

The Good Word

We, the people of St. Agnes, are called by God as a Catholic Christian community to be prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people. — *Mission Statement*

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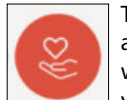
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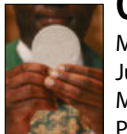
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Lent: a holy season of grace

Dear Friends,

We are all in the season of Lent now, following the age-old tradition of the Church. This is a time set apart by the Church during the liturgical calendar to remind us about the need for a spiritual preparation for the holiest of all the liturgical celebrations before the Holy Week and Easter. It is a time when we celebrate the Paschal Mysteries of our redemption, commemorating the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

This year we began our holy season and this special time of grace on Ash Wednesday - February 22 - the day we had a heavy snow storm that caused many local parishes to cancel their celebrations. However, I want to commend the bravery of some of our parishioners who showed up at the 7 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday to express their faith and to be witnesses of our strong Catholic tradition we are proud of — handed down to us through our parents and grandparents.

Some people wonder and ask about the significance of having ashes smeared on our foreheads. Additionally, they ask why we have to fast on that day and on Good Friday, and then abstain from meat on every Friday of Lent. Of course, this might seem to be old-fashioned in our modern era when there is so much emphasis on nutritious food and a healthy diet. We all like to enjoy delicious food with our family and friends, thus taking care of our physical health in this age and time.

Our big danger today is not that we will fast and do other acts of penance to make a show of ourselves. We think fasting and doing personal sacrifices is harmful to the human body. However, Dr. Allan Scott takes issue with this notion and insists fasting does

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not harm adult health. On the contrary, it is beneficial for our health. Dr. Scott notes in his book *The Ultimate Diet*: "British citizens enjoyed better health during the period of food rationing in World War II than during the time when food was plentiful." Let us ask ourselves, how we use our food and other resources to assist the poor and homeless in serving the local community.

Pope Francis has a different take on the principle of fasting and penance in Lent. The Pope said:

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent to listen.*

I firmly believe this would be a better application of fasting and acts of penance this season of Lent and in the days to come.

Wishing you and your family a Joyful Easter!

Yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Joy Thachil, SAC

The Lord is risen!



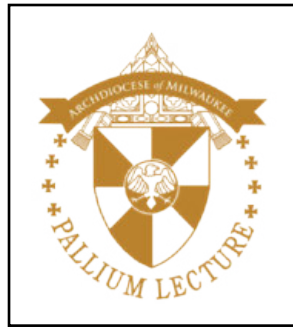
Eucharist Revival: From Christendom to Apostolic Mission

by Butch Brockman and Ann Davis

In October the Archdiocese of Milwaukee held a kick-off event for the National Eucharist Revival. Monsignor James Shea recently spoke at the Pallium Lecture in late February in Brookfield.

Shea said that the time we live in is similar to the first Apostolic era following the death of Christ. God wants us to take stock of the times we live in and recognize that old methods don't work anymore and we need to re-evangelize the society and culture.

It will require much suffering and sacrifice on our part. This is a time of great bravery and courage for Catholics. We are called to be witnesses to family, friends and co-workers in a time when it is easy to be a person who denies Christ.



Msgr. James Shea
University of Mary, ND

The National Eucharistic Revival which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have asked us all to participate in is a response to a crisis within our own belief. Shea reiterated recent survey findings that show 73% of practicing Catholics do not realize/accept/believe the Eucharist is actually Jesus Christ. That number increases to 80% for

those under the age of 40. He said we need to view this as an opportunity to provide a clarity of teaching, not just reverence and worship. That teaching needs to focus on the strengths of the sacraments and the belief that their mystery is not magic. For example, we can compare prayer to the Internet: having people believe in the invisible rather than only the visible.

Bringing people back to church is the focus of the Eucharistic Revival. Doing so with the Apostolic approach of those first Christians will help us – in these times – understand how best to attract those who have left the church and Christianity while at the same time encourage us to invite others to the wonder of our faith.

