

IN JESUS' NAME: BE BOLD

BE GRATEFUL, PRAY, SERVE, SHARE!

Dear Parish Family,

Cel O'bration is right around the corner! It begins on March 12th with our amazing Take-Out Fish Fry, our cookie/candy sale, and our virtual theme baskets. On Sunday March 14th, we continue our cookie/candy sale and theme basket bidding until noon. Concluding this year's **Cel O'bration**, which is an important community fun and fund-raising event for St. Patrick, will be our special guest speaker, Julianne Stanz. If you have never met or heard Julianne, you are in for a treat! She has a knowledge of **all things Irish** since she was born on the Emerald Isle.

Julianne will be sharing the stories of 3 Irish saints: **St. Brigid, St. Kevin, and St. Patrick** plus her own Catholic faith. She will be speaking in-person in our church, and you may also watch it via Live-streaming. What a blessed way to end our **Cel O'bration**!

So ... I am challenging you, St. Patrick family: Are you making plans to be involved in some way on March 12, 14, or 15? Are you helping with our Fish Fry? Are you ordering a carry out? Are you building a raffle basket? Are you planning to bid on a basket? (PLEASE remember this is a big parish fundraiser ... not a bargain sale!) Are you baking some goodies for our Treats Sale? **We need your help in big and small ways!!!** And let us all be thankful for the Bishop's Appeal which makes it possible to hear Julianne Stanz deepen our faith!

[If you haven't heard the announcement I made on January 31st, here it is:](#)

Nineteen years ago, I was hired by Father Roy Geenen to be your Pastoral Associate. I left a job of 29 years at (what was then) American National Can, to dedicate myself to a life of service to the Church. I *loved* serving as a Pastoral Associate for 11 years! Visiting the sick and homebound, leading prayer services, teaching Bible Studies, helping others join the Church through RCIA, and meeting with families to plan a funeral for a loved one. I became friends with so many people, and each person I met enlarged my heart and taught me more about love.

In 2013, I was asked by Bishop Ricken to become your Pastoral Leader after a long series of priests were here for 2 or less years. He wanted there to be steady leadership at St. Patrick. I remember he asked me, "Do you think you can handle a parish of this size," I said, "Probably not ... but I will certainly be holding tight to God's hand!" I had made a list of the Pro's and Con's before accepting the position. What it came down to was: I felt strongly that I could do the ministry ... and I loved the people! 8 years have almost passed ... and I love you more each day!

I began seriously thinking of retirement about a year ago, but 2 special people asked me to stay on for another year. One was Bishop Ricken and the other was my daughter, Erin. So, I began another list: to retire or not.

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A DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER FOR LENT

Share Prayer: Breaking the Culture of Silence

Merciful God,

We embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many, suffering and discouragement.

But our journey is with Your son, Jesus, who bore His cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine.

We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience the true joy of Resurrection.

Teach us to be good stewards of Your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to Your son at all times, even during these times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with Him and each other.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Pope Francis has spoken many times of the value and power of intercessory prayer in Christian life. "When evangelizers rise from prayer, their hearts are more open; freed of self-absorption, they are desirous of doing good and sharing their lives with others." (The Joy of the Gospel #28)

Have you ever run into someone who asked you to pray for him or her? Did you take the time at that moment to stop what you were doing and offer an intercessory prayer on that person's behalf? Or did you say, "Of course I will pray for you," and then go on your way?

Unfortunately, we live in a "culture of silence" where we do not openly share our faith. This "culture of silence" springs from many sources. We may want to pray for someone, but don't know what to say. We might be embarrassed because we won't say the "right" words. The truth is, putting words to our innermost prayers can make us feel vulnerable. Besides, uplifting someone spontaneously in prayer is not something Catholics are taught to do.

Intercessory prayer connects us more deeply to the suffering of others while at the same time encourages us to let the Lord take hold of our lives and our particular situations. It is an easy way to show compassion to people who are suffering. My friend Holly, who is a campus minister, has a creative strategy to engage young adults in spontaneous intercessory prayer. She calls it "share prayer."

