

# St. Andrew Parish

## YOU BELONG HERE

Dear friends,

The parish is thrilled to welcome those making their First Communion this spring. We will celebrate that event in small groups at several masses over two weeks. Let them remind you of the great gift of the Eucharist that we all receive. May we never take it for granted.

The gospel story of Luke 24:13-35 is one of my favorite stories. It is the story of the two men traveling to Emmaus. They are leaving Jerusalem on that first Easter Sunday saddened and perplexed. Nothing is clear yet and they are leaving the city. Jesus walks with them on the way but they don't recognize him. He explains some things to them. They invite him to stay for dinner; he says a blessing and breaks the bread, the last supper gesture. They recognize Jesus in their midst, he disappears. They run back to Jerusalem to and tell the excited apostles that they have seen the risen Lord as well.

Our lives are a journey as well. So this story can talk about my life, too. We hear in their discussion that they are saddened, thinking that Jesus was the Messiah and facing the tragedy of the crucifixion. They walk away from Jerusalem dejected. They are so involved in their own sadness that they do not recognize who is walking with them. We can be so caught up in our own story, our own sickness or pain that we do not recognize others around us. Our situation while it fills our attention, the rest of our community may not know that. They ask the stranger, "Are you the only inhabitant of Jerusalem who does not know the things that happened this week?" Yet even in a small town we may not know what tragedies someone else is facing until it is explained.

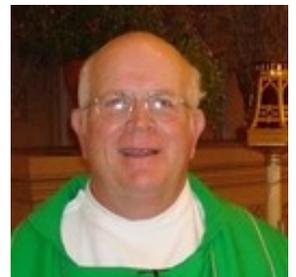
They did not recognize Jesus on the way. (They were not expecting him.) But he pointed things out in the scripture that seemed to explain some part of their concern. Someone with a different point of view might help us see other things. The Bible is there to help our vision. Later, they recognize the inspiration.

At the end of the journey, they invite the stranger to stay for a meal. When Jesus takes the bread, blesses it and breaks it as happened at the Last Supper; they immediately recognize Him. And he vanishes. The earliest name for the mass was "the breaking of the bread". That powerful experience of Christ giving himself to share in His life as He shares in ours is central to the experience of the first community. It is central to our experience today as well. We have that great gift every Sunday at mass and it nourishes us profoundly.

The disciples ran back to Jerusalem to share the story with the others. The others have just experienced the risen Christ as well. They share the joy. We can share the joy of the presence of the risen Christ with all those we meet. Joy-filled Christians are the best motivator to bring others to church and to find out the good things happening here. When Jesus heals our anxiety here, the story of that healing can be a blessing and invitation to others.

Share your joy-filled message.

Fr Bill Key



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Students who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion met for a retreat with their teachers and Father Bill on April 5th.

Parents and students gathered in the Church to learn more about the importance of receiving the Eucharist. Students were also able to do a “practice run” so they are more comfortable on their big day!

St. Andrew 2nd Graders had their art work on display at the “Art as Prayer” art show recently held at the Christ Episcopal Church.



Several students from St. Andrew Parish School had their artwork submitted to the Wisconsin State Fair.



Did you catch the article in The Catholic Herald about our very own, Avery Hembrook?! If you missed it, you can find it online by visiting

<http://catholicherald.org/news/local/college-student-called-deeper-faith-mission-peru/>

THANK YOU, Avery, for your sharing your story and your service to others!

# CATHOLIC HERALD

[www.chnonline.org](http://www.chnonline.org)

## Pastoral Council Open Positions

We need to fill two positions on our Pastoral Council. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please call Shelley Koch, 728-5288, ext. 102

*Please consider serving the Church in this special way.*

If you have something you'd like to share in an upcoming issue of this Newsletter, please contact Hollie Lefel at (262) 749-0585 or via email at [hollie\\_lefel@cargill.com](mailto:hollie_lefel@cargill.com)



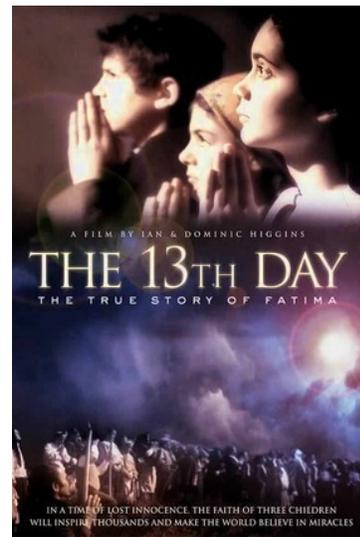
# Parish Life Presents:

Movie Night Featuring: *The 13th Day*  
 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's  
 first apparition on May 13, 1917.