Church updates translation of the Order of Penance

At the USCCB Spring Assembly meetings in 2021 the U.S. Conference of Bishops approved a new translation for the



Order of Penance. The Vatican recently approved the new

translation of the original Latin text which includes a minor modification to the prayer of absolution. Beginning in April of 2023 penitents will hear this new version when they go to confession. The changes are slight and the main part of the absolu-

tion prayer remains the same. Here is the new translation with **Bold** highlighting the changes:

*God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out the Holy Spirit** for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God **grant** you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Besides this change to the prayer of absolu-

tion, the Bishops also updated the Act of Contrition. But don't fear, there are ten other options that are included in the rite for the penitent to use to express sorrow, so use the prayer that you are most comfortable with. Although these changes were approved to begin on Ash Wednesday, the priest must use this new order of penance starting April 16. We will have reference cards in the confessional for you to use the next time you partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession.

More info at tinyurl.com/mr2pakey and "The Act of Contrition and the Sacrament of Penance - Catechist's Journey" (loyolapress.com)

Challenge: Dare to be a radical witness

I've always found that during Holy Week and Easter, it is especially easy to get bogged down by tradition and occasion. It's always predictable, and never surprising. Each service has a set order, and with little change from year to year, it is easy to just go through the motions. We sing the same songs, the readings are so similar from year to year, and we grow to expect a certain level of comfort. But as we journey through the Easter season, there is always room to encounter Jesus in new and unexpected ways.

The radical love that Jesus showed each and every person he encountered surprises me year after year. Jesus went where no one else would go, curing lepers and blind people, showing compassion to people who were never shown simple empathy by those who were too focused on ritual and tradition to care.

As Catholics, tradition is important, but we can't let that stand in the way of who Jesus really was. Jesus didn't worry so much

about saying all of the right words in the Nicene Creed or going to church on all the right days. Instead, he was out with those who were outcasts, sinners, or sick. We cannot afford to get comfortable. We must ask ourselves — are we Christians in name only, or are we willing to go out into the world and help each other? Will we memorize every prayer, or will we share our food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless?

We all have work to do. We could all love each other more, and love those that are different from us. Let us not be weighed down by the proper way to do things, but instead be radical witnesses of Jesus' love for every single person.



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Liturgical Music

Christian Formation

Easter Vigil sacraments: celebration of joy, welcoming

Baptism at Easter Vigil

Every year at the Easter Vigil we renew our baptismal promises and celebrate with the whole Church those sacraments that unite us as the Body of Christ. This year at the Easter Vigil on April 8 we will welcome into the Catholic Church **Anthony Lyons**.

Tony's children attend our Day School so this is a special moment for the entire family. He will receive both the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and will also receive his First Holy Communion which fully unites him into the Body of Christ.

On Wednesday, April 12, **Charles Borchardt** will enter the Catholic Church at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Charles was baptized as a Lutheran but recently decided to join the Catholic Church following the inspiration of his wife of 50+ years. He will be confirmed and will receive his First Communion which brings him into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please

congratulate and welcome them into the St. Agnes Parish family.

**The Easter Sacraments:
First Communion and Confirmation**

During the Season of Easter, we celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This year we have 10 high school youth discerning their call to the sacrament of Confirmation. Even though the preparation occurs during their junior year of high school, they really begin the discernment process two years prior.

On Thursday, April 27, Bishop James Schuerman will come to St. Agnes to confirm these youth at a 7 p.m. ceremony. Please keep them in your prayers:

Tyson Becker	Brandon Pohl
Ayden Laskowski	Noah Schein
Heidi Lilligard	Noel Tabifor*
Molly Mortimer	Emily Vogel
Laura Obasi	Kendall Wilkes

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Formation & Liturgy



We also have eight children who will receive their First Holy Communion the weekend of May 6-7.

