

## July 12, 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

What a great week and weekend. Things are picking up. Not that meetings are a good time, but they are happening and good planning is coming from them for great stuff to happen here at St. Patrick, both in the parish and at school for the upcoming school year.

On Tuesday we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop isn't able to get out at this time so the Deans or pastors are doing them. The celebration continues on Thursday at St. Mary in Lyndon Station for their students who also have been waiting for the Holy Spirit.

Baptisms are also being prepared for and celebrated in this time. So much seems to be closed or people hunkered down that getting out is a real sense of trust. Fear and anxiety are very real and so too is God's grace. One of the virtues is prudence, which applies to each situation. And I believe that we have faced many situations that are very fluid for all of us.

We have been gathering for the holy hour at church on Fridays at 3 pm. When you have the whole church to spread out in, social distancing is not a problem. So we do have room for more people to join us. Benediction is a wonderful way to experience God's blessing in a very visual way. This time of prayer uses all of our senses and reminds us how creation should lead us to the heavenly, having lifted up our hearts to God.

I am looking forward to a few days in Kansas. (yes, I am bringing a few masks with me.) I have a number of classmates from seminary there. We are marking 21 years of priesthood this summer as a class. There were 38 dioceses represented at Mundelein Seminary when I was there. Kansas City-Kansas was the group of guys that I connected with outside of the diocese of La Crosse. So good friends and looking to making some more great memories as we have a few days together.

Gathering together as a parish is what the plan is for July 17th. We will be outside and food will be provided with tables and chairs enough for all to spread out. Again it is that opportunity to judge your own situation and balance the need to get out and be with others, especially those we have prayed with over the years.

All of our situations are in constant change mode. So asking the Holy Spirit for the gifts of counsel and wisdom is a good thing that we need to make a habit. Whether for health concerns or good decisions in family or work situations we have to humbly admit to ourselves that we don't have all the answers. That we do need others to help us. Asking for help or guidance is not easy for us. Perhaps that is why we don't turn to the Holy Spirit as often as we should. Jesus tells us to seek, ask and knock. Together let us do that. It is only as hard as we think it is. Jesus said my yoke is light. If life's burdens seem too heavy or overwhelming, maybe we took the wrong cross and not what Jesus had in mind for us.

There is much going on whether out in the world or in our own hearts. Let's not overlook any step along the way as each step can be filled with great beauty even in the midst of trials.

Father John

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays ~ 5 PM Sundays ~ 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

#### **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 July 12, 2020

Sat. July 11	5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of Christopher Vinopal
Sun. July 12	8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Andy Petrowitz
	10:00 AM For our Parishioners
Mon. July 13	NO MASS
Tue. July 14	NO MASS
Wed. July 15	NO MASS
Thu. July 16	NO MASS
Fri. July 17	8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Marcella (Judy) Prengel
Sat. July 18	5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of John Kueppers
Sun. July 19	8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Rose Schaller
	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, 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, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis, Marie Boehm and Charles Roth.

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.

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.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day - July 14: The feast day of this Native American saint reminds us of our brothers and sisters in that community, both in terms of the richness they bring and the particular challenges they face. For more information, visit the website of the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Native American Affairs.

#### Stewardship Corner ~ July 4th & 5th, 2020 (530 Registered Families)

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Adult Envelopes	\$11,964.89	\$ -	4,494.00		
On-Line Giving			2,298.00		
Children's Envelopes	15.67		0.00		
Loose Offering	688.68		392.00		
Total Weekly Offering:	\$12,669.24	\$	7,184.00		
Budget Contingency Fund			182.00		
Year-to-date* budget requirement			2,669.24		
Year-to-date amount contributed			7,184.00		
*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.

#### Formed

PICK OF THE WEEK ~ The Way of Saint James ~ This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Everyone is invited to come to St. Patrick's on Friday evening, July 17th at 5:30 PM for our summer parish picnic. Food, libations, music and socializing. We are planning to have this event on the church lawn following the necessary guidelines to help ensure your health and safety. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, July 21st at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

15th Annual St. Patrick's Golf Outing! Sunday, August 23rd at Castle Rock Golf Course. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support our school!

Fall Festival 2020—Sunday, September 13th. If you have not yet picked up your family's envelope of raffle tickets, please do so. They are located on the tables in the gathering area. If you have stubs and ticket money to return, you may leave it in the collection boxes.

## 200 Envelopes Fundraiser

Total Collected—\$10,029.00

We still have envelopes left on the bulletin board in the gathering area! The money raised this year will be used toward the Gym Roof Replacement Project at the school. The cost of this project is \$84,000. We have already raised over \$31,000 (including the 200 Envelopes donations, donations from the Gala and Hunters' Night Out Committees and other generous donations) toward the cost. We are grateful for any help that you can provide. Thank you for supporting our parish and school!

#### A Year Devoted to St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph



Consecration to St. Joseph ~ In this diocesan Year of St. Joseph, it is inspiring to note that St. Teresa of Avila was miraculously healed through his intercession, and she had this to say: "To other saints, the Lord seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities. But my experience is that St. Joseph helps us in them all ... I only request, for the love of God, whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glori-

ous patriarch and to be devoted to him."

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Roger Horton (husband of Maxine Bollig) who passed away. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Action Alerts from the US Bishops: The US Bishops encourage the faithful to contact Congress on a number of important matters, including help for Catholic Schools in this time of economic hardship, development of a COVID19 vaccine that does not use cell lines from aborted babies, opposition to the so-called Equal Rights Amendment, which would do harm to women and unborn children, and other issues. Visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home to see how you can make your voice heard.

**Discouragement – All of us face this!** Attend this important Virtual Conference "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director, will present on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" at a Virtual Conference on August 29th . Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the "cage" of everyday discouragement we all experience.

The presentations by Fr. Gallagher will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. These presentations on overcoming spiritual discouragement will be extremely practical and understandable for any interested adult. Fr. Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. The schedule will include 4 talks by Fr. Gallagher, beginning at 10 a.m.

For further details, a downloadable brochure or to register online, go to <u>diolc.org/witness</u>. Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher's book shipped to your home.

If you have not used ZOOM, there is a very simple way to do a trial run by visiting <u>zoom.us/test</u> and following the instructions.



#### St. Patrick School News

We will be installing ceiling fans in all of our classrooms this summer to improve air circulation for our students and teaching staff. We will be purchasing 9 fans at a cost of \$200 each. If you would like to help with the cost of these fans, please drop your donation off at the rectory office or mail it to St. Patrick School, 325 Mansion Street, Mauston WI 53948.



**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on weekends. Parents may request baptism for their child by calling the rectory to schedule a preparation class for Baptism.

**Marriage:** Couples requesting marriage in the Church should contact the parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Individuals who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion should contact the rectory.

**New Parish Members:** All adult Catholics (who have turned 18) should be registered in a parish community. To register, please contact the rectory for this easy process.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** We welcome those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please call the rectory for information on our welcoming ministry.

### **SCRIP**

WE WILL NOT BE SELLING SCRIP AT WEEKEND MASSES FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE. WE ARE IN THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM. YOU CAN CALL AHEAD TO ORDER OR JUST STOP BY. THANK YOU FOR USING SCRIP TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

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