

YOUTH NEWS

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Did you know?

We begin each November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and the entire month is dedicated to remembering (and praying for!) the dead. If we do not remember death, then we won't remember to pray for those who have died. And those who have died desperately need our prayers. That is why we often refer to the souls in Purgatory as the Poor Souls. **So what is Purgatory?** "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1030). Traditionally, we liken Purgatory to a purifying fire. **How can we help the Poor Souls in Purgatory?** There are many ways, all of which involve prayer and sacrifice. A few are: First, we can offer Holy Mass for them. Another way in addition to praying at Mass and offering up one's communion, you can also have Masses said for the Poor Souls. Contact your parish church to have this done. Another way is to have your family pray the

Snap shot of October



that this site can bring. We enjoyed Mass, lunch, an amazing speaker, and had an opportunity to pray and just enjoy the beauty on our own. I invite you to pray about ways that you can grow in your faith life.

November

- 6th ~ HS Girl's Vocation Dinner w/ the Sister's. 5:15pm Reardon Hall/ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 13th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 14th ~ Memorial Service @ 7pm
- 17th ~ Knights of Columbus Breakfast 9-Noon Reardon Hall
- 20th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 21st – 24th ~ NCYC Pilgrimage * Please pray for the 17 from our Parish who are going!
- 26th ~ Holy Happy Hour 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 27th ~ NO RE CLASSES/ NO 6pm MASS
- 28th ~ Thanksgiving Mass 9am

Not only do we have opportunities of faith formation for the children and young people of our Parish...but we offer opportunities for our adults as well! On October 21st our Tomah Deanery went on a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. This shrine is the only official apparition site for Mary in all of North America. 38 adults from the Tomah, Mauston, Sparta and Elroy parishes went along, with Monsignor Gilles as the Pilgrimage priest, and we were able to experience the peace, healing and holiness



"But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele asked.

Mary replied, "Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."

December

- 4th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 7th ~ Adult Advent Retreat 9am-Noon
- 8th ~ Donuts with Santa @ 11am (after Mass)
- 9th ~ Mass @ 7pm for the Immaculate Conception
- 11th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 18th ~ RE Classes 4pm-5pm & 6:30pm-7:45pm/ Mass @ 6pm
- 19th ~ Communal Penance @ 7pm
- 24th ~ Mass @ 4pm & 11pm
- 25th ~ Mass @ 10am
- 31st ~ Mass @ 5:30pm /Holy Day of Obligation Vigil

traditional "Bless us, O Lord" prayer before you eat and then end it by asking God to bless each one of you around the table, adding, "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Simple, huh? But powerful. Another prayer, according to tradition, was given to St. Gertrude the Great and would cause as many as 1,000 souls to fly to heaven when it is prayed with heartfelt devotion. *Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

Adapted from Jeff Young <https://catholicfoodie.com/november-and-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory>

It was a beautiful day on the 27th for a retreat! The Confirmation II group went to Saint Rose Convent for Mass, a tour, and Adoration. Then went for a walk around Viterbo's campus before heading to Place of Grace. There the group sorted food donations, played with kids, helped with dishes, and spent some time in conversation on the front porch. Thanks to Sister Carrie for being our tour guide at St. Rose and Aaron for telling us what it means to be a Catholic Worker. More pictures of the day are on our Parish Facebook page! Some comments about the day in their own words: "Seeing the stuff with Sr. Thea was neat because she might be a Saint." "It was really cool seeing and going to Adoration." "Playing with the kids was a lot of fun!" "I can't wait to go back to Place of Grace." "Being the next generation of the church feels good!" "I realized I could be a change in someone's life."



Pictured Back L to R : Christopher Fry, Nathan Field, Amelia Gunther, Haley Marini, Brandon Dolata, Elliot Hines, and Carter Scully. Middle L to R: Shae Massey, Emma Eilers, Mia Quist, Claire Fischbach, and Supriya Kocyan. Front L to R: Jeremiah and Jarvis who wanted to be in the picture with their buddies. 😊

Saint Patrick Parish: High School Students in the News

The Sharing Supper on the 24th had some of the Apple Crisp that was prepared by Ms. Krause's students! Pictured from our Parish are **Wyatt Massey, Jared Litty and Isabella Roose.**



***Parishioner's names are bolded**

The MHS/OMS Fall Choral Concert was full of great vocal music on the 24th. Thank you **Anna Boppart** and **Peg Schmitz** for sharing your gift for playing the piano for the concerts.



On October 9th Sterling Wilke and **Gage Kobylski** (a 2018 St. Patrick Confirmation student) received police coins for doing an act of service. On Oct. 4th after hearing about a physical incident involving a 10 year boy, Gage and Sterling walked that young boy home, after their football game, in full pads and cleats to make sure that he made it home safe. Great Job!



On October 9th Mauston FFA members attended the septenary safety shoot and from the sounds of it did very well! Pictured is **Nathan Field** with his team mate.

What a great day for the MHS Cross Country team at their WIAA sectional meet in Colby on 10/26. The boys finished 8th overall, with the girls finishing 5th overall. Not only that, but Journey Malecina and **Eli Boppart** advance to the state meet this weekend in Wisconsin Rapids as individual runners! Congratulations!