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers:

Grayson Barbour	Michael Wicinski
Daniel Keefe	Dorothy Boyi*
Mckenna Rivera	Danielle Boyi*
Zoey Seidl-Zickuhr	Henry Boyi*

All our First Communicants will have the opportunity to lead us in a procession for our May Crowning on Sunday, May 14, after the 8 a.m. Mass.

**Blessed Savior Parish members receiving sacrament formation at St. Agnes Parish.*



Looking for the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives

by Jackie Schulz

Holy Spirit, Breath of God

Forty days of Lent lead us to Easter. We celebrate that Jesus is risen. Fifty days of the Easter Season bring us to Pentecost. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." From that first Pentecost up to this day we have lived in the time of the Holy Spirit. We too, are filled with the Holy Spirit! "To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7). The Holy Spirit is at work in our world, in our Church and in our lives.

It's not easy, though, for us to sense the presence of the Holy Spirit. Theologians Fr. Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid write: "Developing a heightened sensitivity is the first step. The

Holy Spirit's movement in our lives and in the world, is often elusive, not readily discerned."

When, where and how do we sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

Fr. Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid continue: "The Holy Spirit meets us where we are. In our experiences of joy and serenity, guilt and distress, wonder and awe, pain and anger, the Spirit is present... closer to us than we are to ourselves.... The Holy Spirit makes our very lives and living possible, empowering us with the grace of Christ. For our part, we need to learn how to pay attention, to deepen our awareness of the Spirit's presence."

It might help to remember that the Spirit is with us in our daily routines. The

challenge for us is to look for the Holy Spirit. In nature we see signs of the Holy Spirit — the giver of life. In Scripture we can find many examples of ways that the Holy Spirit is with us.

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) Each day we can take a deep breath and pray.

**Breathe in me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may be holy.**

**Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work may be holy.**

**Strengthen me, Holy Spirit.
Spirit of God, renew my faith, hope
and love into new action today.
Fill my life with wonder and awe
in your presence. Amen.**

Consider percentage-based giving

No matter how or what amount you give to your congregation, thank you! Your offerings sustain important ministries, and there is no such thing as an inappropriate or inadequate offering.

But if you are among the many who give regularly on a “lump sum” basis, consider giving on a percentage basis instead.

The “lump sum” basis is when donors give a fixed amount – say, \$50 a week – to the church, regardless of what percentage it represents in their annual income. The advantage of lump sum giving is that it’s simple to calculate and keep track of. But lump sum giving reveals little about the generosity behind the gift. For a poorer family, \$50 a week may be significant, whereas it could be a pittance for a wealthy family.

Since the Bible lifts up the principles of sacrificial giving as well as tithing, giving by percentage provides a better measure for giving. Once a family has calculated their gift as a percentage of income, it’s easier to track it and, over time, build up to a tithe. Here’s how to get started with percentage giving:

- Calculate your regular offering over the course of the year.
- Divide the total yearly offering by your total annual income. This will give you a figure.
- Multiply that figure by 100 to determine your percentage giving.

When planning your offering, consider increasing it by 1 percent a year. If you do, in less than 10 years you will be tithing. However you give, thank you for supporting God’s ministries.

Stewardship profile

Rick Eck: Profile of music in church

by Ashley Bissen

Beginning at an early age, Rick Eck found himself using his God-given talents within his church and community.

“As a kid, I saw my mom always doing something for the church,” he said. “It really motivated me to do the same.”

Rick grew up in the small town of Winter, Wisconsin, with a total population of just 318 people! Right after graduating high school, he moved to Milwaukee for work, where his journey with St. Agnes then began.

“There wasn’t much [in terms of work] in my hometown, so I came to Milwaukee and the rest is history!”

It all started 32 years ago when he met Mariann Sykes, who introduced him to the parish and the St. Agnes choir. The moment he saw the choir perform (then known as the Celebration Singers), Rick knew he wanted to be part of a group that talented and special. With the help of Mariann, he was able to do just that!