You begin "share prayer" by talking with someone who is having trouble. Take the time to hear his or her story and understand what he or she needs at the moment. After the conversation, ask the person, "Would it be OK if I pray with you?" If the person says no, remember to include her or him in your private prayers.

If the answer is yes, follow the steps below to "share prayer" or improvise as the Holy Spirit moves you:

Call on God. You can use any of the typical ways we address our Heavenly Father: Loving God, Lord Jesus, Eternal God, Holy Spirit, etc. Beginning the prayer in this manner directs our attention to our Lord.

Thank God for the person you are praying with. Recognizing that the person you are with is a gift to you is a great way to let someone feel valued and loved. Ask for God's blessing upon the person. For example: "Thank you for my friend, your son/daughter. Please bless him/her and uplift him/her at this time."

Ask God for the person's needs. Having talked to the person you are praying for, you should have a good idea of what his or her needs are. Bring these needs before God. For example: "We ask you to help Ann's family to make the right decisions about the nursing home," or, "We ask you to help Jason who is struggling with debt at this time."

Express gratitude. St. Ignatius of Loyola said that ingratitude is the greatest sin. Thank God for hearing your prayer by saying, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, for revealing yourself to us," or, "Thank you for your blessings on this family."

Close the prayer. You may want to close by praying the Glory Be, the Sign of the Cross, or another common prayer. If appropriate, give the person a hug or shake his or her hand. Physical contact can strengthen the connection made in prayer.

This is an easy approach that also can be taught to children effectively. **So the next time someone asks you to pray for him or her, how about sharing a prayer with that person instead?**



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

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Most of my friends were retired ... I was 69 years young. What was this “dinosaur” to do?
TO RETIRE: I have 2 grandbabies that I *love to pieces!* Being Nana as babysitter once a week is not enough ... I want to see them more!

I rarely am able to see my son, Father Ryan, up in Door County. To get our schedules to coincide is not easy! It was so much easier when he was Pastor in Chilton! I want to spend more time with my husband, Jeff ... except during the spring tick season up north!

I want to spend time with my old dog, play my piano again, read the one million and one books that I have, convert my son’s bedroom into my office, sit in my backyard on my magnolia bench, and maybe get involved in local politics ... my second passion after the Church.

NOT TO RETIRE: *I really love my job!* For months now, as I worked late into the evenings, I had very mixed emotions. Someone said, “*If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life!*” (As I age though, I do get more tired! Administration is exhausting work!) I love the interactions with all of you! I can’t wait for the fear of COVID to end so we can get back to gathering without masks and hugging!

After much prayer and reflection, *family won out, and June 30th will be my last day!* After a bit of time for my successor to get his or her feet firmly planted, I’ll get involved as a parish volunteer ... we certainly need more of them! I’m not going anywhere except back in the pews with you!

I have asked Bishop Ricken and the Diocese to try very hard to get us a Priest ... preferably a young one to help us gather and attract more young families, and still appeal to our elders. We need a leader with gifts to continue building our great community spirit!

I trust the Lord for the next chapter in the life of our beloved parish!

I trust Him with the next chapter of my life!

I thank you for who you are and for all you have taught me!

Mary Krueger

Mary Krueger, Pastoral Leader

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following families for their generous donations toward a new grill for St. Patrick and all our upcoming events!

In honor of their parents,

Francis & Mary Ann Derouin:

Jean & Clay Quick

John & Patti Calder

Jim & Liz Derouin

Jim & Marge Sell

Tony & Helen Springer

David & Sharon Gauthier

Dorothy Sullivan



We thank you so much for giving so generously!



spring treats and sweets



\$10 one-pound prepackaged assortments of treats inspired by these will be available to purchase

CELO'BRATION WEEKEND!

Add to your fish fry order Friday, March 12!

Just want the treats? No problem! Park on the east side of the church building Friday between 4-7pm and we'll bring a container right to your car! Any extra containers will be sold Sunday after Masses and Monday evening in the Gathering Area after Julianne Stanz' presentation!



We are honored to be joined by Julianne Stanz on Monday evening, March 15th at 6:30pm!

Julianne Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader, storyteller, and the Director of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay! We are honored to have her join us at St. Patrick for Cel O'Bratton!

