



August 23, 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

August is half over and now things are heating up (pun intended). More and more is going on at the parish and the school. This week and last our teachers and staff have been at our school's in-service preparing for the upcoming school year. So many new details and ways to think things through so that all goes well as we welcome back our students.

This Sunday we are having our parish Golf Outing at Castle Rock Golf Course. It is nice to gather together and be outside for a fun event. Even if you don't swing a club, stop by for the chicken dinner that is going to be served "to go" style.

Another fun event is our parish's Holy Happy Hour. That will be August 25th at the State Street Tap. If you have not been there for it, I invite you to be a part of it. Last month we did not hold it as we focused on our youth event. The first half hour is social (and great food). The second half is a short presentation and time for intentional discussion at the tables in back.

St. Monica's feast day is August 27th. She is a good one to turn to for those who have children that have fallen away from the practice of the faith. But also she knows what a difficult marriage looks like with someone who did not appreciate the faith. Saints are not perfect or had a perfect life, but they grew to perfectly love God and neighbor. For St. Monica, it took many years and a lot of sorrow, suffering and tears.

From "101 tips for a Happier Marriage" (Jennifer Roback Morse & Betsy Kerekes) I offer the following points:

Realize that your Marriage matters

"Think about other people who are counting on you to stay married and who would be disappointed if you divorced. Your marriage is an example to others, whether you know it or not. *Your coworkers, family, and friends will look up to you for not taking the usual and seemingly inevitable path of divorce when things get rough. Rocky patches are unavoidable. How you stand up to those challenges is what counts.*"

Expectations

"Expect imperfection and limitations from your spouse and yourself. You can be partners in your imperfection. This positions you to work together to solve problems, instead of competing with each other or blaming each other. *You both have a unique set of strengths and weaknesses. Take advantage of those strengths by teaming up to solve problems. My husband and I make great Trivial Pursuit partners: He knows science, history, and sports; I know literature, people, and leisure. In fact, one of the criteria I was looking for in a husband was that he be good in math, as I am abysmal. Now he can playfully pick on me for multiplying six and eight wrong, and I can jab him for misusing a comma. Accept your spouse's weaknesses by acknowledging that you have some of your own. Stop the blame game and realize you're on the same team.*"

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

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 August 23, 2020

Sat. August 22 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Alice Mae Pertell

Sun. August 23 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
LaVerne Schaller

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Tue. August 25 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Jack Koca

Wed. August 26 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Dennis Schmocker

Thu. August 27 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
Andrew & Marie Lobenstein

Fri. August 28 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Art Vinopal

Sat. August 29 5:00 PM For our Parishioners

Sun. August 30 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Knights of Columbus

10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Roy Rhyner

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, 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., 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, 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, 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.

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.

The 2019-2020 Report to the Parish was emailed or mailed to every parish family this week. The report contains a summary of our financial position as of June 30, 2020 as well as parish statistical and sacramental information for this past fiscal year. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please give the rectory a call. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our parish and school.

Stewardship Corner ~ August 8th & 9th, 2020
(524 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$11,964.89	\$ 5,883.00
On-Line Giving		2,134.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	0.00
Loose Offering	688.68	142.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$12,669.24	\$ 8,159.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 63,346.20
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 49,224.99

*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: Lectio: Prayer ~ With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

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

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**For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us",** your September issue is available on the rectory porch. If you would prefer to have your copy mailed to you, please give the rectory office a call.

**Fall Festival 2020 Version—Sunday, September 13th.** **We have decided to change the festival for this year. In order to keep everyone safe, we will be limiting our event.** We'll be offering a "drive thru" meal; "drive-thru" raffle ticket drop off and ticket sales; and an on-line silent auction. The raffle drawing will be at 2:30 PM. We'll be posting more information about these events as the festival draws near including a lunch menu. If you have not yet picked up your family's envelope of raffle tickets, please do so. If you have stubs and ticket money to return, you may leave it in the collection boxes. Thank you for buying (and selling) tickets!

**Queen of the Apostles Catholic Parish in Tomah, WI** is seeking a half-time Coordinator of Religious Education to develop, implement and evaluate all formal Religious Education in the Parish for grades K-10. The coordinator is responsible for recruiting and training catechists and coordinating the parish sacramental programs for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation for student candidates who attend the Parish Religious Education Program. Minimum required qualifications will include: · Practicing Catholic in good standing committed to the authentic teachings of the Catholic Faith. · Bachelor's degree in Religious Education or Theology and knowledge, skills, and abilities obtained through five years of parish experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Mail your resume, cover letter and three letters of recommendation to: Queen of the Apostles Parish, 303 W Monroe Street, Tomah, WI 54660. Deadline for submission is August 31, 2020.



