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Living Waters

*United in Christ: Sacred Heart
and St. Matthew Parishes*

2021 Newsletter

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Upcoming Parish Events

Drive-Thru Harvest Fest Fish Fry

4-7pm Friday, September 10

Harvest Fest

Sunday, September 12

Pre-Mass Prayer Service

7:40 am at St. Matthew
September 26

Sunday Night Mass at 6:00 pm

October 3
December 5

Teaching Mass Series

October 9 & 10
November 13 & 14
December 11 & 12
January 8 & 9
February 12 & 13 (tentative)

Advent Bible Study, Saturday at 10:00 am

November 20 & 27
December 4 & 11



From the Pastor

In mid-August, I headed down to the pastoral center in Milwaukee. I was invited to an outdoor Mass celebrating the new Marian statue that the Archdiocese recently commissioned. It was a notable morning and I'm glad I made the time to attend it. The pastoral center's formal name has recently been changed to Mary The Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, so a new Marian statue makes a lot of sense. The pastoral center houses our central offices, such as the Archbishop's office, the chancery and tribunal, and the International Missions Office. So if Saint John's Cathedral is the heart of our diocese, the pastoral center would be its brain.

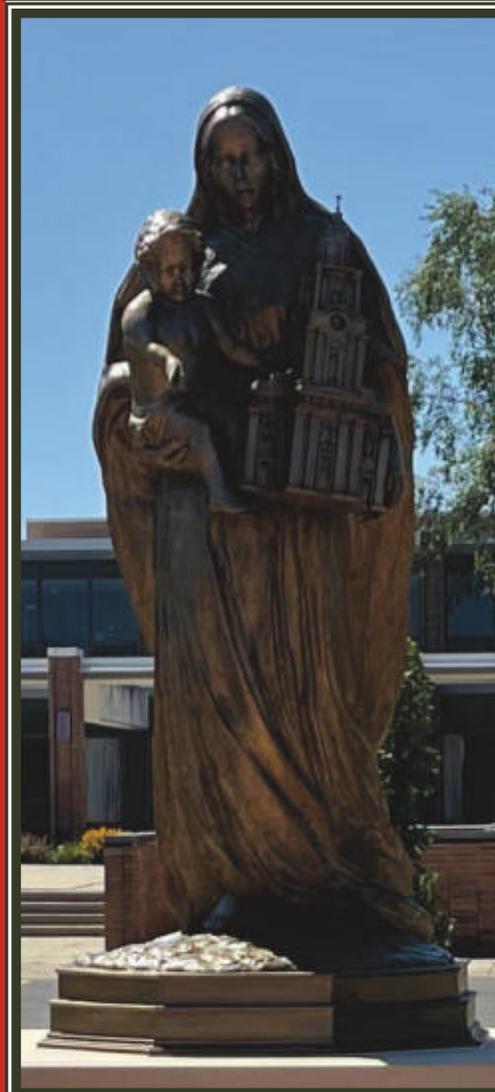
What I wanted to share with all of you is the excellent symbolism of that statue. The Virgin Mary has two things in her hands. In one, she's holding the baby Jesus. That part is pretty obvious. In her other hand, she's holding Saint John's Cathedral - the heart of our archdiocese. These are the two things she gives us: Christ (as his mother) and the Church (as the first disciple and saint). As the Archbishop pointed out during his homily, it is good to take note of her facial expression. Mary, in this rendition, is not happy or sad. It is a look of quizzical

pondering. It's the face of a woman silently asking a question. What is that question, as directly stated as possible? As Mary extends to us all these two gifts in her hands, her face is projecting to us "You possess Christ and the Church. What are you going to do with them?"

Indeed, that is an excellent question and call-to-action, and it equally applies to everyone. We have received the gift of faith. We have access to all the Sacraments of the Church, and the freedom to practice our faith openly and fearlessly. Those are gifts that are not equally shared by everyone on earth: we are tremendously fortunate in more ways than we realize. And the inevitable question is always the same. "What are you going to do about it? How will your faith make this world a better place, and prepare yourself and others for the Kingdom of Heaven?"

If you're not particularly sure of your answer, I invite you to join us at Mass on Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings, or occasional Sunday nights at 6:00. Sunday night Mass will be offered on October 3rd and December 5th. Come, and experience Christ upon the altar of salvation. He's there, every week, for you and everyone you care about!

