

A FEW WEEKS AGO in one of these columns I recalled the words of a wise pastor observing that "people will never realize there's a priest shortage as long as priests keep doing what we've always done, even if there are fewer priests doing them." I thought the remark was timely in that existing pastors were preparing to fill the gap left by the departure of the chaplain at Newman Middle/High School, and the reality that no priest would take his place.

Well, there's been a new development, which prompts me to modify what that wise priest once said: "People won't realize there's a priest shortage as long as priests seem to suddenly drop from the sky."

Fr. Eric Mashak hasn't actually dropped from the sky, but we do suddenly have a priest coming to Wausau later



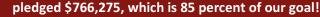
Fr. Eric Mashak, the new chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle/High School, isn't entirely new to Wausau. Here he is in 2019 when he was a seminarian and spent the summer at St. Michael and Resurrection parishes. Among his duties was leading one of the sessions at Vacation Bible Camp.

this month who will be the chaplain at the middle school and high school, taking the place of Fr. Joe Richards, who is now pastor of parishes in Coon Valley and Viroqua. Fr. Mashak also will be associ-

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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE? We are getting ever so close to meeting our target for the INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT campaign, which means that your pledge and contribution are all that more needed and important as we anticipate paying the final bills for the beautiful renovation of our church.
Please be attentive to the letter and pledge form you recently received in the mail, and consider a pledge of \$45 a month for 60 months. Brochures and pledge forms also are available at church entrances. If possible, please make your pledge this week. THANK YOU to those parishioners who have already





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JOINING OUR PARISH: Fr. Tom is eager to talk with you about parish membership. Contact him at *frtom@stanneswausau.org* or 849.3930.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM: We gladly welcome children to faith through the waters of Baptism. To learn more about celebrating your child's baptism, send an email or call Fr. Tom. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Fr. Tom to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn about marriage preparation.

CARING FOR THE SICK: If you or a loved one are seriously ill or anticipating surgery, please call or email Fr. Tom to schedule the celebration of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

RECONCILIATION: This sacrament of God's healing mercy is celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, and by appointment with Fr. Tom.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.





Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

KNEELING & STANDING: Please remember that people at pews with kneelers, if able, are asked to kneel after the Holy, Holy and to stand at the Great Amen. People at chairs without kneelers, if able, are asked to remain standing - out of reverence - throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

WE BOW TO THE ALTAR: The altar is the primary focal point as we gather to worship. Arriving or departing, we show reverence to the altar by bowing toward it before entering and leaving the pew. People standing at chairs without kneelers during the eucharistic prayer are encouraged to bow after the priest presents the bread and wine that have become the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ. We bow as the priest genuflects.



Mass of the Angels and Saints Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Amen



🎁 Transitions

NEW LIFE: Vivian Marie Gilbert was claimed for Christ and washed in the waters of Baptism last weekend. She is the daughter of Kathy and Andrew Gilbert. As you

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can see, Vivian's baptism was a bit different than that of her sister, Nynaeve, in October 2020.



PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Aug. 6/7 4 PM - 140; 8:30 AM - 152 10:30 AM - 124; 6 PM - 109; Online - 128

ST. ANNE PARISH GIVING

| Total collected | Aug. 7: \$21,826 |
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| | Weekly need: \$15,250 |
| Total collected (sin | ce July 1, 2022): \$94,676 |
| Amount needed: | \$91,500 |



MONDAY 15 AUG / Rv 11:19, 2:1-6, 10/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

TUESDAY 16 AUG / *Ez* 28:1-10/*Mt* 19:23-30 • 7 AM - Communion Service

- WEDNESDAY 17 AUG / Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
- 8:15 AM Mass +Delphine Gabrielski

THURSDAY 18 AUG / Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

• 7 AM - Communion Service

FRIDAY 19 AUG / Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40 • 7 AM - Communion Service

SATURDAY 20 AUG / Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

No Reconciliation

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 20/21 AUG

- ls 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- 4 PM Saturday +Maynard, Dorothy, & Father Raphael Hollis
- 8:30 AM Sunday +Agnes Gianoli -LIVESTREAM
- 10:30 AM Sunday +People of St. Anne Parish
- 6 PM Sunday +William Radtke

