

# IN JESUS' NAME: BE BOLD

## BE GRATEFUL, PRAY, SERVE, SHARE!

Dear Parish Family,

This letter is a challenge to YOU! This past Sunday we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord. Before He left His apostles, Jesus told them, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you *always*, until the end of the age." (Matt. 28:19-20) This was and continues to be **THE GREAT COMMISSION**. Although the news of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection did not reach the entire world by the time that the last apostle died, their preaching, healing, and loving were the seed which was planted in fertile soil that led to far-reaching fruit. Reaching forward 20 centuries, *you and I are that fruit!* Now the Gospel has been entrusted to each one of us! We have been baptized into His body; thus *we are commissioned* to tell others all that Jesus has done for us!

Question: have doubts and fear paralyzed you in reaching out with your faith? Pay attention to Jesus! Hear His voice! He is telling you to carry His message of love to other people. In doing so, you will strengthen your faith, and your life will be full of joy!

Remember the words of **St. Teresa of Avila**:

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.*

*Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

Like the apostles, we too are sent to do new wonders, speak new words *with the fire of the Spirit on our tongues*, offer new healing to our sisters and brothers, and rid ourselves and others of our contemporary "demons." Despite the wide-spread nature of Christianity, there are many (*often within our own families and communities*) who have not yet fully encountered the living Christ through word and sacrament. Remember that when you leave church, "*you are entering the mission field.*" Jesus has called us to be His witnesses. Our words about His love that is stronger than hatred and His light that is stronger than darkness will mean nothing if they are not also echoed in the way we live our lives.

*Our beloved parish of St. Patrick* is now in a time of transition. With every change in leadership, it has been predicted that approximately 10% of members will fall away or switch parishes. We cannot afford to lose one member or one family. Our faith community needs every one of your gifts! Father Jude will also need every one of your gifts to succeed as your pastor!

Thanks to all who stopped by Geenen Hall to say "*thank you*" to Father Jim and wish him well!

His address is: **Rev. Jim Hablewitz**

635 Ridgeview Circle, Apt. 226

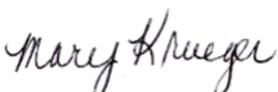
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(I'm sure that he would love an occasional note or card via 'snail mail.')

**Pentecost** is on our horizon.

Wear **RED** to Mass in honor of **the Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, be our guide into the future,



Mary Krueger, Pastoral Leader

## A PRAYER FOR MAY

**Come Holy Spirit!**

**Open our eyes and ears  
to your ongoing presence  
within us and among us.**

**Give us the wisdom  
and compassion  
to be good stewards  
of each other as we  
work together to promote  
reconciliation, peace,  
and the building of a better world.**

**Break through the many barriers  
that divide nations and people.**

**Give us the strength  
to transcend our differences.**

**And help us recognize  
the meaning of Pentecost  
so that we can more  
prayerfully and joyfully  
prepare the world  
for that day when  
the Father returns his son,  
Christ Jesus, in glory.**

**Amen.**



## **Pentecost and Stewardship: Hearts on Fire for Jesus**

*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

On the weekend of May 22 and 23, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples to bring fire and flame to their hearts' commitment to Jesus. The Holy Spirit continues to place our hearts on fire to know Jesus. But do we realize it? In this time of continued uncertainty, do we sense the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Do we allow the Lord to inspire us to burn with a desire for greater intimacy? Good stewards make efforts to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit so that their prayer lives bring them closer to Christ.

In the mystical writings of St. Teresa of Avila, this doctor of the Church relates a beautiful story that underscores her relationship with Jesus. Teresa would often engage in conversation with the Lord, and one evening, Teresa heard Jesus ask her name, to which she replied with her religious name, saying, "I am Teresa of Jesus." Teresa was heartened to inquire of the Lord, "And who are you?" to which she heard Jesus respond, "I am Jesus of Teresa."