Saturday, May 13th at 6:30PM in the  
 School Gym.

**FREE Admission**

Popcorn, pizza and drinks available for purchase.  
 We will be offering Spanish subtitles.



All are welcome to join us for this wonderful  
 annual event! You won't be disappointed!

*You are Invited to*

**ST. ANDREW PARISH SCHOOL**

May 18 • 5:30 - 7:30pm

May 19 • 10:00 - 11:30am • 12:30 - 2:00pm

## EXPLORE DISCOVER



**The Art Fair**  
 Two & Three  
 dimensional work  
 celebrating  
 Art & Social Culture  
 Grades K - 8



**Wisconsin**  
 Grade 4 presents  
 detailed reports of  
 Wisconsin Counties



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**Friday, May 5th**  
 St. Andrew School Cafeteria  
 Doors open at 6:00pm  
 Play begins at 7:00pm  
 Proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program



**Confirmation**  
**Mass**  
 Wednesday  
 May 17th  
 7:00PM



**8th Grade Graduation**  
**Mass**  
 Thursday  
 June 1st  
 7:00PM



Please consider signing up for an  
 hour of Eucharistic Adoration, which  
 takes place  
 every Monday.

EUCCHARISTIC  
 ADORATION

Sign up sheets  
 are located at  
 the back of  
 church.





NEW BELGIUM  
**FAT TIRE**  
AMBER ALE



**7th Annual**

# **12 MILE FUN BIKE RIDE** *Around Lake Delavan*

All proceeds going to new technology at St. Andrew's Parish School.

**Saturday, May 6th**  
**11:00 am - 5:30 PM**

**Begins & Ends at The Waterfront**

**Cost: \$25 Before May 6th, \$30 Day of Ride**  
**Includes T-Shirt (1st 100 guaranteed)**

**Prize for Best Poker Hand and Raffles**

### How to Sign up:

**ONLINE** at <https://standrews-delavan.org/fattiredelavanlake>

**IN PERSON** at The Waterfront, Watershed, or Inn Between Bar & Grill



## **SPECIAL THANKS to our 2016 SPONSORS:**

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**Gold: American Concrete, Cargill, Damrow Chiropractic, Inn Between Bar, Kunes Country Lincoln Ford Inc, Microprecision, Inc and The End Zone**

## Be a hero to someone like

Katherine Mary Grace

At just 21 months of age, Katherine was diagnosed with leukemia. Throughout her treatment, transfusions of red blood cells and platelets helped her little body battle the cancer. She has been cancer free for more than a year and is a happy and healthy five-year-old. "Blood donors made all the difference and gave her a chance at life," says her mom, Giovanna. Please come help celebrate Katherine's journey and donate for others in need.



## Delavan Community Blood Drive

Monday, June 5  
2 - 7 p.m.

Location: American Legion, 111 S. 2nd Street, Delavan

Visit [bcw.edu/delavan](http://bcw.edu/delavan) or contact Giovanna at 262-203-3295 for an appointment or information.

Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcome.

# St. Andrew Parish Council Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: March 16, 2017, Called to order 07:00 PM.  
Meeting Location: Rectory Basement

## Pastor's Report:

Evangelize.

## Committee Reports:

### **Administrative Services and Finance – Tina Janssen**

2017-2018 Budget Presentations

School budget was presented by Randy Green.

Food Pantry Upgrades

The new concrete floor has been poured at our agreed cost. Additional work was needed to shore up the foundation walls of the church. There is additional tuck-pointing of the foundation walls still needs to occur.

Clustering with St. Pat's

Retreat for both parish leaders to occur Aug 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

New Business

Approval of the addition of Fran Schmidt to the council.

### **School Committee – Susan Flood**

School Committee Minutes: 3/2/17 at 7:00PM

Three parents were there from the school to discuss school uniforms.

Hannah Diedrick was there to present the proposals for a new science curriculum and to discuss a Project Lead the Way program for next school year for the 7th and 8th graders.

The 8th grade will be going on their trip to Washington D.C. April 19 - 21.

Randy Green said there is a new Spanish teacher for the remainder of the school year - Mrs. Abby Papcke.

### **Hispanic Leader's Committee – Oscar Dominguez**

Work to Unify Parish

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 PM**

**Submitted by:** Lauren Bandler

**Next Meeting:** April 20th, 2017