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DECEMBER 22, 2019
**4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
- Mt 1:21

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DECEMBER 25, 2019
**THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD**

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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Mary, Did You Know?

As we come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the celebration of the Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus itself, I often find myself reflecting on Our Blessed Virgin. This is the time also when we might have grown tired of the Christmas carols, the glittering lights, the Christmas cards showing us who we didn't send one to, the continuous advertisements and the message that "you need this thing to have a happy Christmas and only if you possess this item will that happiness come to you." Then, once again, I reflect on Mary and Joseph and John the Baptizer and all of the many unknown people who were able to recognize the tremendous gift that is given to us in the Birth of Jesus. Could there possibly be an iPad, notebook, decoration scheme, string of lights that could give the type of happiness and joy that comes from this celebration? And once again, I return to reflect on Mary, the love that accepted the request that gave us the Savior.



I have to confess that this was not my usual approach to this holiday until I heard the a Capella group Pentatonix ask some thought provoking questions to reflect on in their recording of "Mary, Did You Know?" The song itself is beautiful, but the questions inspire me to awe at the sheer beauty of the "let it be done to me as you say." There is joy at the end of our Advent Journey and hopefully, we have spent some of the last four weeks preparing the way of the Lord to come into our lives.

When I think of these questions, all of the worldly concerns fall away. "Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?" In my own simple way, we are beholden to our Mother for her part in the love given to us by God in the Birth of His Son.

"When you kiss your little Baby, you kiss the face of God." What a powerful image; this human being kissed the face of God, just as our own mothers would kiss our faces and perhaps as we have kissed our own children's faces. How truly joyful is the image of God being loved and nurtured like the little Baby He was, how humble is His love for us that He would come to us in the most vulnerable human state. Even if we have no children, we have performed or witnessed this act of comfort, joy and reassurance.

"That sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM." This is the true gift of God, the beginning of the evolution of God's relationship with us. I AM, the name of God, first revealed to Moses from the Burning Bush.

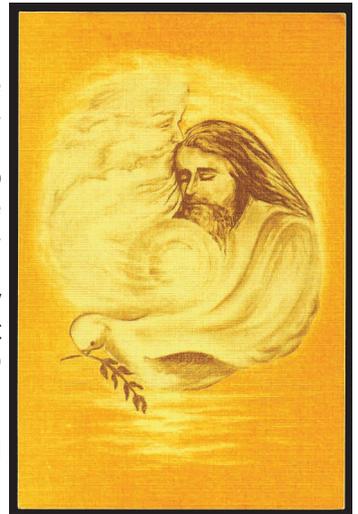
All of these questions lead to some central pillars of our faith; Jesus is both truly Divine and born truly human of a human mother. These words and the Gospels remind us that Jesus lived, died and rose for our salvation. Most important of all, He gave us the gift of His Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There are just some stories that are worth repeating and celebrating.

So, as we go through this Christmas week, I hope you have just a little time to contemplate how much you and your families, friends and humanity has been loved by God.

Merry Christmas and God bless us everyone.
Deacon Mike

Prepare Him Room

It is relationship that we seek. And, God desires relationship with us, partaking in every moment. God came to us as a baby, vulnerable to the world and the humble conditions that He was born into. Do you wonder if Mary was afraid, or if her perfect faith surpassed all doubt? Do you ever ponder if Joseph ever reconsidered his part and his promise - to nurture and protect Mary and Jesus?



Have you ever put your head into your hands and cried through a painful moment or physically become shaken by the emotion of a moment at hand, only to cry out to God for council and comfort? Life is full of choices and decisions, and effects from those personal judgments. What could we accomplish in complete faith? It turns out that we will not know; as even the greatest of saints have not known the perfection of Mary - humble faith without doubt or question. However, what we can realize is that God is always ready to work in our life, should we contemplate and seek the knowledge. God is always ready to comfort and console and guide.

