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THE TRI-PARISH BULLETIN

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New Members

Always welcome to our parishes.
Please call the office to register.

Baptism

Parents and/or those expecting
in the near future may request
Baptism for their child by calling
the office to begin prepara-
tions.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at
least six months prior to the
anticipated date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound and wish
to receive Holy Communion,
please contact the office.

Confessions

Saturdays 3 pm to 3:40 pm at
Kendall or call Fr. John for an
appointment.

January

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| Monday | January 24th | |
| 9 a.m. | Sister Pat Sheridan | K |
| Wednesday | January 26th | |
| 9 a.m. | Herbert & Dorothy Brandt | E |
| Wednesday | Jan 26th (Elroy Nursing home) | |
| 11 .am. | Raymond & Lillian Pisha | |
| Thursday | January 27th | |
| 8 a.m. | Elmer & Cecelia Bradley | K |
| Saturday | January 29th | K |
| Confessions | 3- 3:40 p.m. | |
| 4:00 p.m. | All Parishioner of EKW | |
| Sunday | January 30th | |
| 9:00 am | Bentz, Foltz, & Marvin families | E |
| 11:00 am | Glenn, Jenny, & Mike Muehlenkamp | W |

Readings Week of the Year

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

St. Patrick - is in need of Mass stipends. There are 8 unscheduled masses left. If you would like a mass said, please call the office to check available dates. Please write a check to St. Patrick Mass Stipend. We ask that you do not send cash.

Thank you!

Reflections on the Gospel

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Tri-Parish Prayer List - We pray for the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, especially ,Mike Mashak, Randy Steinbrink (Hotdog) Rob Moyer, Ralph Gosselin, Jeannie Klipstein , Gary Von Ruden, Bennett Brock, Deb Pohlman, Micheal Richie Shannah Juliot, David Gorman , Bev Cousineau, Carla Von Haden, Margaret Leis, Patti Vlasak, Ray Schmidt, Jim Lunde, Madelyn Novachek, Kay Larson, Don Schreier, Jim Meckstroth, Those serving in the Military and Folks in Nursing Homes. If requesting prayer for someone else, please ask permission first in order to respect their privacy.

SAINT PATRICK'S MINISTRY
SCHEDULE

JANUARY 30, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

READER: Sally Turpin

COMMUNION: Kari Benish

SERVERS: Axton Kuester, Karson Kuester, Zoey Cornell

USHERS: Andy Wohlrab, Seth Wohlrab, Luke Wohlrab, Owen Dedrick

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly? The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

TRI -PARISH

A prayer service for the Week of Christian Unity will be held Saturday, January 29th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilton, beginning at 9:00 AM. All Christian faith denominations are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us as we celebrate Christians and pray for unity!

St. John the Baptist Question:

What do we know about St. John the Baptist? Answer: We know quite a lot about John the Baptist from the Gospels and other historical sources. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth through a graced post-menopausal conception (Luke 1). John would have been raised with an intimate knowledge of Jewish doctrine and religious practice, due to his father being a Levite priest. Elizabeth is a "kinswoman" of Mary. While not in the same nuclear family, the two were close enough that Mary would journey to spend several months with Elizabeth during her pregnancy. We don't know how close John and Jesus were as children, but they certainly knew of one another as cousins. Luke 3 tells us he began his ministry in "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar," roughly 29 A.D. He lived as a hermit with clear ascetic practices, such as rough clothing and a simple vegetarian diet. Despite his remoteness, John's ministry was prophetic. People came from across the region to be baptized in water as a sign of repentance. John, however, continually pointed beyond himself to the one who was to come: Jesus Christ. John the Baptist's call to repentance extended to the rules of his day. John critiqued the local rulers, Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. Previously, Herodias had been married to Antipas' brother, Herod Philip, but had betrayed him, left him, and married his more powerful brother. John was arrested for the slight and was eventually executed (Mark 6). This martyrdom prophetically anticipates the trials that awaited Christ and his followers. In life and death, John the Baptist served as the herald of the Messiah.



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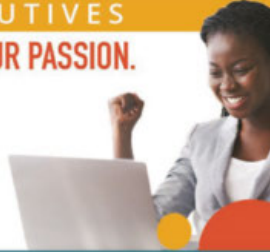
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