

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Year in Review

July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020



*Thank you to everyone who made this a
spiritual and spectacular year!*

Our Liturgical, Outreach and Creative Spirit
Ministries. Our Formation, Human Concerns, Parish
Life and Worship Commissions. Our Finance and Pastoral
Councils. Our Office and Maintenance Staff, Parishioners
and Volunteers. Our Pastor.

A Special Message from Our Pastor

When I arrived at All Saints in August 2019, I was warmly welcomed by the parishes. As the months passed, I saw so much spiritual growth and spectacular accomplishments in our community! A heartfelt *thank you* to all who served in our ministries, to all who supported the parish financially, and to all who prayed with us that we will continue to carry out our mission – the mission of Jesus Christ.

Together, we have faced the challenges of Covid-19 and the tragic events of racial injustice. In addressing these challenges, we have become prayerful, more committed to justice for all, and more intentional about our service to our neighbors.

Be assured of my gratitude and daily prayers for you and your loved ones. Through the gift of my priesthood, I care about each and every one of you.

May God richly bless you and keep you safe
Your servant,

Reverend James Arthur, Pastor
August 2020

Fr. Bob's Retirement Party

The commissions did a spectacular job saying goodbye to Fr. Bob and thanking him for his 43 years of service. Instead of a gift, Fr. Bob wanted the parish to raise money for railings in the church. Thanks to our awesome parishioners and railing committee, we now have railings. Thanks also to Steve Austin who did the wood finishing.



Welcome Fr. Arthur!

Fr. James Arthur received a wonderful welcome to All Saints from his parishioners. *"I am highly thrilled for the warm and splendid welcome to me in the parishes of All Saints and St. Martin de Porres."*



Deacon Blaze

We said goodbye to Deacon Blaze and thanked him for his 43 years of service. Praise to our parishioners and commissions for a wonderful celebration for Deacon Blaze and his wife Dorothy.



KLPC 2019 Picnic



Knowing Me, Know You

Parishioners and parish leaders brought dishes to share and came together for a special potluck, “Knowing Me, Knowing You.”

“It all started out that you should get to know me, nonetheless, most important is the PARISH FAMILY getting to know each other better.”



Our Choir



All Saints' respected and renowned Gospel Choir. Their angelic voices bring more people to our church. You can also see them sing at Holy Angels, St. Alphonso, the Saint Clair Center and Lumen Christi.



Black Catholic Pastoral Plan



Celebrating and witnessing an historic event of the announcement and presentation of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Black Catholic Pastoral Plan. Presiding at Mass were Archbishop Jerome Listeki and Bishop Joseph Perry.

Faith Formation

First Communion

Confirmation

Vacation Bible School

Youth Ministry

“Our Prayer”

Dearest Lord,

We thank you for providing for us the opportunity to get to know each other better and to grow ever closer to you.

Thank you for showing us the importance of education: for with education, the power of our thoughts allows us to understand a bit better the fantastic mystery that is you.

Thank you, especially dear Lord, for allowing us to come together as a community of youth, for it was you who emphasized the importance of what all of humanity can learn from the young. May you walk with us in our educational endeavors and keep us strong. Amen



KEEP CALM
and
STICK WITH JESUS!
We Are!



Most of the Youth Ministry events were canceled due to the Coronavirus Epidemic.

Praise Dance

Our Praise Dancers lead by Sasha Comissiong.



Outreach Ministries

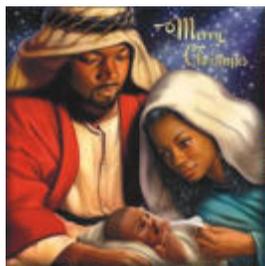
Food Pantry



The food pantry served over 4,000 families. Total cases of food distributed was 16,442. Thanks to Hunger Task Force, we were blessed with a new 36 ft. expandable conveyor to assist Henry David Johnson in receiving and storing the very generous cases of food that regularly come to our pantry.

Hot Meal Program

Our Meal Program served 7,763 meals to our brothers and sisters from the surrounding community. We are blessed to have partnerships with Feeding America, Hunger Task Force and 14 Catholic parishes, churches of other faiths and businesses.



The Christmas Outreach Program was spectacular! Gifts were given to the children – \$10 gift cards, trains, bowties for the boys and the girls. They were thrilled!

Bedroll Ministry

All Saints Bedroll Ministry made blankets and bedrolls for the homeless.



Jr. Daughters KP-CT 281



In addition to the monumental success of the Clothes Drive, the Jr. Daughters also had a “babysitting movie matinee” and a bake sale.



Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver



We cherish our Knights and Ladies. They bring us our annual Picnic, Fish Fry, Holiday Nut Sale, Food Fest – and hold a Mardi Gras Ball each year to be able to offer scholarships.

Parish and Finance Councils

By the end of the year, our Parish and Finance Councils reintroduced the concept of a stewardship campaign. We are looking forward to the new year.



The Feast of the Family Ice Cream and Bingo Social was a giant hit! Thank you Parish Life Commission for your hard work in planning this successful event along with many others.



Hospitality Sundays, All Saints Feast Day potluck, Welcoming Potluck for Fr. Arthur.



Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Service and Reception



Photos by Tim Townsend



Prayer and Repair

St. Dominic Brookfield selected All Saints for its “Lenten Spiritual Sacrifice.” It was named *Prayer and Repair*. We came together to pray, eat and repair our church. The first phase included cleaning the pews, the floor, kneeler moving and repair, plaster



repair, cleaning the stations, painting the church hall, assessing plumbing repair needs. They brought 9 new toilets, paint brushes, cleaning supplies, breakfast and lunch. Phase two including cleaning the hall kitchen, tables, chairs, painting and plastering repair areas, painting church narthex, bathroom repairs. Phase three was postponed due to the pandemic. All Saints and St. Dominic participation was awesome!



In addition to the All Saints collaboration with St. Dominic Parish in Brookfield, our parish is blessed in its partnerships with other Milwaukee Archdiocese parishes. For the past 5 years, All Saints and Holy Apostles Parish in New Berlin have worked together to “Create Christmas.”

In December 2019, our Create Christmas Event (which is always limited to 200 meal and pantry guests) engaged over 50 volunteers from All Saints and Holy Apostles. After a prayer service and a festive holiday lunch, guests were able to take home a large decorated box with every food item needed for Christmas dinner including a ham, a box of homemade cookies, devotional booklets, and a Walmart or Pick n’ Save card for \$25.00. All items were donated; the gift cards



alone totaled over \$6,500. The All Saints Creative Spirit Ministry provided warm blankets, mittens, and parishioner Dorothy Blaze provided beautiful fleece scarves for guests.



Throughout its history of our outreach collaboration with other parishes, All Saints has been blessed with countless collections of food and toiletries, hams, turkeys and roasts, jackets, gift cards, cookies, prayer shawls, knitted caps and scarves and emergency assistance grants – not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. In addition, many of these parishes have provided human concerns grants and second Sunday collections for the poor. A most precious gift is that these parishes remember our clients and guests in their Sunday liturgy petitions. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our archdiocesan sisters and brothers!

Three Baptisms



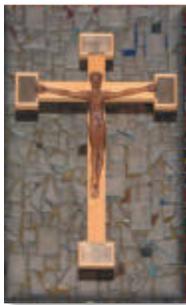
One Wedding

Six Funerals



St. Vincent de Paul continues its outreach with phone visits instead of home visits, Zoom meetings and creative outside driveway social distancing meetings.

Additional Treasures



We are extremely grateful for an eye-opening Earth Day event, Laudo Si: Soup and Substance, the joyful St. Nick Bazaar, the Book Fair. The opportunity to experience the Multi-Cultural Youth Day and Charism Discernment Sessions. To be able to worship together through Mass (including our newly added Swahili Mass), Mass of Remembrance, scripture discussions, bible study and centering prayer. Our Women's Retreat had a special guest preacher. Fr. Arthur addressed "Forgiveness." Our social concerns team was very active. The Christ Child Society did a wonderful job of taking care of the children. *Thank you everyone for all your good works!*

Roof Repairs

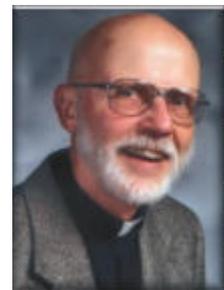


Thank you to Joe and Jennifer Tate who donated \$35,000 to have our lower roof repaired!

Work still needs to be done on the upper roof.

Fr. James Vojtik

Reverend James Peter Vojtik was reunited with his heavenly family on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the age of 83. He left All Saints \$48,000 in his will as well as some other churches.

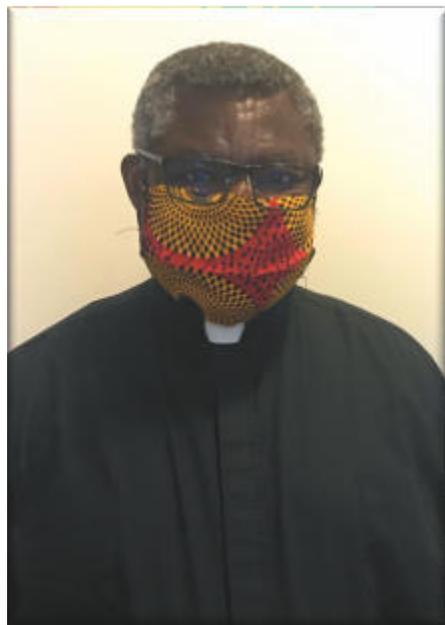


The Coronavirus Pandemic

March 16, 2020. The Pandemic changed many things. It closed our parish office and halted our Mass. Our staff dealt with the changes well. We had Mass everyday upstairs. We accomplished the necessities of keeping the office going. Fr. Arthur, Tonya and Julie recorded the Mass every Sunday and posted to our website and Facebook. Sheila with her beautiful voice joined us later.

It brought isolation. Lost our connectedness with our parishioners. We reached out to our parishioners through emails, robo calls and Facebook. We also had many members who made calls to check up on our parishioners.

Pentecost Sunday, we returned to Mass following all the necessary protocols. Shortly after, we added a Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m. "Our new normal."



Prayer and Repair Returns

On Saturday, July 18, 2020, St. Dominic volunteers returned to finish our Prayer and Repair Lenten Collaboration Project which was interrupted by the pandemic. Volunteers painted the bathrooms, cleaned and organized the sacristy, and installed a beautiful new sign in front of the church. This was in addition to all the painting, cleaning and repairing of the bathrooms that was done in early March. We are so very grateful for the time, talents and treasure shared by our brother and sisters in Brookfield.