We are so excited to come back to school and see all of the students and families again face to face! If you have not yet seen the exciting video that was

posted on the school Facebook page, please visit <https://youtu.be/vtHcyCSmYoA>.

Fall always marks a special time in our hearts as it is a new beginning, a fresh start, and a time for us to celebrate the wonderful start to a brand new school year. Now more than ever, this is a special time for all of the teachers and staff here at St. Patrick's. We want students to come back feeling excited and rejuvenated. We understand the toll that this pandemic has placed on everyone, especially our children. Our students thrive on social interactions and being present. While we are so happy to offer this again this school year for them, we have to have measures in place to ensure that we are taking all reasonable precautions to keep our students, staff, and families as safe and healthy as possible. We not only want to come back to face to face instruction, but we want to be able to continue to stay safe and stay in school.

I have been meeting with several people throughout the summer to ensure we are making the best choices in returning to school. I have worked closely with our superintendent, Thomas Reichenbacher, the Juneau County Health Department, superintendents in all of Juneau County schools, other principals in the Diocese of LaCrosse, and several other stakeholders. I formed a reopening committee and worked with committee members and staff to form a successful, streamlined plan.

We have a lot of great things we are implementing this year, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve our learning spaces. We have purchased two sanitizing fogging/spraying systems. Within these tools, electrostatic spray is electrically charged, allowing sanitizers, mold preventatives and disinfectants to wrap around and evenly coat all types of surfaces for a more complete clean in every area of the school.

This will save us a tremendous amount of time while ensuring our school is sanitized and ready to go each day! Students will be bringing their own water bottles to school this year. The Recruitment Committee has graciously offered to purchase two more water bottle filling stations for the school so that we can have one on each floor. Our Buildings and Grounds and Finance Committees are working with our head of maintenance, Rhonda Ready, to improve our ventilation and comfort levels within the school.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and collaboration as we work through the plan to make the return to school safe, healthy, and seamless. I hope that the rest of your summer is enjoyable and relaxing! We cannot wait to start this year off with you all.

Sincerely,

*Karla Reinhardt*

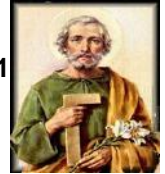
St. Patrick School Principal

**Connecting High School Graduates with Newman Centers** ~ The Newman Connection does fantastic work connecting high school graduates/incoming college freshmen with the Newman Center at their college. This year they are focusing more on digital sign-ups. Here is the student sign-up form link: [signup.newmanconnection.com](https://signup.newmanconnection.com). If you have a child (or children) who will be attending college this fall, please take a few minutes to get them connected with the Newman Center at their college.

**Ask Congress to Include Non-Public Schools as Recipients of Emergency Aid** ~ Several U.S. Bishops co-signed an Aug. 5 letter to congressional leaders, which reads in part: "As you consider additional aid to help Americans through the [pandemic] crisis, we implore you to ensure that the education needs of all children are met, including children in Catholic and other nonpublic schools ... The most effective way to help struggling families stay attached to their schools is to fund emergency tuition scholarships for low-income families to use at Catholic or other non-public schools." The U.S. Bishops ask the faithful to urge their U.S. Senators and Representatives to support this emergency assistance. For the contact information for Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and your U.S. Representative, visit [govtrack.us](https://govtrack.us).

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

[diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph](https://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph)



**Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of Workers**


Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working people,

thank you for the opportunity to build up God's Kingdom through my labors. Help me to be conscientious in my work so that I may give as full a measure as I have received.

May I do all things in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, ever mindful of the gifts I have received from God that enable me to perform these tasks. Permit me to work in peace, patience, and moderation, keeping in mind the account I must one day give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vanity of success, so fatal to the work of God. Glorious St. Joseph, may my labors be all for Jesus, all through Mary, and all after your holy example in life and in death. *Amen.*

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**WE ARE NOT 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!**

**15th Annual St. Patrick's Golf Outing!**  
**Sunday, August 23rd at 2:30 PM at Castle Rock Golf Course. Please come out and support our school!**



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