St. Patrick's Messenger

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From Father Starman

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. Since Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and again on Christmas, there are two obligations to fulfill. These can be fulfilled in any of the following ways:

- Saturday evening and Sunday evening;
- Saturday evening and any time after midnight on Monday;
- Sunday morning and Sunday evening;
- Sunday morning and any time after midnight on Monday;
- Sunday evening and any time after midnight on Monday.

In the last option, the Sunday obligation is fulfilled even if the Mass is for Christmas Eve, but you must attend one of the Christmas Day Masses as well. No "twofers!"

Here is a listing of Advent Penance Services in the Rural Northwest Deanery.

Sunday, December 3rd
St. Mary's, Spencer, 2 pm - 3 priests
St. Ludger's, Creighton, 5 pm—4 priests

Sunday, December 10th
St. Peter's Ewing, 4 pm
St. John the Baptist, Deloit Township, 5:30 pm
St. Theresa's, Clearwater, 7 pm - 5 priests

Wednesday, December 13th
St. Patrick, O'Neill, 7 pm - 4 to 5 priests
Religious Education & Parish

Sunday, December 17th
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre — 3 priests

There are many special masses in the month of December that are out of the 'normal' schedule. A schedule of these masses is below.

Vigil of Immaculate Conception, Thursday, Dec. 7
4:00 pm Nursing Home
7:00 pm St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's

Immaculate Conception, Friday, Dec. 8
7:00 am St. Patrick's
8:10 am All School Mass at St. Patrick's
7:00 pm St. Patrick's

Feast of Guadalupe (Bilingual), Tuesday, Dec. 12
7:00 pm St. Patrick's

Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24
8:00 am St. Patrick's
9:30 am St. Patrick's
11:15 am St. Joseph's
5:00 pm St. Patrick's

Christmas Day, Monday Dec. 25
12:00 am Midnight Mass—St. Patrick's
8:00 am St. Patrick's Christmas Mass
10:00 am St. Patrick's Christmas Mass
10:00 am St. Joseph's Christmas Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Monday January 1
9:00 am St. Patrick's
9:00 am St. Joseph's

Newly Baptized

Crew Gerald Reiman
Son of Jesse & Jenna (Connot) Reiman

Newly Married

Tony & Mattie (McCabe) Soukup
11-04-17

In Loving Memory

Mary Catherine Pierson
6/20/1934—11/9/2017

Richard "Dick" McLain
7/3/1924—11/11/2017

St. Patrick's Parish Council & Finance Committee

Since Parish Council did not have a formal meeting in November, and the Finance Committee did not meet in October, there are no minutes to report from the October meeting.

What's Happening

Tuesday, December 5
5:30 pm Christmas Closet at Community Center
6 pm Catholic Daughters Potluck at KC Hall

Saturday, December 9
7 pm St. Patrick's/St. Mary's Staff Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10
9am Pancake Breakfast/March for Life Fundraiser at KC Hall
2 pm Jr. High & High School Winter Music Concert At O'Neill High School

Sunday, December 17
5 pm KC Christmas Party at KC Hall

Monday, December 18
10:30 am St. Mary's PreK Christmas Program
2:30 pm St. Mary's PreK Christmas Program
7pm St. Mary's Grade School Christmas Program

Thursday, December 21
5th Grade Living Nativity

Friday, Dec. 22-Wednesday January 3
St. Mary's Christmas Break

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday December 26
Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 1 & Tuesday, January 2
Parish Office Closed

School Advisory Board Update

10/11/17 Minutes Summary

- Roof project for the high school is coming along, with the project to start yet this year.
- Recent events at St. Mary's included:
  - Kindergarteners visited the fire hall
  - LaSalle House organized a food drive & donated food to the local food pantry
  - Homecoming week was kicked off with a bonfire, and several activities & games were held during the week. Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 8 to 11 pm, coronation at 8 pm.
- End of the first quarter is Friday, October 13. The goal for attendance at Parent-Teacher conferences in October is to have above 90% attendance for grade school & 50% for high school.
- Possible summer activity moratorium dates are May 20-26, and July 1-7.
- Jennie Schneider & Paula Atkeson are sending photographs to the newspaper to let them know the good things happening at St. Mary's. We need to continue to promote the positive across our media!
- Discussion was had regarding the transportation of our junior high cross country students to practices and meets. It was suggested that an organized transportation system for this activity be implemented by the high school.
- Key card list was updated.