-Father Justin Lopina



Finance News

Wow, what a year this has been! (I think that's becoming a regular theme of these annual reports). The challenges of this past year for the United in Christ Faith Community have been unprecedented. The effects of the virus pandemic, curtailing worship services, cancelling festivals, fund raisers and fish fries, and generally halting all sorts of social gathering and fellowship, which are central to our physical, spiritual and emotional health as a faith community, have also put stresses and strains on our financial situation, and presented us with many challenges. I am happy to report that, with the support and generosity of our parishioners, the United in Christ Faith Community has once again come out on top, but not without the untiring efforts of all involved. Our thanks go out to all of them.

Reviewing the results of operations, we'll start with Sacred Heart. We have indeed been blessed by the generosity of two of our departed

parishioners, who through remembering us in their wills, have allowed us to pay down \$500,000 of our mortgage (we are now on course to have the mortgage paid off in August of 2024, a mere three years off), as well as supporting our sister Parish in Nicaragua, and providing us with funds to support both Sacred Heart and St. Matthew's for several years to come. Sacred Heart's budget for 2021 - 2022 once again projects a positive bottom line. Always keep in mind that these budgets are based on our best projections for the coming year and can be affected by any changes to health and social circumstances, and we know from this past year that these can change at a moment's notice. You can see that from the fact that Sacred Heart missed the mark for the 2020 - 2021 year by just shy of \$8,000 from break even in its operating results. This emphasizes the importance of parishioners maintaining their financial support. We continue to have healthy reserves to cover the inevitable rainy day.

Regarding St Matthew's, what can I say? We continue to consistently show positive results to the financial operation of the Parish, and are once again projected to do so in fiscal 2021 - 2022. Again, I want to emphasize that these kinds of results are only possible through the continued generosity of our parishioners. Please keep up the good work.

I want to close by thanking the Staff for all of their hard work over the past year to keep our ministries and goals moving in a positive direction. A special thanks to Jane Hechimovich, our business manager for over 20 years, who is moving on to a well-deserved retirement. And a very special thanks to all of the parishioners of the United in Christ Faith Community, without whom none of this is possible. Always remember - "We can't do it without you!"

God Bless You All,

Mark Higgins, Finance Council Chairperson



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Financial Statement

Sacred Heart

	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
INCOME	Actual	Budget
Weekly Envelopes	\$301,577	\$287,122
Offertory	16,728	20,800
Special Collections	10,396	6,300
Holy Day Collections	8,398	8,300
Vigil Lights	4,187	4,600
Donations-Rel Ed Support	1,647	1,800
Donations-Human Concerns	41,730	27,700
Donations-Flowers	2,538	2,500
Donations-Other		
Collections for Others	174,636	
Stipend & Stole Fees	3,759	3,600
Other Collections/Donations/ Income	2,024	2,000
Rel Ed/Retreat/Activity Fees	10,021	9,610
Facility & Other Rentals	1,675	1,200
Parish Fundraisers	15,789	24,800
Fundraisers-Other	1,119	
TOTAL INCOME	\$596,224	\$400,332

	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
EXPENSES		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Benefits	\$234,015	\$209,817
Continuing Education	800	1,520
Supplies-Parish	16,204	16,000
Program Expenses-Christian	3,241	4,932
Postage	5,476	4,800
Books/AV Matls.-Parish	669	900
Books/AV Matls.-Christian Formation	2,575	2,460
Human Concerns Assistance	49,857	33,442
Technology/Professional Services	3,266	3,600
Telephone	4,220	4,240
Heat/Electric/Water & Sewer	35,062	37,500
Maintenance/Repairs/Supplies-Bldgs/ Grounds/Equip	40,264	33,400
Property & Liability Insurance	11,408	11,593
Advertising/Dues & Subscriptions	679	350
Archdiocesan Assessment	15,282	25,685
Collections for Others	174,636	
Volunteer Recognition Costs	1,274	2,004
WeShare & Other Electronic Deposit fees	4,701	4,400
Other Expenses	369	400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$603,998	\$397,043
NET INCOME	(\$7,774)	\$3,289

DEBT BALANCE as of 6/30/21 \$503,972
 \$638,169 paid on principal in 2020/2021

BANK ACCOUNTS

Checking & Petty Cash	\$13,222
Money Market:	\$697,799
Contingency, Capital Improvement, Scholarship, Youth Ministry & Memorial Funds	
Debt Fund	\$99,898
Scholarship CD	\$13,000
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Financial Statement