Having started with the choir, Rick segued into coaching as his family became more involved in sports. He worked with many different teams for a number of years, including two years of girls’ volleyball, five years of Scout softball, two years of boys’ CYM basketball, and nine years of girls’ grade school basketball. Rick’s current involvement with the church includes singing in the choir and cantoring at Mass on the weekends.

Professionally, Rick works for a company called Product Service and Manufacturing where he is the plant manager and supervisor for the electrical panel shop and has been there for 34 years.

He is also on the board of directors for the Butler Community Foundation, where they are in charge of the upkeep for the Clarke House. They hold an annual golf outing that doubles as a fundraiser to help raise money for their foundation. With his free time, Rick greatly enjoys riding his Harley, golfing and taking care of his cat, Loki, whom he inherited from his stepson.



Rick Eck

Rick said he loves this parish, mostly because of the small tight-knit community that St. Agnes offers.

“Everyone knows everyone here and all are treated like family,” he said. In fact, the

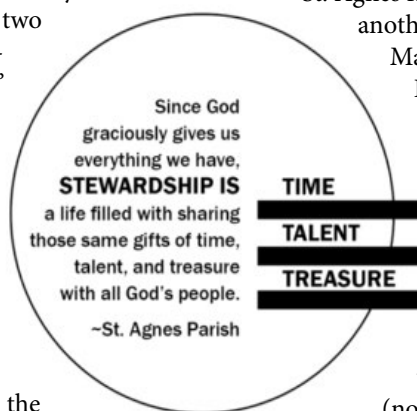
St. Agnes family is so close with one another that fellow parishioner,

Mark Mauer, even sang at Rick and Jane’s wedding in ‘94! His family is also a big reason why Rick chooses to share his musical talents with the church. In fact, music is what brought him and his wife together! Rick and Jane first met when they both went to Brass’ (now Pistol Pete’s) to watch

Jeff Pulvermacher’s band play.

Rick said he feels that engaging in musical activities is not only a great learning experience but also a very rewarding one as well.

“I can be a bit of a perfectionist when it comes to singing and getting everything right, but I am a firm believer in using the talents God gave you to their full potential,” he said. “God clearly gave you those talents for a reason, so never hesitate to share them with the world!”



Safe Environment Week, April 23-29

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year the Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. By proclaiming April 23-29 an Archdiocese-wide Safe Environment Week, they are guaranteeing that every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community focuses, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe.

This year's theme for Safe Environment Week is: "Recognizing over twenty years of working together towards safer communities to live, learn, and grow in our faith."

Did You Know...

The Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Church is not only making our parishes and schools safe places for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We hope that all clergy, employees, and volunteers' task themselves with protecting the young and vulnerable in their workplaces, neighborhoods, communities, and even their own homes. Our goal is greater than just safe environments within the four walls of our parishes and schools, but safer communities for all God's children to live, learn and grow.

Did You Know...

In 2022, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 180 Safe Environment Education sessions were conducted with over 3,800 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 7,700 criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees, and volunteers, and about 40,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics. Every year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, each parish and school are required to complete a report documenting their compliance with the Safe Environment Program's policies and procedures. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office uses those reports to compile an



archdiocesan report for USCCB audit firm Stonebridge Partners on our archdiocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been found compliant every year since 2004.

Did You Know...

All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement

or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused. All bishops, priests, deacons lay parish/school staffs, and volunteers are required to follow the mandatory reporting laws of the State of Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, all clergy and all school employees are considered mandatory reporters and can face legal penalties for failing to report suspected or known child abuse or neglect.

Did You Know...

All seminarians and candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee undergo criminal background checks, Safe Environment Education training in child abuse prevention, interviews, psychological evaluations, classes and workshops on human sexuality, and mandatory reporter training.

Did You Know...

