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"I am the bread of life."

JOHN 6:48

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Mass Times

Monday – Friday | 7 AM Downtown
8 AM Crane Road
Thursday | 6 PM Español Downtown
Saturday | 8:30 AM Downtown
4 PM Crane Road, 5 PM Downtown
Sunday | 7:30 AM Downtown, 8 AM Crane Road
9 AM Downtown, 9:30 AM Crane Road
10:30 AM Downtown, 11 AM Crane Road
5 PM Crane Road
5 PM Español Downtown

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM Crane Road
Tuesday | 7:30 AM Downtown
6 - 6:30 PM Crane Road
Wednesday | 7:30 AM Downtown
Saturday | 9 - 9:30 AM Downtown
3 - 3:30 PM Crane Road

Adoration

Tuesday | 8:30 AM - 9 PM Crane Road
Wednesday | 7:30 AM - 6:45 AM Downtown

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we travel through John 6 this month it's good to be reminded of the infinitely good gift that God our Father has given us in the Eucharist. There is nothing better that God can give that he hasn't already given to us. Whatever you ask of him to give you is not going to exceed what he has already given. Think about whatever you are already praying for. The Eucharist exceeds everything. Our daily bread of the new manna is the answer to every prayer.

It is the foundation of every parish and it's life. It is the key to unlocking the desire of every heart for fulfillment and peace. If you desire more, then the answer is coming to a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through a worthy reception of Holy Communion and spending time in adoration we are able to know and love Jesus more. So try these three things:

1. Go to confession so you can be in a state of grace when you come to communion.
2. Go to Mass at least every Sunday.
3. And spend an hour a week in adoration so you can have some quality time with the most important person in your life.

That isn't all you should do, but it's at the heart of all the rest.

As St. Bonaventure tells us. "God, in giving us Jesus, gave us not pennies, but a person; not a slave, but a son. In giving us Jesus he gave us all that was, all that could, all that he had." There is no greater gift that he can give us. And all you have to do is open your heart.

Peace,
Msgr.

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration

Enrollment for our Religious Education (K-5) and Confirmation Prep (8th grade) Programs is now open. Relgious Education offers 4 programs: Kindergarten, Grades 1-5, Home Study, and a Special Sacraments preparation. Confirmation Prep is now just one year and is only offered to 8th-grade students.

Visit *stpatrickparish.org* and select "Religious Education K-5" or "Confirmation Preparation" under the "Education & Youth" dropdown menu. Registration forms, important dates, and other links are availabe on each page.

Ways to Give

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July 12 – 18

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Electronic Giving

To give online, please visit *stpatrickparish.org* and click the "Donate" button.

Giving online is quick and secure. It helps us keep records more easily and budget more predictably. In turn, this enables us more energy to dedicate to the Lord's work in our parish and greater community.

However you give, know that we sincerely appreciate your support.

For questions, please contact the parish office.

Fundraisers

2021 Diocesan Appeal: Bear Much Fruit

Through your gift to the 2021 Diocesan Appeal, we can all work together to support ministries and programs that share Christ's love with others.

When: May 2021 through April 2022

How: Pick up an envelope at the welcome desk, or visit *rockforddiocese.org/donate*

2021–2022 Diocesan Appeal

Stewardship Goal	$250,699.00
Stewardship Pledges	$267,695.55
Stewardship Paid	$191,794.25
Number of Pledges	595

Thank you for supporting St. Pat's!

Joining a Bible Study

By Laura Weiss

I joined the Fox Valley Women's Catholic Bible Study in 2003. We had just moved to the area and I happened to come across an announcement in the newspaper regarding registering for FVWCBS. I was a practicing Catholic, however, I had never been in a Bible study and wasn't sure whether I wanted to take this step in understanding and sharing my faith. It was only a fleeting thought and I realized this was something that was really important to me. I would grow closer to God and my faith. I decided to register.

The first day I walked into the church for the meeting, I noticed many women there had this great connection. They talked to each other in a way you could see there was love, great admiration and joy in seeing each other. Watching them greet and embrace one another, the great love was obvious. CHRIST was there and I wanted to be there too.