Join us for a special presentation:
Saints Preserve Us: What Can St. Patrick, St. Brigid, and St. Kevin of Ireland Teach Us About Living Lent?

Attend in person in the Church or tune in for our livestream:

facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha.org/videos

beginning at 6:30pm

St. Patrick's Fish Fry Menu

324 Nicolet Blvd • Menasha, WI



FEBRUARY 19th, 26th,
MARCH 5th, 12th*, 19th, 26th, APRIL 16th

Included with dinner:

Rye bread	Choice of Potato:
Coleslaw	French Fries
Dessert	Potato Salad

Tartar Sauce/Shrimp Sauce/Melted Butter depending on fish choice

PICK UP ONLY! 4pm-7pm

TO ORDER, CALL 920-725-5544
and 920-213-9657 on 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26
or 920-515-3731 on 2/19, 2/26, 4/16

Orders can be placed beginning 12pm Friday of each Fish Fry.

***When you arrive to pick up your order, pull into a numbered parking spot on the East side of the parking lot and stay in your vehicle. Someone will be there to greet you, and we will bring your dinner to you!

*March 12th begins Cel O'bration weekend! Containers of spring treats will be available for purchase along with a variety of raffle baskets! Keep an eye on facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha for more details!

Lake Perch	
SMALL (3pc).....	\$12.00
LARGE (5pc).....	\$14.00
Extra pc.....	\$2.00
Walleye Pike	
SMALL (1pc).....	\$12.00
LARGE (2pc).....	\$14.00
Extra pc.....	\$3.00
Jumbo Shrimp (6pc).....	\$13.00
Baked Haddock.....	\$11.00
Deep-Fried Haddock (3pc).....	\$11.00
Perch Sandwich.....	\$6.00

Extra Sides:

Onion Rings.....	\$3.00
French Fries.....	\$2.00

Cash/Check only If able, please bring exact amount when using cash.



St. Patrick's Parish

Cel O'bration

Friday, March 12th:

4-7pm

Fish Fry—pickup only

Spring Treats Sale—pickup only

1-lb container of spring-themed treats and sweets! \$10/container

Theme Basket Raffle begins*



Monday, March 15th:

6:30-7:45pm

**Saints Preserve Us:
What Can St. Patrick,
St. Brigid, and St. Kevin
of Ireland Teach Us
About Living Lent**

With Julianne Stanz

—Event offered In-Person and Livestreamed—

Sunday, March 14th:

8am-12pm

Spring Treats Sale

1-lb assorted container of spring-themed treats and sweets!

\$10/container

Go bid on your basket!*

***Theme Baskets**

3/12-3/28

Bids can be placed online
beginning Friday, March 12
on our website:

stpatricksmenasha.org/blog/raffle

Just enter your name, bid amount,
and email (so we can contact you if you win!)

Bidding *ends noon on Sunday, March 28th*

Baskets can be picked up:

March 28th between 1-3pm or in the
Parish Office Mon-Thurs 9-4pm

ST. PATRICK'S 2021 LENT PROJECT: WINNEBAGO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

St. Patrick Parish will collect the items listed below between Sunday, March 7 through Sunday, May 3. A box will be available starting March 7 in the Gathering Area. Please use the list of needed items below, or grab a list by the collection box to take to the store with you. This list will also be provided in the newsletter and weekly update. Envelopes are provided on Sundays by the collection box for gift cards and monetary donations (**checks should be made out to Patient Events Trust Fund #20**) to be put into the Sunday collection or mail your monetary donation to

St. Patrick Parish/WMHI
324 Nicolet Blvd
Menasha, WI 54952

The items collected will be taken to the WMHI for their patients to be used throughout the year for birthday gifts, incentives, bingo prizes as well as for shoes and clothing when needed. WMHI is extremely grateful for your support of their patients.

- Chocolate bars (**NO nuts**)
- Deodorant
- Lotion (**NO pumps**)
- Shampoo (**NO pumps**)
- Conditioner (**NO pumps**)
- Body Wash (**NO pumps**)
- Journals (**NO wires**)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Socks (ankle-socks preferred)
- Stamps
- Wallets/Coin Purses
- Puzzles, Playing Cards
- Gift Cards: Wal-Mart, Kwik Trip & Fast Food Restaurants (available at the SCRIP table!)
- Gift Cards: Goodwill, Hobby Lobby, Michaels



Thank you for your support!



