 5 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Harry Buttner Sr. Family
2:00 PM FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME
For the *Deceased Members of*
the Sersen, Peseck, Narowitz and Reindel Families
6:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Jon Waalk
- Thu. Feb. 6 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jeri Delgado
- Fri. Feb. 7 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle
- Sat. Feb. 8 5:00 PM For the repose of the souls of
Norman & Frances Thomas
- Sun. Feb. 9 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Don Strack
10:00 AM For *our Parishioners*

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

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**Formed ~ Pick of the Week**

Check out a free talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz on [formed.org](http://formed.org). In this talk, "**Jesus is...**" Father Mike reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "**Who do YOU say that I Am?**"

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**Stewardship Corner ~ January 25th & 26th, 2020
(534 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 4,267.00
On-Line Giving		1,066.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	18.50
Loose Offering	596.15	677.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 6,029.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 45.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 353,141.15
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 319,784.87

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday Feb. 5	Religious Ed Classes
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Feb. 6	10:30—1 Rosary Makers—RH
5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Comm.
Friday Feb. 7	8:45 AM Friday Folders

For those subscribing to *The Word Among Us*, your February issue is available at the rectory. Please stop by and pick up your copy.

World Day for Consecrated Life ~ February 1-2. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to answer God's call to this vocation.

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic adoration.

ATTENTION LADIES—The February PCCW Meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th. Please plan to attend.

Fall Festival—It's never too early to start thinking about the Fall Festival! We are looking for someone to be in charge of the dining room (including set up and clean-up and finding help). We are also looking for a **Chairperson-in-Training**. If you are interested in either of these positions, please give Therese Gunther a call at 847-6744.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 16th from 9 AM—12 noon
~ in Reardon Hall.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

93 families have pledged \$23,635 to date. Thank you!

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 1st & 2nd**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
 Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
 Servers: Landynn Miller, Aedyn & Owen Lubinski
 Greeters: Monica Niles, Donna Bollig, Claire Fischbach
 Musicians: Ann Benz
 Gift Bearers: Gary Rose
 Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Gail Boehm
 Servers: Emma Eilers, Jacob Barnes, Seth Schwedrsky
 Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
 Gift Bearers: Mary & Larry Lubinski
 Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey
 Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
 Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: School Children
 Extraordinary Minister: Mary Beth Crowley
 Servers: Caroline Marien, Jackson Whitney,
 Brayden Housworth
 Greeters: School Children
 Musicians: Ann Benz, School Children
 Gift Bearers: School Children
 Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
 Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary: Chitra & Elaine Garrigan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 8th & 9th**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann
 Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
 Servers: Channing Sonnenberg, Braden Heath
 Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker, Dustin Ryberg
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Shari Sarazin
 Gift Bearers: Joan Potter & Bob Thomas
 Scrip Seller: Erin Lund
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore
 Servers: Christopher & Noah Fry
 Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
 Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack & Family
 Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller
 Ushers: Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
 Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran
 Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
 Servers: Christian Brow, Brayden Housworth, Carter Field
 Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard
 Musicians: Anna Boppart, Liz Housworth
 Gift Bearers: Mary Ann & Jim Allaby
 Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
 Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Marion Koca & Donna Miller

Please join us for a Couple's Fiesta! Enjoy Mexican food and a game night in Reardon Hall (the church basement) on Saturday February 29th from 6pm-8:30pm. This is a potluck so we ask that if you have been married: 1-10 years please bring taco shells and toppings, 11-19 years: a side dish, 20-29 years: meat or beans, and 30+ years: a desert. We encourage you to also bring a game that you would want to play, but playing cards will be available. If you have any questions please contact Katie Radl 608-343-3020, Jaime Pouillie 608-847-2233, or Cassandra Thayer 608-847-6054. We hope to see you there!

National Marriage Week February 7-14 ~ This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "*Stories from the Domestic Church*." This and other valuable resources are available for couples at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Men of the Cross Retreat—Marshfield: Saturday, February 15th at St. John the Baptist Church from 9am to 3 pm. A Day of Renewal for Men. A half-day retreat with time for prayer, reflection and renewal led by Deacon Ralph Poyo—a favorite speaker from the fall conference. Cost is \$25 and includes morning snack and lunch. Register at menofthecross.org/

St. Patrick Parish in Sparta invites you to a powerful parish retreat beginning Sunday, February 16 for three nights, sessions at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's - Sparta. Father John Riccardo, a classmate of Fr. Eric Berns, is a well-known evangelizer and founder of Acts XXIX ministry. The retreat, titled "*Recapturing the Big Picture*," will be sure to fan into a flame your relationship with Jesus. Father Riccardo and his team normally do not bring their ministry directly into parishes, so this will be a rare opportunity. Please join them on February 16th in Sparta.

Donate/Volunteer – Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Feb. 21-22 – Stevens Point ~ Join the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020 and help provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. You are invited! 545 volunteers are needed to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack™ event. (A matching grant is being given by the Diocese of La Crosse Social Ministry Fund). To sign-up or donate, contact event Coordinator, Michelle Shulfer at 715-346-2780 or email: mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

February Anniversaries

February 12	22 years	Lee & Terri Walling
February 13	27 years	Larry & Diane Hamm
February 7	33 years	Paul & Nancy Schaller
February 1	45 years	Albert & Cynthia Felber
February 15	51 years	Michael & Patricia Dziejewior
February 23	57 years	Donald & Ann Marie Vinopal
February 26	71 years	Carl & Rosemary Wier

February Birthdays

February 2	Jean Steiner
February 5	Lawrence Wright
February 17	Paul Pfeifer
February 23	Suzanne Luisi

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE
 YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!**