I would like to know each of you by your names and faces, by your joy in our shared faith, and how I can pray with you through struggles. Relationship has always been important to me, and throughout my life. Relationship has become a desire, planted in my heart by the Holy Spirit. I feel called to know you, and to know God through you.

What if we began our introductions to one another, in an effort to get to know each other, with a brief summary of how the liturgy and sacraments have meant something throughout our lives? What liturgy means to me... What has changed me... What has lifted me up when I have fallen... How have God's works been made known to me... How do I see God at work in my life?

My life began in 1978 as the first-born baby to my parents, whose intention it was to raise me in the Catholic faith. I was baptized when I was an infant. I attended a Catholic grade school and made my First Communion in 2nd grade, followed by my first Reconciliation in 5th grade. I was confirmed in my junior year of high school. In 2002, I entered into the sacrament of marriage with my husband, Mark.

There were many years between my baptism and marriage. I struggled with my relationships, with my faith, with my purpose in life, and with what I was called to do. And, God was there, with my guardian angels to keep me safe; that I might one day turn to him with head and hand and heart, searching for intentional faith filled relationship.

When I consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which were given in the abundance of God, through the sacraments I received, it is the sacrament of marriage from which the gifts grew fruitful; not of the lack of presence or greatness of the gifts received from all of the sacraments, but in my ability to take part in what was offered.

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Prepare Him Room Continued:

Struggles are real. And, as much as we struggle in this world, remember the face of God; Jesus reaching out. This place is not our home. We are destined, as heirs, for the kingdom of God. God called out to me time and time again and I began to reach for the "hands of Jesus," to desire the loving embrace of our Lord in prayer.

We are ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus - Christmas! What a gift, that we might reach out with head and hand and heart to the infant Christ, born to humble human life, that we might gain back relationship that was lost with God the Father, from the fall. And, as we celebrate with loved ones during the Christmas season, let us see the gift that we are to one another.

Will you pray, together, with me? From our inception, it is He who knows every fiber of our being; from the hairs on our head to our most intimate thoughts. From our birth, we are set out on a spiritual journey to find our way back to Him. By our creation, we were chosen. In our baptism, we are made heirs. With our anointing, we are called. Through every prayer, we are loved. With every breath, we are beckoned to follow. In every difficulty, we are embraced. By His Precious Blood, we are united in communion. Renewed in gifts of courage and strength, through faith, we are asked to lead people to the source of love and light. We gratefully come together to give thanks, to celebrate our adoption as God's sons and daughters, and to walk with one another; as in relationship with God, we become family. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jennifer Poehlmann, Quad Parish Liturgical Coordinator

Rosary & Communion Service

6:05 am Mon - Fri - St. Jude

Rosary 3:30 pm Saturday - St. Patrick

Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec 26 5:30 pm @ Annunciation

Saturday, Dec 28 3:00 pm @ St. Jude & St. Patrick

Sun, Dec 29 after 10:30 Mass @ St. Joseph

With Sympathy

***Please remember in your prayers
the following who have died, and the
family & friends who survive them:***

Elaine Gezella - St. Joseph

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

Sanctuary Candles ~ Dec 22-Jan 4

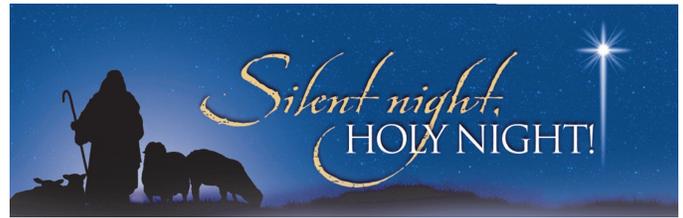
In Memory of

Larry Heim ~ Annunciation

Sharon Farr & Family ~ St. Joseph

Joe Kuffle ~ St. Jude

Gene Sengstock & Brenda Wood ~ St. Patrick



There will be a concert of Christmas Music 1/2 hour prior to Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day at each church. Please come early & enjoy!