St. Matthew

	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
INCOME	Actual	Budget
Weekly Envelopes	\$72,527	\$67,155
Offertory	4,192	4,000
Parish Fundraisers-Green Velvet	7,740	7,000
Holy Days	3,508	2,800
Vigil Lights	175	
Donations-Flowers	584	500
Collections for Others	4,153	
Stipend & Stole Fees	1,122	900
Other Collections/Donations/Income	1,483	700
TOTAL INCOME	\$95,484	\$83,055

EXPENSES		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Benefits	\$38,655	\$50,024
Continuing Ed	\$200	\$380
Supplies-Parish	5,211	3,100
Program Expenses-Christian Formation	291	1,233
Postage	1,897	1,200
Books & A/V Matls.-Parish/Christian Formation	309	815
Technology	896	900
Telephone	1,060	1,060
Heat/Electric/Water & Sewer	6,511	6,300
Maintenance/Repairs/Supplies-Bldgs/Grounds/Equip	6,992	7,200
Property & Liability Insurance	3,440	4,000
Archdiocesan Assessment	4,695	4,500
Volunteer Recognition Costs	236	501
Collections for Others	4,153	
Other Expenses	104	84
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$74,650	\$81,297

NET INCOME	\$20,834	\$1,758
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Bank Accounts

Checking	\$10,809
CD's	\$39,474
Savings-Contingency	\$371,142
Memorials	\$1,744
	\$423,169

Religious Ed News

I would like to take this time to share with you what has been happening in the Religious Education Department over the summer months.

As the 2021-2022 school year is fast approaching, classrooms are being prepared with supplies and floors are getting a fresh coat of wax, which will look beautiful! The 5th grade, 6th grade, 9th grade, and 11th grade are getting new curriculum this year that I feel will be very well received by the children (and catechists too for that matter). I am very excited about this updated change to our program.

The summer months have been pretty quiet. With COVID still being a thing, we decided not to have Child Ministry participate with our neighboring parishes for VBS. Which of course was a difficult decision that I am saddened about. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for our young children to be able to participate next summer. As many of you know, Youth Ministry hosted for the first time ever a brat fry and car wash fundraiser on Sunday, August 1st. It was a great success! Each car received a blessed window decal as a token of our appreciation in coming out to support our program. The weather was perfect for such an event. In total, we washed 36 cars, one bike and one tractor! Well done youth! A BIG THANK YOU to the volunteer parents and other adults that helped out that day. It was a lot of fun! The pictures say it all! God sure was shining down on us!



Lastly, I would like to make a plea for catechists. Our children are the future. Being catechized in our faith is such an important component to the foundation that they will need to carry with them into their future. As of now, the CM program still needs a 1st grade and 3rd grade catechist and the YM program needs one more 10th grade catechist. Would you consider being a catechist? Being a catechist is a gift. Is God calling you? If you would like more information about how our program works and what exactly is expected of a catechist, please, give me a call. I would love to talk more with you!

Reminder for Religious Education Families: The 2021-2022 Religious Education school year begins the last week of September. There will be an Open House the week of September 20th. Registered families, watch for a letter coming to you in the mail in regards to the start of the year. All of this information can be found on our website as well. I look forward to the start of the school year and having the kids back in the building once again. It's been just too quiet around here.

-Jodi Murphy

Memorial / Honorarium Donations

May 18 -
August 23, 2021

Ministry Fund

In memory of Monica Klink
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In memory of Monica Klink
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Scholarship Fund

In memory of Monica Klink
Carmel Wendorff

St. Matthew-Ministry Fund

In honor of Don & Rosie Deplinski's
50th Wedding Anniversary
Glen & Diane Falkenthal

REMINDER

Please keep the Capital Improvement Fund, Memorial Fund, Debt Fund and the Food Pantry in mind when considering additional donations to Sacred Heart Parish and the Memorial Fund at St. Matthew Parish, as your generosity to these funds enables us to make special purchases without affecting our regular ministry budgets.

Memorial List Policy

Memorial/Honorarium donations that are given directly to Sacred Heart Parish & St. Matthew Parish will be listed in the quarterly newsletter by donor name. When donations are given to either parish from the family of a deceased loved one for monies they have received, the donation will be listed from "The Family of _____".

Neosho News

Hello everyone! Hope you have all enjoyed your summer. It was a hot one and like always WAY to short. Now that fall is arriving and school will be starting up again, it's time to think about volunteering in church again. There are many areas that everyone can help with! Not only reading, singing and committees but smaller less time consuming "jobs" like bringing up the gifts at Mass, or helping out with Harvest Fest at Sacred Heart, or

decorating for all the upcoming seasons. I'm sure you can think of something to help out with in our parishes. Now that we can go back to Mass let's remember that we are Jesus' hands and feet and heart here on earth, let's take care of his most precious gift to us! His church!