All clergy, employees, and volunteers are required to meet all of the requirements of safe environment certification. Certification includes participating in training on recognizing signs of abuse and neglect, identifying grooming behaviors, training in maintaining boundaries, and mandatory reporting; reviewing the Code of Ethical Standards and the Social Media and Digital Communication Policy, and undergoing a criminal background check. Certification is required prior to beginning ministry and subsequently every five years.

Tithing report — 4th quarter 2022

Since God graciously gives us everything we have, STEWARDSHIP is a life filled with sharing those same gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure with all God's people. This is the saying on our Stewardship logo. As a tithing parish we are committed to sharing 2.5% of our treasure with those who need our financial support. Our Human Concerns Committee is tasked with this mission. For the third quarter (Oct.-Dec.) of 2022, we donated approximately \$3,475. Following is the list of organizations that St. Agnes has supported with these donations:

ERAs Senior Network Inc./Interfaith:

Serving local seniors in need

Hebron Housing Services: Helping families in our community to achieve independence and stability

Life Navigators, formerly known as ARC: to provide kids & adults with disabilities with essential living items and emergency needs to stay safe, happy and healthy

Mercy House, formerly known as St.

Catherine's Residence for Women: Funds to help protect women and families from domestic violence



National Shrine Our Lady of Good

Help: Support of Religious Shrine
Path Finders: To provide funds for youth Safety, Hope & Healing

Priests for Life: To help priests spread the message of life and love to all

Redeem & Restore Center: Rescue women and girls from sex trafficking
SmileTrain: Transform children born with clefts

St. Agnes Grief Ministry: To help and support our grief ministry with the Mass of Remembrance in Dec. 2022

School News

St. Agnes School celebrates 100th anniversary

St. Agnes School held a centennial celebration March 23. A Centennial Mass at 8:15 a.m. with Archbishop ListECKi started off the day. Concelebrants were Father Joy Thachil, our pastor; Father Matthew Ferch, a graduate of St. Agnes School; and Deacon Ray Waitrovich.

The reception afterwards included refreshments as well as songs from the kindergarteners and first, second and third graders: "Peace Like a River," "God is so Good," and "I Am the Church."

To create a video for the centennial celebration, parish member Mark Mauer interviewed teachers, students and alumni about their experiences at and/or memories of St. Agnes School:

Teachers: Mary Langford, Corey Bett, Karen Papador and Principal Rachel Kolbeck and Assistant Principal Amy Retzer

Students: Summer (first grade), Max (second grade), Caleb (third grade), Ceci (fourth grade), Mouachan (fifth grade), Daniela (sixth grade), and Lena (seventh grade).

Former students: Anarosa Braun, Patty Kaiser, Father Matthew Ferch

Milestones in the History of St. Agnes School

- 1915** St. Agnes School opens in a room in the church basement with 39 students and two teachers: Agnes Clarke & Jessie Hayes.
- 1920** Four Sisters of Mercy (3 teachers and a housekeeper) arrive. School has 76 students.
- 1923** Seven graduates
- 1927** Fire in the church basement and school
- 1934** Depression forces the closure of St. Agnes School.
- 1942** Father Hafford re-opens the school.
- 1943** New brick four-room school built
- 1948** Hot lunch program starts.
- 1950** Crowded classrooms with 194 students
- 1953** New school opens with 357 students.
- 1957** Combination church/school built
- 1962** Extension of second and third floor classrooms and offices
- 1963** School children made and paid for a mosaic above the entrance to Kemp Hall, under the direction of artist, Sister Gilmory, SSND.
- 1965** School enrollment: 1,029
- 1980** Newly built gym gets mural painted – in three weeks – by school children under the direction of a resident artist.
- 2003** Tuition Angels program started by Principal Jayme Hartmann
- 2012** Parish provides tuition assistance to St. Agnes School students.
- 2012** St. Agnes School joins Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.
- 2013** St. Agnes School joins Wisconsin Choice Program.
- 2023** St. Agnes School celebrates its 100th anniversary.