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

1/2 Hour of Music before each Mass

4:00 pm St. Jude Boyce Family
Mamie McHugh, son John, Nathan Carlson,
and Derrald Peeters

4:00 pm St. Patrick Sherry Anderson
Gene Sengstock & Brenda Wood

5:30 pm Annunciation Bernard & Jane Kust

5:30 pm St. Joseph Sharon Farr & Families
John & Lucille Verboomen & Sons

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

1/2 Hour of Music before each Mass

8:00 am Annunciation Joseph Bouressa
LaVerne Duquaine

Deceased Members of Joe & Genevieve Devroy Family

9:15 am St. Jude Marge Koch
The Dolata & Wilinski Families
Nancy DeBeck

10:30 am St. Joseph Sheri Francois
Jerry & Mariann Hyska

Thursday, December 26

8:00 am St. Jude People of the Quad-Parishes

Friday, December 27

8:00 am Annunciation Mary & Norbert Gillis
Annunciation homebound
parishioners and those living in care facilities

Saturday, December 28

4:00 pm St. Jude Sue, Frank & John Basche
4:00 pm St. Patrick Alex Betzinger

Robert Bergelin
Donald Woracher
Christmas Flowers

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am Annunciation Christmas Flowers

9:15 am St. Jude Christmas Flowers

10:30 am St. Joseph Marie Yost & Madelyn Lada

Tuesday, December 31 - Daily Mass

8:00 am St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 31 - Mary Mother of God

5:30 pm Annunciation

Wednesday, January 1 - Mary Mother of God

10:00 am St. Joseph Rita & Cy Huven
Henry & Rose Paska



CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 23

6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Troop 1008 Annunc Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop 1008 Annunciation Hall

Sunday, Dec 29

11:30-1:30 Young Adult Choir Practice St. Joseph Chapel
Quad-Parish calendar at www.quad-parish.org

Attn. Liturgical Ministers

Christmas Schedule sign-ups are in the Sacristies



Come, long-expected Jesus.

*Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of
Your Father and ours.*

*Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord
who enlists me in God's own work for justice.*

Come, long-expected Jesus.

*Excite in me a hunger for peace:
peace in the world, peace in my home,
peace in myself.*

Come, long-expected Jesus.

*Excite in me a joy that responds to the Father's joy.
I seek His will that I may serve singing
with gladness and love.*

Come, long-expected Jesus.

*Excite in me the joy and love and peace as I stand
before the manger of my Lord.*

*Raise in me, too,
reverence for the God who acted there,
gratitude for the life begun there,
and resolution to serve the Father and Son.*

*I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail.*

Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ Mon, Dec 23 Decorate St Joseph Church, 9-11 am
All invited to help!
- ✓ Wed, Dec 25 Barnes & Noble Online Bookfair Ends
Love Life ID#102556205
- ✓ Jan 4/5 Food Drive for St Patrick Food Pantry
All quad-parishes
- ✓ Thur, Jan 16 Movie Day: "Cokeville Miracles"
1:00 pm, Annunciation Room 105
- ✓ Tue, 1/21-2/18 New Hope Bereavement Group
Tuesdays 1:30 @ Annunc. Rm 105
- ✓ Sat, Mar 14 Winterfest

Art & Environment At St. Joseph

Who loves to be inspired by the scenes of a new season? Do you collect images for all the fun ways to decorate for Advent and Christmas? Are your house and office areas all set for decorations, but you're still looking for ways to let your creativity and inspiration flow?

Come, help us to prepare our church at St. Joseph for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! A sample of what fun we'll have is listed below. Snacks and warm beverages will be provided to help inspire us in the joy of anticipation. Mark your calendar!

Monday, Dec 23rd (9-11am) enter through door #6

- flowers will be delivered
- finish Nativity Scene
- decorate Christmas trees
- decorate Church
- remove Advent Wreath

Questions, contact Jennifer at 920-217-3150



WINTERFEST 2020

Saturday, March 14 Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St
NEW this year... Family Style Chicken & Baked Ham Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner tickets and festive events details coming soon! Raffle Tickets are available for early pick up in the QPO through noon on Dec 27.

