



February 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Valentine's Day to all who are loved by God!

We are and will be experiencing some new things in the coming week. First, we welcome abroad Sally Bowers as our new interim principal. She will be helping us have a strong second semester. I include a short biography:

Sally Bowers spent 19 years as an educational leader. She served kindergarten through 12th grade students, their teachers and their families until her retirement in June of 2020. Her leadership focused on social and emotional learning, effective instructional strategies, community collaboration, and strategic planning. Sally also served as a leader in human resource management. Prior to joining education, Sally was a licensing coordinator in the compliance department at Thrivent.

Sally was born and raised in Wabeno, WI and is number five of nine in the sibling line up. She attended the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh and earned a bachelor's degree in education with math and English language arts minors. She attended Cardinal Stritch University and earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction.

Sally and her husband, Ken, have three children, Ryan (32), Amanda (30), and Jonah (25). They have three grandchildren, Piper (5), Rosalie (3) and Mila (1) and one on the way!. Ken and Sally enjoy hanging out with their many family members watching sporting events, golfing, boating, ice fishing and exercising.

Also new for this year, the Ash Wednesday decree from Pope Francis on how to distribute ashes. The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of Ashes during the present pandemic conditions: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything." The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion." The faithful ought to be alerted to this alternative manner of distributing ashes in 2021. As the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship notes, while sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this legitimate manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 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 ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 12 Noon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 14, 2021

- Sat. Feb. 13 5:00 PM For our Parishioners
- Sun. Feb. 14 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
John & Peg Nicksic
- 10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Virginia Rhyner
- Tue. Feb. 16 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Bernice Buttner
- Wed. Feb. 17 8:00 AM For *Mary Buttner*
- 6:00 PM For our Parishioners
- Thu. Feb. 18 8:00 AM For *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Joe & Odessa Buttner Family
- Fri. Feb. 19 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Andrew Petrowitz
- Sat. Feb. 20 5:00 PM For *Jim & Deb Bires*
- Sun. Feb. 21 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
John Sustar
- 10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Joe Dolphin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., 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, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Randall Stanke, Barb Gardner, Tom Schoettler, Mary Lechleiter and Bob Penzkover.

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, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 17TH
MASSES AT 8AM AND 6 PM

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesday evenings following the 5:30 PM Mass starting February 23.

Stewardship Corner ~ February 6th & 7th, 2021
(523 Registered Families)

| | WKLY BUDGETED | ACTUAL |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$12,868.42 | \$ 3,707.00 |
| On-Line Giving | | 2,803.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | 15.67 | 00.00 |
| Loose Offering | 688.68 | 169.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering: | \$13,572.77 | \$ 6,679.00 |
| Budget Contingency Fund | | \$ 140.00 |
| Year-to-date* budget requirement | | \$461,474.18 |
| Year-to-date amount contributed | | \$337,121.15 |

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 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


- Tuesday Feb. 16 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- Wednesday Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Thursday Feb. 18 2:00 PM Rosary Makers—RH
- 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK
February 14, 2021

WATCH

BELOVED—SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



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For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your Lenten issue is available on the rectory porch. If you are not able to pick it up, please let us know and we will put it in the mail for you. We also have a few extra copies available if you do not now subscribe but would like a copy for Lent. Please stop by the rectory or give us a call.

February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat ~ The diocese will have a virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. More information is coming soon. This retreat will be from 9 AM—11 AM. Here is the Facebook link for this event: fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE



The St. Patrick Gala Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our "2021 Gala". Your generosity and support of our non-Gala was absolutely amazing! We thank you for your continued support of our school during this most unique time. We hope to be back to our usual Gala next year!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 13th & 14th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Server: Christian Brow, Brayden and Warrick Housworth
Musicians: Liz Housworth
Usher: Matt Schwab
Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Server:
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Usher: Jacob Tremelling
Cleaning: The Bailey Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran
Servers: Beau Barreau & Jonathan Riley
Musicians: Bill Ryan
Usher: Kurt Salverson
Cleaning:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 20th & 21st

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Server: Brayden and Warrick Housworth
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner
Usher: Bill Powers
Cleaning: The Boehm Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther
Server:
Musicians:
Usher: Matthew Gunther
Cleaning: The Gunther Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Servers: Jonathan Riley
Musicians: Ann Benz, Naome Pouillie
Usher: Eli Boppart
Cleaning: The Boppart Family

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, February 16th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Pat's 5th grade class will be holding a "take and bake" pancake breakfast fundraiser after each of the Masses February 20th and 21st. Funds will go towards a fun class activity at the end of the school year. Please support our students!

Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office. You can stop by to purchase during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

What does your future hold? When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a virtual webinar on **Estate Planning**, with a "watch party" in Reardon Hall, Tuesday February 23rd, at 6:45pm to 8pm. No sign up is needed. We will be asking for the use of masks and social distancing. Refreshments will be provided (considering Covid restrictions).

A flyer can be found on the Knights web page from the menu of the parish website. Questions to Steve Hesprich cell/text 608-400-2638 / Steve@Hesprich.com

The Knights of Columbus are holding a spring raffle.

Prizes are:

- Mission MXB360 Crossbow w/ Scope
- Mossberg 30-06 Bolt Action Rifle w/ Scope
- Savage .243 Bolt Action Rifle w/ Scope

Tickets are available from all KC members; at the rectory office; and many local businesses.

Proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund St. Patrick's School Science Program and the Westside School Clothing Closet.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The drawing is Tuesday, April 20th.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 17th.**

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.**
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
3. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$26,462.00
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