Another thing, have you noticed the new altar cloths? They look so beautiful, and are so much easier to put on! Keep watching at the change

of liturgical seasons for other new sets!

Lastly, thank you for entrusting me with being your new parish trustee. I will try to serve you faithfully. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Blessings,

Kerry
Neuenschwander



Parish Vital Records

Baptisms

Gabriel Ryan Ferron
Kalice Adaline Gil
Sophia James Ruplinger

Weddings

Alicia Duffus &
Kyle Krause-Emerick
Lilibeth Silvano &
David Pavloski

New Members

Matthew Kopp & Kate Larson
Nick & Lori Stoeckel

Deaths

Monica Fay Klink
Marie Carol Lynch
Patricia Terese Wild

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Music

Can you believe that our summer is almost over? We've struggled almost 19 months with the covid virus. We are almost back to normal in our churches. Our children are back in school, and more things start to happen around home. It's no different in our parishes when our children begin their religious studies, and our Music Ministry program goes into full swing.

This fall I want to reignite our Music Ministry program in Horicon and Neosho. Our Youth Choristers group has been very successful, singing at Sacred Heart and St. Matthew, and being requested for Weddings and Funerals. We need more youth to join the youth choir. I am inviting children in grades 4 through 11 who enjoy singing. The older youth will be mentors for those in grades 4 through 6. We will have a regular rehearsal and sing once a month at Mass in Horicon or Neosho. Rehearsals will be the first and third Sunday mornings after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If your child is interested, please contact me via email at mike.strock@sheart.org.

For many years we have had three young cantors leading us in song at Sacred Heart

and at St. Matthew. These young cantors have really stepped up during the last 14 months in their ministry. These young ladies have been ministering faithfully during the pandemic primarily at St. Matthew. It is a joy to have these young singers involved and work with them. The role of the Cantor/Psalmist is to lead and encourage congregational participation. The cantor prayerfully proclaims the Psalm, leads the assembly with call and respond refrains and helps teach new music to the congregation. If you are not comfortable singing by yourself, no worries, more than one cantor can lead the congregation in song. We would love to have more young people and adults to join our cantor program.

Our instrumental group has been a very integral part of our parish community for many years. When the pandemic hit us, the guidelines we followed did not allow us to have instruments until May 20th. Our group has dwindled due to a variety of reasons. I would love to see this group grow. If you enjoy playing an instrument, this group is for you! Instrumentalists add to the beauty of music at liturgies.



Ministry News

We enhance and support congregational participation through this ministry. Have you stopped playing your instrument, but still have the desire to play? Come join our group! We have a lot of fun and we'd love to have you. Rehearsals will take place the second and fourth Sunday of the month after Mass.

There is great joy to hear the assembly singing in church. Choir members experience that same joy in singing the Lord's song, finding it spiritually uplifting in serving the community at worship. The singing of a good liturgical choir brings this joy to the assembly by encouraging robust participation and an element of awe to the celebration.

I have missed working with our choirs this past year. We currently have two SATB choirs and our occasional choir to sing at weddings and funerals, which serve Horicon and Neosho. The choir members are a very dedicated and a hard-working group of people who have made a large commitment to our parish cluster which I am honored to lead. We enhance the participation of the congregation throughout the

Church year at weekend Liturgies, Funerals, Weddings, Anointing Mass and other celebrations throughout the year. In order to enhance congregational participation, preparation of music for liturgy takes many hours of rehearsal. Availability is key to a successful music ministry. Significant commitment is required, as we prepare for Liturgy, typically one rehearsal every week for regular services and possibly extra rehearsals for special occasions. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday September 7th at St. Matthew and Wednesday September 8th as Sacred Heart both at 6:30 p.m.

Do you want to join our parish choirs, but cannot make our evening rehearsal because of other commitments or you are not confident driving at night? On September 7, 2021 I will offer day time rehearsal on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for those willing to make such a commitment.

Please contact me with any questions you may have at mike.strock@sheart.org or 920-557-1017.