Principal donates guardian angel

Principal Rachel Kolbeck remembers her grandmother's statue of a guardian angel. Bernadette Kolbeck had the statue in her house for many years. Her family acquired the statue from a church that had closed down. They think the statue dates to the 1800s. Now that her grandmother has passed away, Ms. Kolbeck took the statue with the intention of donating it to St. Agnes School. It now stands on a table in the corner of the front office.

In his 2014 homily for the Feast of Holy Guardian Angels (Oct. 2), Pope Francis told people to be like children who pay attention to their angel. "No one journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone," the Pope said. He said that we often have the feeling that "I should do this, this is not right, be careful." This, he said, "is the voice of" our guardian angel. "According to Church tradition we all have an angel with us, who guards us..." The Pope instructed children, "Do not rebel. Follow his advice!"



Christian Formation

Sponsor a youth on Mission Trip next summer (Total cost is \$400 per youth.)

Christian Formation

New Bibles or Catechisms of the Catholic Church or books for CF Library,

Christian Formation:

FORMED Subscription (Total cost is \$2,000.)

School: Chromebooks (cost \$150 each) 30 needed

Students participate in Labyrinth prayer during Lent

by Corey Bett

What is a labyrinth prayer? A labyrinth prayer is used as a form of walking meditation. The labyrinth is a singular path with lots of twists and turns that obscure the length of the path, but unlike a maze there are no dead ends. The labyrinth encourages meditation by using the familiar rhythms of walking, while removing the distractions of changing scenery or companions, keeping the focus on the conversation with God.

Here at St. Agnes School, many of the classes come to pray at the labyrinth as a way to connect with God. The students are encouraged to think of a question to ask God, or a situation bothering them, and slowly walk the twisting path to the center of the labyrinth. There, they spend time in silent communion with God, thanking Him for His presence in their lives. In middle school, after praying at the labyrinth, they read Scripture and reflect on the experience.

These are some of their Labyrinth reflections

Grade 6:

"It was good and calm. I'm not used to prayer like this."

"It was peaceful. I said a few prayers while walking."

"The labyrinth was amazing because I could hear God speaking to me about trust. I could just feel His presence."

"I've been mad because it feels like God hasn't answered my prayers. During the labyrinth I thought maybe I just don't hear Him because my life is too loud. Maybe I'm just not quiet enough."

Grade 7:

"It was just so chill. I wasn't really thinking about anything. Just listening."

"Walking the labyrinth is so calming."

"It was mind numbing but in a good way. It made my thoughts stop racing."

"It was a nice way to have a one-on-one with God."

Grade 8:

"The labyrinth was very peaceful and calming. I liked how I could just walk and think, or just walk peacefully while I listened to the music and read the prayers."

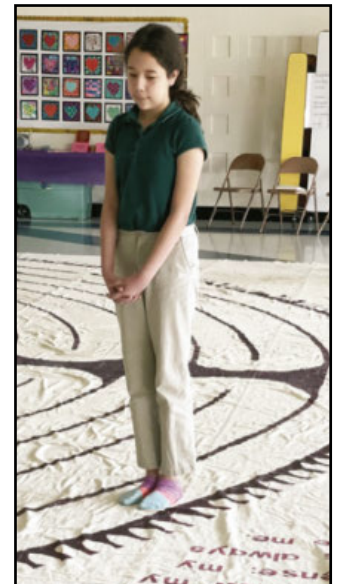
"The only word I can think of is serene."



Mrs. Ferch's fourth graders pray in a circle at the center of the labyrinth. In the back are Jaxon (standing), Santiago (white shirt), Dani and Emma. In the front are Alex, Aleah and Nora.



Tessa, Stana, Leland and Summer pray at the center of the labyrinth. They are all students in Ms. Taniolo's first grade class. Prayer resources are on the table against the back wall.



Danielle pauses for meditation. She is in Ms. Bett's sixth grade class.