Online Bookfair Through 12/25

If you are planning to purchase books for yourself or family member, please consider shopping online and enter the Bookfair ID #: 102556205. It doesn't cost you anything but Love Life Ministry will receive a percentage of your purchase to help our ministry. Thank you for your support!

Food Drive Jan 4/5



To help those in need, our parishes have a food drive the **1st & 3rd Sunday of each month**. Everyone is invited to reach out to the less fortunate by bringing non-perishable food goods or cash donations to Mass. Place them in the buckets at the entrance way of each church.

SCRIP NEWS

Last minute scrip needs?
Get it today after Mass or Mon, 12/23 at the QPO!

Thank you for supporting Scrip!

Last Week's Sales: \$22,082.00 Profit: \$1,055.76
 Customers: 117 New Customers: 6



When making your gift list please consider Scrip gift certificates as gifts. No need to worry if you choose the right size, the right color or if they will even like what you picked out. No need to fight the winter weather going in & out of busy stores to find the item you want is out of stock.

VISA Card!

Use anywhere VISA is accepted card!
 No activation fee.
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Holiday Shopping - We have Scrip for all the stores on your shopping list... Amazon, Target, Bath & Body, Walmart, Kohls, JCPenny, TJ Maxx, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble.

Skip the long lines and parking hassles of holiday shopping, give Scrip gift cards!

Christmas Giving Specials

Visit www.quad-parish.org for an order form with a complete list.
 \$25 Woodman's, \$10 McDonalds, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Walmart
 \$10 ihop, \$10 Amazon, \$10 Meijer, \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Olive Garden,
 \$10 Green Bay Olive Company
 (May not be carried in ea scrip box.)

Parties and eating out with friends? Applebees, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Panera, Chili's, or Pizza Ranch.

Traveling? Use gas cards from Shell, Kwik Trip, or Fleet Farm, and get your car washed at PDQ.

Groceries? Pick N'Save, Festival Foods, Piggly Wiggly, Meijers, Woodman's, & Maplewood Meats!

FAITH FORMATION

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8am-1pm, Wed 1-3:30pm
 Closed Friday. Or, call for an appointment.
 936 Ninth St., GB 54304 497-7042

Find Home, Hope and Holiness

NO RE Classes

Wed, Dec 25 or Wed, Jan 1

RE Classes KN-11 will resume Wed, Jan 8, 2020

Faith Formation Office Closed
Monday, Dec 23 - Friday, Jan 3

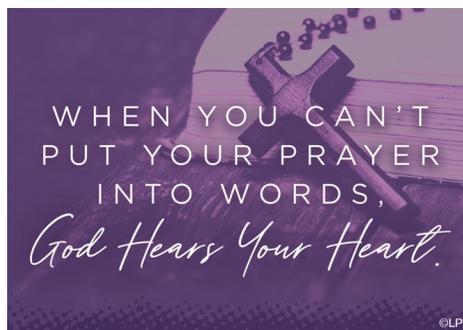
Regular hours will resume Monday, Jan 6 8am-1pm



New Hope Bereavement Group

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and need a safe and welcoming place to share new and often confusing experiences and feelings, you are encouraged to consider joining this ecumenical grief group.

This group meets on five consecutive Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Annunciation (room 105) at 1087 Kellogg Street. Session will be 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 and 2/18,. There is no fee. A free will offering is appreciated but not necessary. All are welcome. To register, call the office, 920-496-2160.

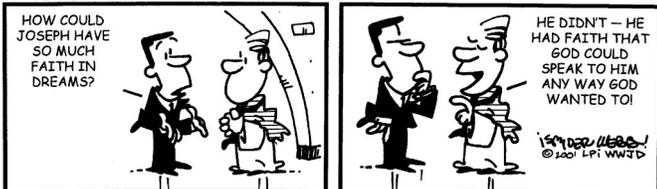


Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Fall Faith Formation Fun!

