

Cemetery Update – AUGUST, 2021

Metrics:

Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:

	TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
[2020 Totals]	[7]	[5]	[2]
January, 2021	0	0	0
February, 2021	0	0	0
March, 2021	0	0	0
April, 2021	0	0	0
May, 2021	3	3	0
June, 2021	1	1	0
July, 2021	2	0	2
August, 2021	1	1	0
2021 Totals	7	5	2

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
January, 2021	2
February, 2021	0
March, 2021	1
April, 2021	1
May, 2021	0
June, 2021	1
July, 2021	2
August, 2021	0
2021 Totals	7

Updates –

Last month Fr Chuck asked how people are identified that are buried in “green cemeteries”.

***Answer:** In keeping with the intention of "returning to nature" and the early re-use potential, natural cemeteries do not normally have conventional grave markings such as headstones. Instead, exact GPS recordings and or the placing of a tree, bush or rock often marks the location of the dead, so grieving family and friends can visit the precise location of a grave.*

Did you know?

What is the opposite of a “Green Burial’ in natural cemeteries”?
(from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cemetery>)

The opposite of a natural burial: Instead of letting natural burials permanently protect wild landscapes, others have argued that the rapid decomposition of a natural burial, in principle, allows for the quick re-use of grave sites in comparison with conventional burials. However, it is unclear if reusing cemetery land will be culturally acceptable to most people.

September 12, 2021

Report on Human Concerns

Phone call with Gerry Parenteau

Bereavement:

Pat Monfre and team hold sessions for the bereaved after Mass. A Journey Shared meets monthly for all those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Sept 23rd Q of A's welcomes Fr. Guy Gurath to speak about loss and how to begin the healing process. 10:00 am in church.

Resurrection Choir is still unable to assemble due to Covid concerns.

Funeral luncheons are not offered at this time, also due to the Virus.

Bereavement cards are sent out, on the 3 month, 6 month and 1 year anniversary of a loved one's death, to the next of kin of all deceased parish members. A special Christmas Card for the bereaved is also sent out the first Christmas following their loss.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Meet once each month, praying the rosary as their needle work is done. They make prayer shawls for the bereaved, the sick and the newly baptized. They are working on hats for the winter months and a quilt is in the planning stages for a Christian Women's Raffle.

Communion Ministers to the homebound:

Limited activity at this time. Bruce Nogalski brings Communion to the Soya's on a regular basis. Gerry Parenteau visits Arbor View to pray the rosary and offer the Eucharist each Tuesday. Jerry Brandl holds Eucharistic Prayer Services at Crossroads Care Center.

Vincent Center Meal Program:

Although we are not going to the Center to serve meals, Q of A collects food items for the program each month.

Prayer Line:

Jerry Parenteau receives prayer requests and then emails 47 prayer warriors with the prayer intentions.

Prison Ministry:

No activity at the facilities at this time due to the Covid Virus. John Quall does have contacts and helps when possible through St. Vincent de Paul.

Pro-Life Committee:

October being Pro-Life month, this committee, together with Christian Women, will hold a "Baby Shower" on October 16 and 17. Donations will be collected to benefit the Women's Center of Waukesha and the Pewaukee Food Pantry.

Rosary Group:

Gerry advised me to ask Liz Kuhn about the online rosary.

St. Vincent de Paul:

Group meets sporadically to evaluate requests for help from the needy in the Pewaukee area. Each year SVDP helps many of those in need with their rent payments, energy bills, medical costs, etc. in the amount of \$15,000- \$16,000. Vouchers for the SVDP Thrift stores are also issued to those in need of furniture, household items, clothing, school supplies and other necessities.

Blood Drives:

I will talk to Lisa to get the scoop on these drives. We used to have 3 each year for the Blood Center of WI but I believe I read in the bulletin that the last Blood Drive was for the Red Cross. I will get more info on this.

Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl:

The Rice Bowls are distributed during Lent and collected on Palm Sunday.

Music Ministry Outreach:

After almost two years this ministry is returning. Bill Ryan and his crew travel to area nursing homes and retirement communities to bring joy and entertainment with their sing-a-longs.

Catholic Charities:

The Giving Trees will return during the Advent Season to benefit Catholic Charities. This is a ministry of our SVDP Society.

Legion of Mary and the Pilgrim Crucifix are no longer active groups at Q of A.

Respectfully Submitted

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Lifelong Faith Formation Update for Pastoral Council 9/15/2021

Last LFFC meeting September 7, 2021, next meeting October 5, 2021

Enclosed is a chart with the latest enrollment numbers for Religious Education.