"I was thinking about holy pictures, and how come Mary is always holding Baby Jesus instead of Joseph. A good dad holds his baby. I want to be a good dad someday. There should be more pictures of Joseph holding Baby Jesus. I bet Mary wanted to take a nap sometimes and Joseph watched Jesus for her."

"Sometimes loving your enemy is just really hard. I didn't discover an answer or anything, but I feel like at least God knows what's bothering me now."

"The labyrinth was good. I was praying for this homeless man I saw living under the freeway and this lady who passed away so her family is okay. Everyone should have someone who prays for them."

"At first it felt weird. I was in my socks, and just walking, and felt like everyone was staring at me. But as I walked that all went away, and it was just me and Jesus. It felt good to talk to Jesus in my own words, instead of just reciting prayers I learned years ago."



Eucharistic Revival Event

Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress

Inspired by the National Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is hosting an Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, where Catholics of all ages will gather uniquely around the source of our strength: the Eucharist.

This day-long gathering will begin a year of Eucharistic Revival within the parishes of the archdiocese.

The day will include deepening formation on the Eucharist, social opportunities for all, a Family Zone for

those with children, and Mass, confession, a Eucharistic procession, and Eucharistic adoration. Activities will also include:

- An outside, walking Eucharistic procession
- Formation presentations from national Eucharistic speakers
- Food, drink, social opportunities
- Family-friendly environment

The year of Eucharistic Revival will include more events. See the article on page 2.

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis

\$20 Per Person or \$50 Per Family

St. Agnes gardening begins in May

Our gardens are looking beautiful, thanks to a regular team of volunteers who work every Monday morning. We invite you to join us at the grotto at 8 a.m. any Monday you are available.

We are looking for volunteers for spring cleanup in May. Even if you've never gardened before, we can show you what to do. The date is **Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.** If you can't work the entire time, you are still welcome for whatever time you can volunteer.

Recruit your spouse, bring your kids and bring your gardening tools and gloves if you have them. We'll have a few extra tools to share with you. If it's misty, we'll still work. If it's pouring, we'll cancel

and reschedule for the next Saturday.

Last fall, we lifted dozens of canna tubers to overwinter. Spring is the perfect time to plant them outside. After putting them in all the parish gardens, we will still have some to share with our volunteers if you'd like to take some home to plant in your own garden.

Need more information? Contact Linda Barrington (lbarring@wi.rr.com).



The gardening team transplanted this passionflower vine along the south wall of the convent.

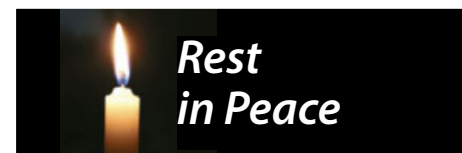


Passionflower symbolism: Circle = the crown of thorns and 3 white stigma in the center = nails of the cross

REMEMBER in your prayers

As a parish we pray for those who need our support. If you know someone who needs our prayers and would like to add their name to this list, please contact the Parish Office at 262-781-9521 or email info@stagnesparish.org.

Barbara Bussewitz	Ervin Mirr
Candy Endres	Chris Peterson
Jim Endres	Theresa Potnek
Karla Duerr	Mary Joe Powalisz
Cindy Flowers	Arlene Reisimer
Doreen Gilbertson	Michelle Reisimer
Elaine Gultch	Marie Retzer
Baby James	Ethel Schalk
Dorothy Jedlika	Chuck Schultz
Lillian Klotz	Dean Skwierawski
Fred Kurszewski	Slava Tsljar
Bob Lebiecki	Rick Wilson
Pat Manganello	Dan Zeck



We pray for our deceased family and friends:

- † Kyle Ballering – son of Jeff & Pat Ballering
- † Pope Benedict XVI
- † Margaret Ann Betz
- † Carolyn Faber – wife of Dan
- † Milton Haider
- † Harry Jedlicka – husband of Dorothy
- † Barbara Pugmire – mother of Mary Langford
- † August Ulrich – father of Peggy Ferch
- † Mary Williams – sister of D'Ann Tetzlaff



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