This Fall semester has flown by for Faith Formation! We have had a lot of wonderful things happening. Here are just a few of the many amazing things happening in our program. One of the 5th grade classes learned about the pumpkin prayer and carved their own pumpkins. The middle school students learned about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and wrote thank you cards for our seminarians. The middle school students also learned about Advent and decorated their own Advent wreaths which were hung in the hallway for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to the next semester! Please pray for all of our students!



Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. Tax legislation makes permanent a charitable giving opportunity throughout 2019 and into the future, for individuals 70½ or older. You may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish, the Bishop's Appeal, the Catholic Foundation, or another charitable institution. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax and your gift will count against your required distribution, reducing your income and taxes.. These gifts must be processed prior to January 1. If you are considering a charitable gift to the parish, please make your gift as soon as possible to avoid any processing delays at the end of the month. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your tax preparer, financial advisor or the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay at 920-272-8173; or e-mail at catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org. (PLEASE NOTE: This pertains to a Traditional IRA only; Roth IRA's do not qualify for this exemption).

Women's Club Christmas Party

Twenty-one brave souls made it through the snow to Julie's Café on Thursday, Dec 12. A fun time was had by all!



Coming Attraction: "Cokeville Miracles"

Thurs, Jan 16, 1 pm

Annunciation Room 105



This movie is based on actual elementary school shooting threat that occurred in the USA. The children speak up after their hostage situation is resolved and share their incredible stories about what happened personally to them or other children during the threat. Those who believe in angels will find this movie heartwarming; those who don't might be skeptical. Come judge for yourself. All are welcome, it's free, and popcorn and other treats are a bonus.

HOPE CENTER

HOME OF ST. PATRICK'S PANTRY & LOVE LIFE

WWW.HOPECENTERGB.COM



The Hope Center is a collaboration of the West Side Catholic parishes of Annunciation, St. Agnes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph, St. Jude, Nativity & St. Patrick who work with other faith communities on the west Side of Green Bay to help break the cycle of poverty. To find out more about our ministries and services, or to learn how you can volunteer or donate, we invite you to check out our new website!

CHRISTMAS



*May the blessings of Christmas be
with you today and always!*

*Merry Christmas from Fr. Dave, Fr. Greg
and the entire Quad-Parish Staff*



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Annunciation..... Sunday 8:00 am
St. Joseph..... Sunday 10:30 am
St. Jude Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:15 am
St. Patrick..... Saturday 4:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY - 437-3356, 505 Clinton St., Mon-Th. 1-3 pm
LOVE LIFE - 920-497-1087, Thurs. 1-4 pm (not 5th Thurs.)

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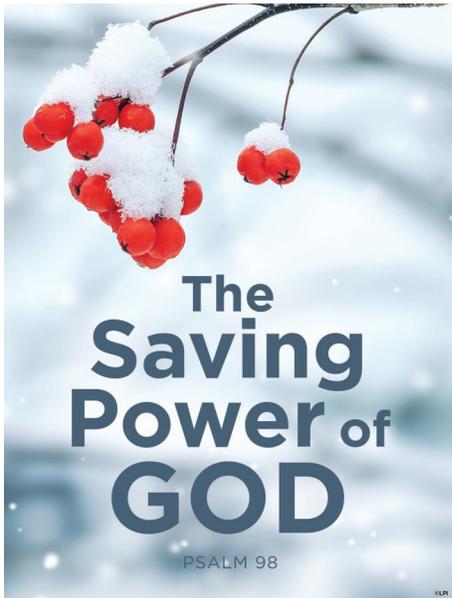
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Financial Notes-Online Giving:

Parishioners have been asking about online giving for their parish contributions. We have looked into this, but due to the cost involved, have not moved forward with offering online contributions.