2020-2021 had 108 students from 65 families. So far for the 2021/2022 school year, there are 99 students from 62 families. We are at 93% of students and 95% of families.

Overall K4-8th Grade enrollment number has been maintained from last year. Almost ½ of the K4-8th Grade losses are after 2nd grade (10 students out of 22). Almost ½ of the 2nd Grade families left after 2nd Grade (9 out of 20 families). Overall Grades 9-11/12 enrollment is down 37%. Almost 2/3 of Grades 9-11/12 losses are from Confirming more youth last year than are incoming from 8th Grade. A trend that continues with only 5 students in 8th Grade and 4 in 7th Grade for 2021-2022. Note that with fewer than 15 Confirmands this year, they may have to look at celebrating with another parish. Retreat facilities may not be economical. There is discussion at LFFC about requiring a student to be in 1st and 2nd Grade Religious Education prior to receiving First Communion. Also participate in 10th and 11th Grade Religious Education prior to Confirmation. Of note is Confirmation student numbers are also down at St. Charles and St. Anthony on the Lake.

There has been an effort to reach out to the 174 families in our (pre-census) data system who have children/youth of Faith Formation age and have not enrolled in Faith Formation. This has been through email, calls and regular mail. 7 responses from non-enrolled families. 1 family has moved away and 6 have enrolled in Faith Formation.

Lydia Heinen has joined the staff as Faith Formation Intern. Her term is from August 30-April 30. Lydia will be working 10-15 hours/week, mostly remotely. She will be on site at least 2x/month for the Middle School sessions and will be working with our young adult community (ages 18-39) as time allows.

Covid protocols for Faith Formation will remain the same as last year with masking, distancing, hand sanitizer, individually wrapped snacks, and MS and HS using separate entrances/exits. In order to keep everyone safe, RE will be continuing the protocols from last year. Grellinger Hall does not have sections, like the church does, thus Covid protocols will remain in place. When the risk in Waukesha County subsides, RE will revisit the protocols.

TV/Stand will be purchased for Grellinger Hall with the remainder of the 2019 Knights of Columbus golf outing grant. This will allow better visibility with two TV's for the large Elementary family program on Sunday mornings. It will also provide a TV for both the MS and HS. Possible other uses would be for TV announcements in the Gathering space or use both TV's in church to pilot the idea of a more permanent screen system.

Daily Zoom Rosary went 493 days in a row from May 1, 2020 to September 5, 2021. Now that daily Mass has returned on all days except Thursday, Daily Zoom Rosary has ended. Zoom Rosary will continue on Thursdays.

There has been an effort to find a young adult representative to be on Pastoral Council. No luck so far but will continue to pursue.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Korn and Cindy Klopp

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT

Revised 9/14/2021

Year	First Communion and Reconciliation (2nd Grade)	Continue to 3rd Grade	Total K4- 5th	Total 6-8	Confirmation (Formation)	Confirmation (Catholic Schools)	Total 9-11	Total Enrolled (not incl Catholic High School)	% Enrolled in Christian Formation Who Are Receiving A Sacrament	Total Enrolled Change Each Year
2011 / 2012	54		-	-	-	-	-	322	-	
2012 / 2013	49		-	-	-	-	-	296	-	-26
2013 / 2014	52		142	54	33	2	65	259	33.59%	-37
2014 / 2015	58		129	56	22	5	67	247	34.41%	-12
2015 / 2016	26		123	44	26	3	55	219	25.11%	-28
2016 / 2017	31		124	49	15	5	53	221	23.08%	2
2017 / 2018	40	18	124	37	19	4	54	211	29.86%	-10
2018 / 2019	15	16	82	34	16	6	51	161	22.98%	-50
2019 / 2020	26	7	87	27	18	3	44	155	30.32%	-6
2020 / 2021	21	8	49	21	19	2	38	106	39.62%	-49
2021 / 2022	14	11	53	20	11	1	26	98	26.53%	-8

Covid

Breakdown by Grade Level

Year	K4	K5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Cath HS
2016 / 2017	6	5	28	31	19	23	12	17	16	16	15	18	15	5
2017 / 2018	7	11	12	40	18	17	19	9	14	14	16	15	19	4
2018 / 2019	5	10	14	15	16	13	9	14	8	12	12	17	16	6
2019 / 2020	6	7	19	26	7	11	11	8	12	7	12	11	18	3
2020 / 2021	1	4	5	21	8	2	8	5	5	11	7	10	19	2
2021 / 2022	3	5	10	14	11	7	3	9	5	6	7	7	11	1