MAY IS
**MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS
MONTH**



May is Mental Health Awareness Month! During May's Mental Health Month, WMHI joins the mental health community to reaffirm their commitment to building our understanding of mental illness, increase access to treatment, and ensure those who are struggling know they are not alone. This year marks their 148th anniversary of opening their doors to care for their first patient. In 2019 alone, WMHI helped over 3,200 Wisconsin residents. Their mission at WMHI as the safety net in Wisconsin's mental health care continuum is like none other in the state. They provide safety and treatment to individuals whose needs cannot be met elsewhere.



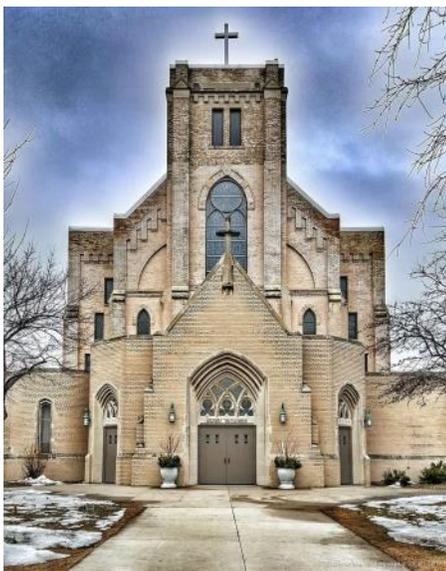
MARCH 2021

*For All live-streaming go to <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha>

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Noon Rosary and Stations of the Cross in Church (in person or live-streamed*) 5:00pm Biblical Novellas Bible Study 5:30pm Respect Life at St. Gabe's	2 6:30am Men's Group 6pm Parish Events	3 8:00am Double Portion 12:00pm Lenten Reconciliation	4 6:00pm Liturgy Mtg.	5 Parish Office open by appointment only 4-7pm Fish Fry Take Out Only	6
7 8:30am Mass (also live-streamed*) 10:30am Mass	8 8am Double Portion Noon Rosary and Stations of the Cross in Church (in person or live-streamed*)	9 6:30am Men's Group 5:30pm Book Club	10	11	12 Parish Office open by appointment only Cel O'Bratton 4-7pm Fish Fry-Take Out Only, Cookie/Candy Sale & Virtual Theme Basket Auction	13
14 8:30am Mass (also live-streamed*) 10:30am Mass Cel O'Bratton 11-12:30pm Cookie/Candy Sale & Virtual Theme Basket Auction	15 Noon Rosary and Stations of the Cross in Church (in person or live-streamed*) 6:30pm "Saints Preserve Us" with Julianne Stanz (in person or live-streamed*)	16 6:30am Men's Group	17 	18 12:00pm Finance Council Mtg	19 Parish Office open by appointment only 4-7pm Fish Fry Take Out Only	20
21 Food Collection 8:30am Mass (also live-streamed*) 10:30am Mass	22 Noon Rosary and Stations of the Cross in Church (in person or live-streamed*)	23 6:30am Men's Group	24	25 6:30pm PPC Mtg.	26 Parish Office open by appointment only 4-7pm Fish Fry Take Out Only	27
28  8:30am Mass (also live-streamed*) 10:30am Mass	29 Noon Rosary and Stations of the Cross in Church (in person or live-streamed*)	30 6:30am Men's Group	31	HOLY WEEK Holy Thursday, April 1 7:00pm Mass Good Friday, April 2 12:15pm Service Saturday, April 3 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday, April 4 8:30 & 10:30 Masses		



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Menasha, WI 54952



Let us
WORSHIP
Together

*No matter what your
present status in the
Catholic Church,*

*No matter what your current
family or marital situation,*

*No matter what your past or
present religious affiliation*

*No matter your personal
history, age, background,
race, etc.,*

*No matter what your own
self-image or esteem,*

*St Patrick's invites,
welcomes, loves, and
respects you!*