St. Mary's School Board: Principal Cody Havranek, President Father Bernard Starman, Shad Thompson, Cameron Everitt, Ranell Otte, Julie Barlow, Ann Crumly, Ann Krotter, Nancy Berg.

From the Archbishop

Congratulations to your parishes on exceeding your 2017-2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Parish Goal. I want to commend you for your support through prayer & financial gifts. The annual appeal supports our programs, ministries & services throughout northeast Nebraska, enriching the lives of many in our archdiocese. I am deeply grateful to you for all you have done to ensure those in your own parish are continuously shown Jesus' everlasting love. May God continue to bless you with joy and peace in His abundant love. *Most Reverend George J. Lucas*

Newsletter Sponsors

We thank Lorraine Becker for sponsoring the cost of this month's newsletter! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Would you (or your business) be willing to sponsor the cost of a monthly newsletter? It costs us approximately $175 to send out this monthly newsletter, and we would greatly appreciate sponsors to off-set these expenses. Please contact Jennifer at jennifermwallwey@gmail.com or call 402-336-1602 if you'd like to help out! Thank you!

Contact Information

Many of you, as well as us, take time to write the "annual" Christmas letter or card/New Year's greetings. Each year, we have a few calls for updated addresses for previous priests, etc. To help you out, we've included the most recent contact information that we have! I've also included Sr. Rita & our seminarian, Kyle Loecker. We also encourage you to remember those who are in nursing homes or homebound this season. We all could do with a little more cheer!

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From the Development Director

I was taught early on that it was VERY important to write a thank you note—that any kind of gift needed a recognition to the person giving it. I like to think I'm pretty good about still doing that, although it's not always an easy to thing to do with limited time & how much I have to be thankful for! But I'm taking my space this month (and probably a whole lot of other space!) to say thank you.

For me, Thanksgiving is a great lead-in to Advent. What better way to prepare your heart & your home for the coming of the Lord than to be reminded of your blessings! In so many ways, I feel like I'm especially blessed with the opportunity to see the good side of people. To see their kindness, their generosity, their desire to make a difference. I think that is probably one of the reasons I do love my job so much. Thank you in a million different ways to a million different people. I'm going to miss some—I guarantee that! - but these are what on my heart right now & I need to take the time to say THANK YOU.

❖To the many volunteers who come in & out of this office on a regular basis. They may answer the phones, prepare a mailing, get a craft ready for the home-bound, mow a lawn, or vacuum the floor, or a hundred other jobs, but they always do it with a smile.

❖To the St. Mary's students. The enthusiasm of the grade school students is contagious, and I love how you give so much of yourself to what you do! (More on them later) The high school students never fail to lend a helping hand, with rarely a complaint. I'm particularly grateful for those who drop by my office just to chat & share in their lives a little bit. You brighten my days & never fail to make me smile. My door is open, my couch is free, & I can listen while I offer you coffee, hot chocolate, &/or candy. (Most of you know where to find that already!)

❖To the wish-granters. So many of you have seen that list of 'wishes' of our teachers & staff, and then provided so that those wishes can come true! Whether you brought us coffee or made a donation for calculators—we are so grateful!

❖To those who have so faithfully continued to make their campaign commitments & the many who have completed them! We have received 91% of our campaign goals at this time!

❖To those who have died and to their families. Your generosity & forethought in giving a portion of your estates or memorials to the church & school cannot be underestimated.

❖To the MANY people who are helping to make this new playground for St. Mary's a reality! ESPECIALLY to the grade school students who raised just under $14,000 in 2 weeks with their walk-a-thon on Nov. 21st! These students asked their families, their friends, the area businesses to help us build a new playground. And THANK YOU to those who responded with a resounding YES! We have $60,000 raised, with our goal being $90,000. With a few grants in the works, a few more months, and some generous gifts, this playground will be able to go in place next summer!

❖ Lastly, a huge thank you to the parish, school, families, friends, area businesses, & community who continue to give to, purchase from, & help with the auction. We raised $110,000 this year! I am so grateful for the incredible auctioneers & my wonderful auction committee. While it's a risk to list those who have given, for fear I miss someone, I'm going to take my chances so that all of you can see just how many give financially or through donations of products to the auction. If you are missed—please know that was it was completely unintentional & does not make me any less appreciative! The list of those who have donated can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

With gratitude – *Jennifer Wallwey*

THANK YOU for your gifts to the auction!

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