-Mike Strock

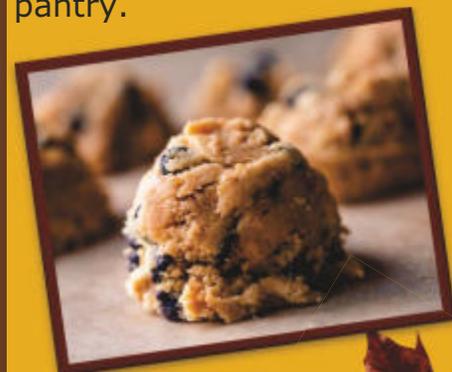
5 Years Ago...

An Organ Fund was established to raise money for the aging organ.



A Garage Sale was held at St. Matthew in preparation for selling the school.

The Food Pantry sold frozen cookie dough to raise money for the food pantry.



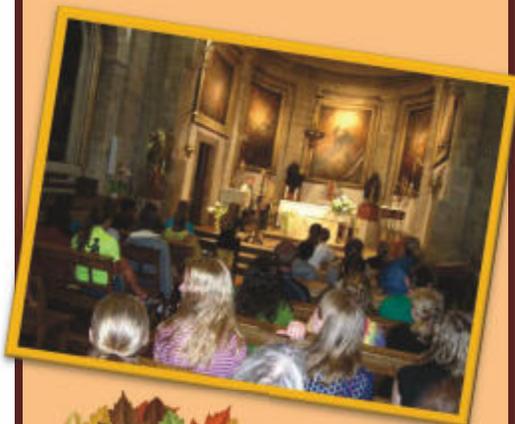
10 Years Ago...

The Harvest Fest included The Horicon Marsh Classic Car Club and the Dinner tickets sold were for a spaghetti dinner.



Monday, Oct 3rd , parishioners were invited to bring their pets for the St. Francis Pet Blessing.

Ten Sacred Heart Parishioners traveled to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day 2011



Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations

to this year's Sacred Heart Scholarship recipients! Each graduating senior will receive a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year to help with their education.



Jenna Graven has been an active Lay Minister at Mass in several areas, as well as participating in the Youth Ministry pizza making fundraiser for a number of years. She will be pursuing her studies in the field of psychology to help others people reach their goals for happiness and success.



Carter Boehmer participated in the mission trip to both North Dakota and Minnesota. He has been active in Lay Ministry as well as helping out at various parish events like the Fish Fry and Rummage Sales. Carter will be pursuing a course of study in Sports Management.



Allison Noll has been an active participant in our Music Ministry program as an Instrumentalist, providing beautiful music to uplift the Mass, especially during holidays. She also has worked with the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and helped with Habitat for Humanity. She currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant, and will be pursuing a course of study in nursing.



Thank You

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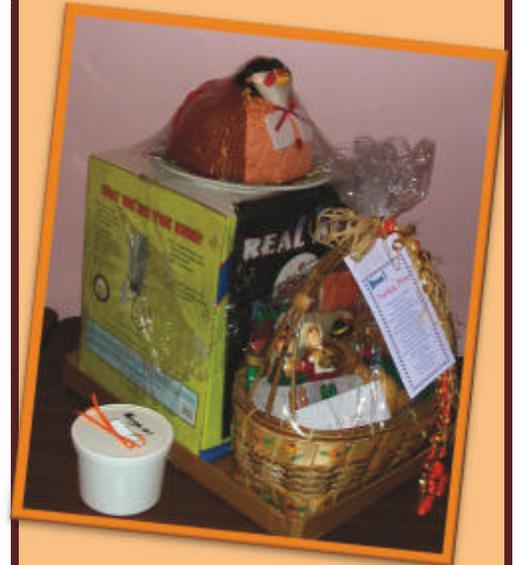
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15 Years Ago...

The Harvest Fest Mega # 1 basket was Thanksgiving themed. Home made tomato soup was sold at the Harvest Fest Bake Sale.



Charlotte Pagel was the Harvest Fest Auctioneer.



The Christian Formation Committee started working on establishing a Library in the Marion Room.



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SACRED HEART PARISH
HARVEST
fest 2021

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

-  **Ca\$h Raffle**
Grand Prize \$2000
1st Prize \$1000
-  **Basket Raffle**
-  **Quilt Raffle**
-  **Arts and Crafts Shop**
-  **Harvest Market Produce and Baked Goods**
-  **Coffee and Donuts**
-  **Games, Soda, Water, Pull Tabs**



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SACRED HEART FISH FRY

Sept. 10th **4-7 PM** **950 Washington St (Hwy 33), Horicon**



\$10 for a fish dinner, Baked or Fried, your choice of Potatoes or Fries, Coleslaw, and Bread

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