HELP OUR MAR-RIAGE: Married

couples experiencing conflict, challenge or other realities that threaten



their relationship are strongly encouraged to consider participating in an upcoming Retrouvaille program in Wausau on Aug. 19-21. Find a link to complete information in the Quick Things email or HelpOurMarriage.org. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.



death of a spouse, a



family member or close friend are invited to participate in GriefShare, a program offered on Zoom over 14 weeks in which a friendly, caring group of people offer guidance and encouragement to those dealing with one of life's most difficult experiences. St. Anne offers GriefShare at 6 p.m. Mondays. To learn more about GriefShare or to register, send an email to bosdad.johnson2@gmail.com.

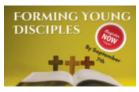
VISITING **TOGETHER:**

Pope Francis recently spoke of the need to visit and honor older mem-



bers of the community. In his remarks, Pope Francis says "visiting the elderly must be done by many, together and often. Fr. Tom is anticipating visits to homebound parishioners, and those in care centers, in the late summer or early fall, which raises the question - Might there be parishioners willing to join him - visiting together? If so, please call Fr. Tom or send an email to frtom@stanneswausau.org.

HOLY DAY: Monday, Aug. 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Because it is a Monday, it is not a holy day of "obligation." However, there will be an "opportunity" to celebrate holy day Mass at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Resurrection Parish downtown.



REGISTRATION is under way for Forming Young Disciples, the parish's Wednesday night faith formation program for children in kindergarten through Grade 10. Complete information can be found at stanneswausau.org.



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pow - er Shall bring God's king-dom here.

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ate pastor of Resurrection and St. Michael parishes.

How this suddenly transpired is a bit of a mystery and it doesn't change the number of priests ministering in Wausau. Fr. Mashak, who has been associate pastor at St. Bronislava Parish in Plover since his ordination a year ago, is kind of swapping places with Fr. Juan Pedro Roblez-Baltazar who has been associate pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau, primarily engaged with ministry to the area's Hispanic community. He'll have similar responsibilities in Plover. Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk, the new St. Matthew pastor, speaks Spanish and will continue that ministry at St. Matthew.

Another result of this sudden turn of events is that Fr. Sam Martin, Holy Name's pastor, and I won't be taking on extra school chaplain duties as we had planned. And, Fr. Mark Pierce, the Resurrection-St. Michael pastor, has assured me that he and Fr. Mashak will be available to offer me a break by filling in for the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass on occasion. They might also preside at Lord's Day Masses when I'm on vacation.

So, everything is right with this little piece of the world. More or less. For now.

HAVING A PRIEST to preside isn't the only need or concern as we consider our Lord's Day worship. Yes, we need a priest to lead that worship, but we also need other ministers — readers, servers, music ministers, welcome ministers and eucharistic ministers. As with the presence of a priest, we often take for

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granted that people will be available to serve in these roles. The reality of late, however, is quite the opposite of that expectation. At several Saturday Masses this summer we have come close to starting Mass without readers. Servers are in woefully short supply. We have celebrated Sunday night Masses without music ministers. Staff members have stepped in to greet worshipers and help gather the collection. Many of our ministers are called upon nearly every week to serve in their ministry and sometimes take on multiple roles. At a recent 6 p.m. Mass the lone reader had just finished leading the General Intercessions when she also needed to immediately begin gathering the collection.

Some of these realities are due to summer and lingering consequences of the pandemic. Some Masses bring their own challenges. Acclimating to our renovated church has delayed recruiting and training new ministers. However the overall and rather desperate need for more ministers will be addressed as we move into fall. There was already an encouraging response to a recent appeal and orientation for eucharistic ministers. Orientation will be offered in September for new and returning welcome ministers, for new servers and readers. Watch for details. In addition, people who might help to lead the assembly in song are always encouraged to step forward and let us know of your willingness and interest.

These issues are not unique to St. Anne. Several pastors tell me they are experiencing the same challenges. Please consider how you might help us address them. **TL**

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