



February 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Monday was Valentine's Day. It is good to recall St. Valentine, his martyrdom for Jesus (hence the color red) and his notes of encouragement to other Christians (hence Valentine cards).

Reaching out to those at St. Mary's, Fr. Cryton and I have "priest hours" at the rectory on Wednesdays from 2-7 pm. That allows us to go to CCD after that. It also means that we are available for confessions at the rectory or call and we can make a house visit for that or an anointing or simply a visit.

On the 19th of February at St. Patrick there will be a retreat for the second graders to prepare them for their first reconciliation. I encourage you to pray for them and their parents. For the kids not to be nervous and for the parents to set that good example in their own going to confession. Sadly this year we do not have any second graders at St. Mary so pray for our first graders and their ability to look forward to next year and God's mercy through the sacrament for them.

Sacred Worship committees are meeting for both parishes. There is a lot to prepare for as we look to Lent coming up. March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass at both parishes in the morning and evening. Watch for further details of what the season will hold and the opportunities for God's grace in different ways.

If you have not been to a Holy Happy Hour, February could be your month. They are held at State Street Tap on the last Tuesday of the month. (Feb. 22 in case you are wondering). 6:30-7 pm is the social time to order some food or beverage of your choice gathering with parishioners. Then 7-7:30 is our intentional discussion over a prepared topic. It is a nice way to talk about faith or how to live it out in the context of our time. Stop in and give it a try.

We are also hosting a vocations dinner for the boys with supper with the Bishop and Fr. Kuhn who is the vocation director for our diocese. So I encourage your prayers for priestly vocations. Fr. Eugene Trainor was the last (and I believe) only priest from St. Mary. He has gone to his reward. Fr. Dan Kelly is the last priest from St. Patrick. He is in his mid-nineties and was ordained in 1956. So keep those prayers up.

A lot going on, but in your busyness don't forget to smile.

- When do doctors get angry? When they run out of patients.
- What do you get when you cross a chicken with a caterpillar? Enough drumsticks for everyone.
- Did you hear about Oxygen and Magnesium? OMg!
- What did the dentist say to the golfer? You have a hole in one.
- Did you hear the one about the magic tractor? It was rolling down the road when suddenly it turned into a field.
- Why are birds so bad at following directions? Because they like to wing it.
- Knock, Knock! Who's there?
Dishes.
Dishes who?
Dishes your friend, open the door.

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
Thursdays at 2:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

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

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 20, 2022

Sat.	Feb. 19	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Larry Bonafacchi</i>
Sun.	Feb. 20	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>James Smart</i>
Tue.	Feb. 22	5:30 PM	For <i>All Deceased Members of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Wed.	Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For <i>Taylor Rahnvard</i>
		6:15 PM	NO MASS
Thu.	Feb. 24	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dan Moser</i>
Fri.	Feb. 25	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>John & Shirley Walsh</i>
Sat.	Feb. 26	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Michael Hannafin</i>
Sun.	Feb. 27	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>

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, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Emma Boehm, and Irene Klingemann.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, 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, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasiniski.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Debbie Kastner who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

SAVE THE DATE: Saint Patrick's will be hosting a Parish Mission from March 28th-March 30th. Brs. Michael and Javier from the Capuchin Order in Chicago will be speaking at this Mission for our Parish. Please plan to attend! More details to follow.

FLOWERS FOR MARY

The Flowers for Mary this week are in remembrance of Matthias James Boppart.

Stewardship Corner ~ February 12th & 13th, 2022
(524 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,384.62	\$ 4,333.00
On-Line Giving		1,592.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	15.00
Loose Offering	385.00	276.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,779.23	\$ 6,216.50
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$289,714.56
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$298,069.68

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,603 for this fiscal year.**

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. 22	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
		6:30 PM	Holy Happy Hour
Wednesday	Feb. 23		Religious Ed Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 PM	Time of Prayer in Church
Thursday	Feb. 24	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		2:00 PM	Rosary in Church
Friday	Feb. 25	6:30 AM	"That Man is You"
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders
		9:00 AM	Companions for the Journey

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 2ND

MASSES AT 8AM AND 6:15 PM

Bishop's Annual Appeal ~ Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards so far. Our goal for this year is \$41,140. **We currently have 85 families who have pledged \$33,041.** If you did not receive a pledge card, please give the rectory office a call and we will be happy to send one to you.

Gala On-Line Auction—We have 4 amazing items on our Gala On-Line Auction. BIDDING ENDS Sunday, Feb. 20th at 12 noon. You can also make donations to the Fr. Reardon Scholarship Fund on the auction site. Go to <https://stpatrickgala2022.ggo.bid/> to view and bid on these items.

Companions for the Journey ~ Just as food is required for human life, so are companions. Companions nourish our heart, mind, soul, and body. Friday's Companion for the Journey is: Praying with Hildegard of Bingen. **Join us on Friday, February 25th at 9 am in Reardon Hall.** We open with prayer, read a little on the week's companion, have a reflection, and then end with a faith action task for the next week. Join us when you can and it is open to anyone. The prayer focus will be "Living in the Light". Call Mrs. Thayer at 608-747-2681 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Stations of the Cross ~ 6PM Fridays in Lent. Followed by a free supper and discussion on the Devout Life.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 19th & 20th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Jack Vinopal, Landynn and Theron Miller

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters:

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Cody Komiskey

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Kaden Cook, Johnny and Eddy Riley

Musicians:

Greeters: Kris Mazur

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppart

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 26th & 27th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie

Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser

Servers: Owen and Aedyn Lubinski

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Jacob Brunner

Greeters:

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Carson Demaske, Canaan Becker

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Brayden and Kellen Housworth, Caroline Marien

Musicians:

Greeters:

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppart

Share Your Time/Talent Weekend~ February 26th & 27th ~

Our liturgies should utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Whether participation is through "behind the scenes" preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. *Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, or Musicians.* We will have sign-ups at the back of the church.

Social Sunday — Join us on Sunday, February 27th for "Social Sunday". Plan to stay after the 8 am and the 10 am Masses for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship in Reardon Hall. Members of our Parish Council will be showcasing some of Jeri Kolba's beautiful scrapbooks of our Parish activities throughout the years. Hope to see you there!

Our next Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and our 5th grade class will be on Sunday, March 6th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE! St. Patrick's Trivia Night is back and will be on Saturday, March 12th! Start planning your team! Up to 8 people per team. Looking forward to a fun night out while supporting our school!

Episode 2: Not Perfect, But Chosen

Maybe you've seen it on a bumper sticker: "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven." There's a lot of truth in that slogan, even if some people misuse it. Nobody's perfect, not even those who profess to follow Jesus.

But didn't Jesus tell his followers, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt 5:48)? How can he demand perfection?

If Jesus demands perfection of his disciples, you might well give up on the idea of following him before you even start. Let's take a closer look at what it means to be chosen as a disciple and to become like Jesus.

The Knights of Columbus Sportsmen's Raffle ~ If you would like to help out by selling some tickets, they are available on the rectory porch. You may also purchase tickets at the rectory or from any Knight. Prizes are: Matthew's Mission Crossbow w/ scope (or \$500 cash); Mossberg 12 ga. Shotgun (or \$500 cash); and Savage .243 bolt action rifle w/ scope (or \$500 cash). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The drawing will be on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 PM.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

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.

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays at 3 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world. For more information, contact Deacon Juan or Jan Mullenberg.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Time: The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

Praying the Rosary: Join us on Thursdays at 2 PM in church to pray the rosary. The intention for each week is posted on our parish Facebook page.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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