

St. Patrick Catholic Community

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Mission Statement: “Joyfully serving God and our neighbor with open hearts and helping hands.”

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June 27, 2021



“Do not be afraid, just have faith.” God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God’s life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them. ©LPi



Dear Parish Family,

I cannot thank you enough for the photos and cards that you sent in for my retirement! They were collected (unbeknown by me) and placed within my Memory Book! I will be writing "thank you" letters for a long, long time ...

As your Pastoral Leader, I am also grateful for your generosity in whittling our debt down! Our Line of Credit (drum roll ...) is at ZERO! No more monthly interest payments to the bank! AND, what we owe to SMCS for our parish investment/subsidy has fallen by more than \$35,000 (from \$90,000). What awesome gifts you are giving to me on my way out ... and to Father Jude on his way in! You are showing the Diocese and others looking at St. Patrick Parish what we all know ... that we are a community that works together and grows together. You not only are working to reduce our debt, but parishioners are donating 'sweat equity' by painting and freshening up the rectory for Father Jude. Our men are also keeping the grounds mowed and our campus looking welcoming. A Committee has been meeting regularly to plan for our upcoming Fall Harvest Festival in September ... and we hope this Parish Event is 'planting seeds' for the future, attracting more and more families to enjoy wholesome fun and entertainment. These are just a few examples of why I am a proud member of our faith community and will continue to be so in the future! May God hold us in the "hollow of His hand!"



As I wrap up 8 years as Pastoral Leader, may you know that I have tried my very best ... with a whole lot of prayer and a tight grip on God's hand ... to keep the very best for St. Patrick uppermost in my decision-making. It was a new role in our local Church, and many people (and some priests) had no understanding of what the role meant.

In decision-making, I have tried hard to listen to all sides of a discussion. I have been honest and have not talked out of 'both sides of my mouth.' I have spoken up for what I have believed to be injustice ... including the high percentage of subsidy that we have been saddled with for years. How can a smaller parish survive, successfully fulfill its ministries, and be an evangelizing faith community when so much of its income is taken away? Finally, on the cusp of my retirement, thanks to Parish Trustees and Diocesan involvement, we are seeing that 45% being reduced to 43%, 41%, and ultimately 35%. But our Catholic schools remain super-important and needed for passing on the faith to our children! If Dads and Moms are not "the first teachers of the faith" in the home, if parents do not understand and/or continually growing in their Catholic faith, if sacraments are not an important family matter, then sending your children to Faith Formation is not going to keep them Catholic when they leave home. Catholic day school formed me as a Catholic ... and although we prayed at home and went to Mass on Sundays ... I always tell people that I learned my Catholicism by osmosis just by being in a Catholic school! I was very blessed!



One of the scariest (and best) decisions I made as Pastoral Leader was to keep what has become known as our "Green Space!" It was offered by very well-meaning people to take the property off our hands for \$1. That was tempting ... no headaches, no demolition, etc. But where we now have a place for our tree sale, brat fries, a Rosary garden, an old-fashioned outdoor movie night, youth kick ball, and a Fall Harvest Festival, there could be a mini-mart, an office building, etc. **Thank You, Holy Spirit!** Before making any

major decisions, I always consulted committees/people who had studied the issues. Who best to advise me?

Once installed by Bishop Ricken, my prior role was never filled. I had served as Pastoral Associate for 11 years ... 4 of them as Father Roy's right-arm. Some of my duties included Baptism Prep with parents, Funeral Prep and writing up notes for presiding priests, and teaching RCIA. Some parishes have Deacons who are given these responsibilities, we don't. I recommend that we hire a Pastoral Minister for 15-20 hours a week to assist Father Jude.

"Grow old with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in His hand who said, 'A whole I planned, youth shows but half; Trust God: See all, don't be afraid!" (Robert Browning)

~Mary K.

"Fear belongs to those without a firm direction in life. When focused firmly on Jesus, Saint Peter is able to walk on water. When fear creeps in, he sinks and cries out for help. So, what's your direction? Where is your focus? And what are you afraid of?"

~ Matthew Kelly

Discover! Follow! Worship! & Share Jesus!

Sunday June 27, 2021 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Touching the Cloak of Christ

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading: We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?

Second Reading: Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul's appeal?

Gospel Reading: In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life? ©LPi

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Lucille & Glenn Daigle

10:30am all parishioners

* 8:30 Mass is livestreamed at

www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha

A **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week from June 27-July 3 in memory of Lucy Edwards.

Readings for the Week

Monday (St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr): Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday (Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles): *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday (The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church): Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday (St. Junipero Serra, Priest): Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday (St. Thomas, Apostle): Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Sunday (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day): Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Happy Birthday



to all who are celebrating a birthday in **JULY**. May everyone be blessed with His Ever Loving Light!

Ignatius 500— Meeting Christ in Prayer Weekday Retreats



Hungering for a deeper prayer life?

Meet with other Christians whose desire matches yours! Using Scripture and the Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius of Loyola, meet Christ anew and become more aware of God's loving presence in your life!

The Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh is offering weekday retreats during this **Ignatian Year** celebrating the **500th Anniversary** of St. Ignatius of Loyola's injury on the battlefield that began his conversion and founding of the Society of Jesus.

Meeting Dates are Thursdays, Sept 16 & 23, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18 and Dec 2 & 16 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm each Thursday at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago, 4800 Fahrwald Rd, 6 miles south of Oshkosh on Hwy 45

Total Cost: \$125 per person / \$200 per couple; \$50 non-refundable deposit for single and \$100 non-refundable deposit for couple. **Space limited to 20 retreatants.**

For complete details and/or to register, go to the JRH website at: https://www.jesuitretreathouse.org/index.cfm?action=ignatius_500.

For more information, contact Br. Lee Colombino, SJ or Sr. Susan Kusz, SND at the Jesuit Retreat House: 920-231-9060; email: skusz@jesuitretreathouse.org or lcolombino@jesuitretreathouse.org.

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