What beautiful intimacy Teresa felt with the Lord! It is to this intimacy, this deeply personal relationship, that each of us is called. St. Francis of Assisi, whose name our Holy Father, Pope Francis adopted, was said to have prayed simply by asking repeatedly of the Lord, "Who are you, and who am I?" It was from the depths of the answers he received, and the questions he continued to ask, that Francis drew his strength to renew Christ's church.



To exercise good stewardship of our prayer lives and to lead a life filled with contemplative moments is the call given to each Christian steward. St. Ignatius of Loyola called us to "contemplation in action," that combination of prayer in our life that inspires the good things we do each day which in return deepens our commitment to prayer. As Christian stewards, we know that our good works become hollow when they are done without a relationship with the Lord who inspires us. By the same token, a prayer life can become rote and sterile if we leave it behind when we immerse ourselves in our daily routines. We must be committed to a balance between the good works that we do and our quest to seek a more intimate relationship with Christ Jesus.

May this Easter season and the feast of Pentecost place our hearts on fire with the desire to know Jesus even better  and motivate us to live our lives in his service.



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**No one heals himself by wounding another.**

*St. Ambrose*

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# *Congratulations*

*on your*  
*First Holy Communion*

*Joshua Fosler*

*Larkin Hoehne*

*Declan McClone*

*James Panzer*

*Grace Urban*

*Cully Werner*



# THANK YOU FR. LARRY

**After 10:30 Mass June 6th (11:30am)**



Let's thank Fr. Larry  
for stepping in to help at St. Patrick  
when we were in great need!

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**  
*2 parties!*

# MARY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

**After both Masses June 13th!**



Let's give Mary a fantastic send off on her next  
adventure in life! Thank you for your 19 years of  
commitment, service, and love!

**We need your help compiling memories for one of Mary's gifts!  
Please help and send pictures and write a short note!**

*\*\*\*We would love to keep the specifics of the gift a secret from Mary until we present them to her June 13th\*\*\**

## **MARY IS RETIRING**

**and we want to properly thank her for her 19  
years of commitment, service, and love  
to all of us, to the Lord, and to St. Patrick's!**



**Please join us after both Masses June 13th to  
celebrate Mary and all she has done for us!**



At that time, we will be presenting her with a thank you gift from the parish.

*For all the memories she has given to us at St. Pat's,  
we want to provide her with an opportunity to create some new memories as  
she begins her retirement.*

She talks frequently of wanting to go to Mackinac Island but she just can't find the time...well now she will have the time and we are going to provide her with the opportunity! She'll receive a couple nights in peace and beauty along with vouchers for attractions, meals, and a little shopping.

If anyone would like to contribute to Mary's retirement gift, please send a check to the parish office that is clearly labeled "Mary's retirement gift."

**Please have these to the office by JUNE 1st!**

We will also be putting together a memory book for her from her years here. Please share pictures of Mary from events or memories of the last 19 years with her at St. Patrick's! Personal letters, cards, or notes of thanks, congratulations, and best wishes for her retirement are also perfect!

**Please bring these to us at the office by MAY 25th! The earlier, the better!!  
(These can also be given directly to Katy Shaffer or dropped off at her house  
1004 Oak Street-Neenah)**

*\*\*\*We would love to keep the specifics of the gift a secret from Mary  
until we present them to her June 13th since Mary loves surprises!\*\*\**

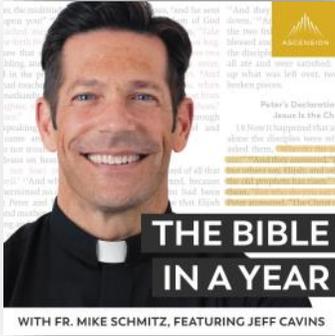
**THANK YOU SO MUCH!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU!!**



# LET'S READ THE BIBLE!



If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you! Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes.



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- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

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# THANK YOU, FR. JIM!



# Brat Fry

May 31st, 2021  
9:00am - 1:00pm



Enjoy Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda,  
Cookies and Kona Ice!!