The parish finance councils are recommending:

1. Set up automatic withdrawals. These are set up through the parish; you tell us how much you would like to contribute and we withdraw that amount from either your checking or savings account each month, either on the 6th or 20th of each month. You decide which date works better for you. For more information, talk to MJ or Carol at the parish office (496-2160).
2. With most banks, you can have a check sent directly to the church, typically there isn't a cost to do this. You would have to check with your bank for details.

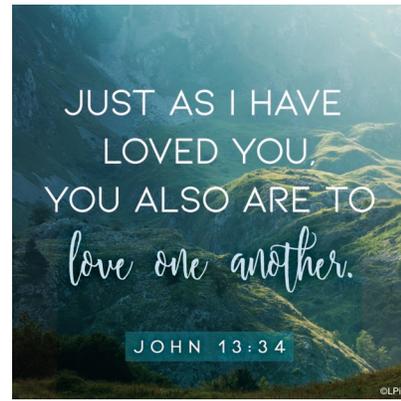


Did you know that the Faith Formation Office recycles your old printer ink cartridges? For 20 years, the Funding Factory has been helping organizations like ours fundraise by recycling toner and inkjet printer cartridges. They turn used cartridges into cash which helps support our ministries and keeps millions of pounds of cartridges out of our landfills!

Simply bring your old, empty cartridges to the Quad-Parish or Faith Formation Offices. For a list of acceptable cartridges, visit www.fundingfactory.com. **Please no toner tubes (plastic cylinder tubes found in copy machines).**

Recycle - Clean Plastic Caps & Soda Tabs

Recycle your clean plastic caps at the QPO. Caps from water, soda, milk, juice, shampoo/conditioner, laundry, prescription, vitamin, etc. Please, no caps that have a pump as part of them (hand soap). **ALSO NOTE:** We collect metal soda tabs. They go to the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks!



AREA NEWS

Senior Singles Christmas Party

Sunday, December 29 - Stadium View Supper Club
11:30 AM Cocktails; Noon Dinner. \$13 tax/tip included.
RSVP by Dec 22. Call Marge at 494-0244.
Sponsored by Nativity Parish

Ladies of All Ages!!

In Mary's Footsteps Women's Conference, entitled 'Receive Mercy and Find Grace' will be held at Good Shepherd Parish, Chilton on **Saturday March 14, 2020**. Featuring Dr Edward Sri, Theologian, author & well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN; the return of Mother Mary Catherine, Foundress of Missionaries of the Word; and Speaker & Emcee for the day Rose Sullivan, Executive Director of the National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Ricken. Registration is open at: <https://www.goodshepherdchilton.org/event/in-marys-footsteps-womens-conference/> Register now to receive a reduced rate! Don't miss this enjoyable and inspirational day!!

2020 Ireland Tour - September 22-October 3, 2020

Enjoy 10 days in Friendly Ireland, including several full-day excursions with Fr. Dennis Ryan, Prince of Peace, GB

Travel: Round Trip Airfare from Chicago, Coach Tour Bus in Ireland

Accommodations: #4 Star Hotel Accommodations/15 meals and guides

Travel to: Dublin, Knock Shrine, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Ring Of Kerry, Blarney Castle, House of Waterford Crystal and Kilkenny

Cost: \$3,109 Taxes/Fees included

Booking Info/Full Itinerary: Julie Arend at Julez Travel, LLC 920-585-1330 julie@juleztravel.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse, of a person who is now under the age of 18, by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, please **immediately** call the civil authorities and then the diocese.

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact Office of Safe Environment Diocese of Green Bay, 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174.

We always encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities. You matter to us - there is hope!

Verbal & Bulletin Announcements

To get your event included in the verbal announcements at Mass, please submit your request to jpoehlmann@quad-parish.org or call the parish office by Wednesday, 3 pm. We ask that verbal announcements be no longer than two sentences, especially if it is also in the bulletin. Bulletin requests are due to Laurie by noon on Monday. Thanks!