The first study began with a Mass. We then broke up into our small groups for introductions and fellowship. The following weeks there were opening songs and reflections followed by small group discussions of the week's lesson. It was wonderful having a chance to share with so many inspiring women. There was also child care for moms with small children.

I particularly enjoyed the study of the book of Wisdom. It teaches us the virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. "Nothing in life is more useful than these." (Wis8:7) Wisdom is a collection of wise sayings to help guide us in living our lives. To say it made a difference in my life is an understatement. I have Wisdom marked in my bible and refer to it often. It is beautifully written. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit led me to Bible study.

After the first year, I was asked to be a small group leader. A small group leader makes sure the conversation stays on track and ensures everyone gets a chance to speak. When I was asked, I was not sure about my ability to lead. Then I heard a voice while I was praying on it and the voice said "Take my hand and I will lead you." Well, the rest is history. I know this is where I belong. I am so grateful.

Over the years, I have learned so much about my faith. So many questions have been answered. Studying the Bible gave me the desire to read more and learn on my own. My desire to learn, pray and share increased as time went on. Through the Bible study and the women that participate, I now have an understanding of many things that have happened in my life. Maybe not why they happened, but I know that the Lord was (and is) always with me. He loves me more than I can ever imagine. His word comforts me when I need comforting, strengthens me when I am weak and gets me through all the difficult things that I am going through. I see my whole life differently now.

If you are looking for a place to belong, I hope you would consider joining our Bible study this fall. I would love to have you. There is much more to my story and yours. I would love to share it with you. This great blessing came about because I happened upon a small article in the news and answered HIS call. Visit stpatrickparish.org and look under Latest News for signup information.

Events

Embrace Parenthood

Reconnect with families at St. Pat's! After Mass your family can grab a donut in Dempsey Hall and then hang out with other families at the front playground. We'll let our kids play while parents mingle. We'll also provide some prepackaged snacks. We hope to see you at the playground!

WHEN: Sunday, August 15th after the 9:30 AM Mass

WHERE: St. Pat's School on Crane Road, at the front playground. Rainy weather location is school gym.

Donut Sunday

Join us for donuts after Mass next weekend! On the 3rd Sundays of each month, following the 7:30, 9, and 10:30 AM Masses downtown and the 8 and 9:30 AM Masses at Crane Road, we'll have an opportunity to spend time and get to know each other more. We can't wait to see you there!

WHEN: Sunday, August 15 after the 7:30, 8, 9, 9:30, and 10:30 AM Masses

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown and St. Pat's Crane Road

Silver & Gold Mass

Celebrating your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th or even greater wedding anniversary this year? You're invited to a special Mass in your honor celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will follow.

WHEN: Sunday, August 22. 2:30 PM

WHERE: St. Mary's in Huntley

Call 815.399.4300 or visit *rockforddiocese.org/anniversary* to register by August 10.

Events

Weekly Adoration

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” – St. John Paul II

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Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him"(Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57). By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization"(theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

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Events

RCIA Weekend

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Each year people across the U.S. are received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is how we prepare and welcome new Catholics. If you have ever wondered what that process is like, we invite you to stop by and meet our RCIA team.

WHEN: August 21 & 22 after all Masses

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown and St. Pat's Crane Road

Dr. Scott Hahn Presentation

Mark your calendar to join us for a morning with Dr. Scott Hahn. Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith and study scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars.

WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 9 to 11:45 AM

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Road

Visit *stpaulcenter.com/saintcharles21* to purchase a ticket and reserve your spot.

Try Alpha

Alpha is a 10-week course that explores life, spirituality, and the Christian faith in a fun and non-judgmental environment. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, exploring spirituality, or just want to make some new friends, you are invited. Each night begins with a homemade meal, followed by a video, and ends with group conversation.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 6 - 8 PM; Mondays 7 - 8:30 PM (virtual)

WHERE: Dempsey Hall at St. Pat's Crane Road; Zoom (virtual)

Visit stpatrickparish.org/alpha to register.

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