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs to watch the parade and  
"Eat on the Green (our lawn space)" or get your order to go!!

## Neenah/Menasha Parade

Join us as we march in the parade!  
Email [egoyette@stpatricksmenasha.org](mailto:egoyette@stpatricksmenasha.org)  
to let us know you're coming and get  
our meeting information on 2nd Street  
in Menasha!



Hosted by our Respect Life Team!

## Father's Day Candy Bar Sale



After both Masses  
Sunday, June 20th

## Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the *gift* of a *father*  
who has been an *inspiration*  
through his *love* and dedication.  
Just as you sent your *Son* to show  
the world your *love* for us as a *father*,  
we pray that you will send  
your *Spirit* upon *Dad*  
that he may be  
*strengthened*  
as he strives to  
guide and support  
his family. *Amen.*

Bro. Etienne Huard, O.S.B.



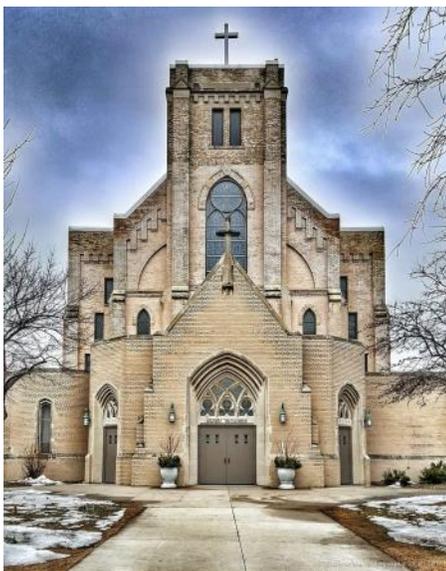


\*For All live-streaming go to <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha>

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>St. Patrick's Catholic Community</b> 324 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha WI 54952 Phone: 725-8381 Email: stpatmen@gmail.com Web Site: www.stpatricksmenasha.org Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday: by appointment only		<b>1</b>  <b>6:30am</b> Men's Group at the WeatherVane  <b>6pm</b> Parish Events	<b>2</b>  <b>8:00am</b> Double Portion	<b>3</b>  <b>6:00pm</b> Liturgy Mtg.	<b>4</b>  Parish Office open by appointment only	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>Fr. Larry's Good Bye Celebration after 10:30 Mass</b> <b>8:30am</b> Mass (livestreamed*) <b>10:30am</b> Mass	<b>7</b>  <b>8:00am</b> Double Portion <b>Noon</b> Rosary <b>5:30pm</b> Respect Life at St. Gabe's	<b>8</b>  <b>6:30am</b> Men's Group at the WeatherVane	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Parish Office open by appointment only	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>Mary's Retirement Celebration after both Masses</b> <b>8:30am</b> Mass (livestreamed*) <b>10:30am</b> Mass	<b>14</b>  <b>Noon</b> Rosary <b>5:00pm</b> Adult Faith Formation	<b>15</b>  <b>6:30am</b> Men's Group at the WeatherVane	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>12:00pm</b> Finance Council Mtg	<b>18</b>  Parish Office open by appointment only	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Food Collection</b> <b>8:30am</b> Mass (livestreamed*) <b>10:30am</b> Mass	<b>21</b>  <b>Noon</b> Rosary <b>3pm</b> SVDP Mtg	<b>22</b>  <b>6:30am</b> Men's Group at the WeatherVane	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> PPC Mtg.	<b>25</b>  Parish Office open by appointment only	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  <b>8:30am</b> Mass (livestreamed*) <b>10:30am</b> Mass <b>11:45am</b> Confirmation Class	<b>28</b>  <b>Noon</b> Rosary <b>5:00pm</b> Adult Faith Formation	<b>29</b>  <b>6:30am</b> Men's Group at the WeatherVane	<b>30</b>			



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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!*