NOTICES

Prescriptions & Health Aids: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Green Bay Medical Sewing Mission can no longer accept any medications. Individuals can work with the Green Bay Police Dept. regarding proper disposal. We can still accept diabetic insulin/supplies, crutches, wheelchairs, commodes, braces, slings, hearing aids & glasses. They can be dropped off at the QP Office.

SEVERE WEATHER

There are no plans to cancel morning masses in case of severe weather; however, for safety reasons, be very conscientious about coming out in inclement weather. Your safety is of utmost importance and we cannot guarantee that parking lots will be cleared. Please use your best judgment. The Faith Formation Center, St. Patrick Food Pantry & Love Life will be closed when the schools close. Every attempt will be made to have the Quad-Parish offices open, but please call before coming since we may get in late or leave early. Our main concern is keeping everyone safe and we don't want you coming to the office if it is not open.

ATTN: SCRIP CARD USERS

When you pay with scrip or a gift card, do you sometimes have a small balance left on the card? Would you consider donating that card to those in need? We often get walk-ins requesting money to purchase gas, food, or prescriptions. The small balances left on your gift cards could add up to be enough to help someone have their next meal, pick-up a prescription, or purchase gas to get to a doctor appt, an out-of-town funeral, or to work the next day. Cards can be dropped in the collection baskets, or at the Quad-Parish or Faith Formation Office. It would be helpful if you would indicate the balance left on the card.

PRAYER VINE

Do you have a special need for prayer? If you or someone you know needs a few extra prayers said for them, you can call the Quad-Parish Office at 496-2160.

It is not necessary to give names or specific details. Request examples: "Please pray for Sue (or 'a lady') that is going to Marshfield for testing" or "Please pray for my new grandson who was born two months premature."



Friendly Reminder: When going to church, **please** don't apply perfume or cologne. They can cause irritation or severe reaction to people who have allergies or asthma. Thank you for being considerate of others.

FINANCES

Your Weekly Offering

Please know that if you attend Mass at any of the eight West-Side Green Bay Parishes (Annunciation, Nativity, St. Agnes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Jude or St. Patrick) you can place your weekly offering envelope in their collection basket. Your offering envelope will be forwarded to your church of membership and credited accordingly to your account. This is a collaborative effort by the eight West side parishes to assist our parishioners.

Electronic Contributions

Members of all four parishes have the option to make their contributions electronically. This is a safe & efficient means instead of remembering to bring your contributions to Mass or mailing them each week. To get set up for electronic transfers, we need you to fill out a simple form and provide a voided check. If you are interested in this service, please call Carol or Mary Jane at the office (496-2160).

MEMBERSHIP

To register for entrance of family or individual name in Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude, or St. Patrick's registry, contact Sr. Pat, 496-2160.

Your most important commitment and contribution is your presence at the Sunday Eucharist, "...the source & summit of our life is Christ." Beyond that, we are "Sacrificial Giving" parishes, asking that you share your material and financial support, time and talent as God has shared with you, and according to your prayerful decision.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

We rejoice with you as you look to have your child baptized! For initial preparation and to schedule a date for the Baptism, please call Nancy at 497-7042.

Marriage

Contact the Quad-Parish Office at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Homebound or Nursing Home Visits/ Communion Calls

Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or incapacity may request a Minister of Care to visit and bring Communion. Those seriously impaired by sickness or old age may also request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call Sr. Jan at the Quad-Parish Office, 496-2160. If it is an emergency after hours, please call 617-8646.

To help us keep track of our parishioners, we ask that families (and neighbors) let us know when a loved one or neighbor is homebound, in a nursing home or in an assisted living facility so that we can provide visits and care. Also, please let us know if someone is receiving Hospice Care so Pastoral Care can be provided at this difficult time.

Hospitalization

Please ask admitting personnel to inform your parish whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized. If at all possible either a priest or a pastoral associate will visit. Privacy concerns do not permit the hospital to initiate the contact.