

## Cemetery Update – August, 2022

### Metrics:

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

	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Sts P&amp;P</b>
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
[2020 Totals]	[7]	[5]	[2]
[2021 Totals]	[13]	[11]	[2]
<b>January, 2022</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>February, 2022</b>	1	0	1
<b>March, 2022</b>	0	0	0
<b>April, 2022</b>	1	1	0
<b>May, 2022</b>	1	0	1
<b>June, 2022</b>	3	3	0
<b>July, 2022</b>	0	0	0
<b>August, 2022</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	<b>Running Totals (full &amp; ½ Plots)</b>
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
[2021 Totals]	[16]
<b>January, 2022</b>	3
<b>February, 2022</b>	0
<b>March, 2022</b>	0
<b>April, 2022</b>	0
<b>May, 2022</b>	2
<b>June, 2022</b>	0
<b>July, 2022</b>	2
<b>August, 2022</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>7</b>

**Updates – none**

**Did you know?**

<https://gizmodo.com/the-strangest-real-life-graves-in-the-world-5950719>

## **Female Stranger**

This particular grave site is remarkable, because of the story surrounding it. In 1816 in Alexandria, Virginia a young couple came into Gadsby's Tavern. The woman was ill, and the townsfolk suspected she had Typhoid fever. As the woman's health spiraled down the husband asked for the confidence of the town doctor and the Tavern staff. He revealed their true identities and then had everyone swear never to reveal who he and his wife were. The young lady died and the townsfolk took her identity to their graves. All that stands in her memory is an expensive tabletop headstone that identifies her as Female Stranger:

**To the Memory of a FEMALE STRANGER** whose mortal sufferings terminated on the 14th day of October 1816.

Aged 23 years and 8 months.

This stone is placed here by her disconsolate husband in whose arms she sighed out her latest breath, and who under God did his utmost even to soothe the cold dead ear of death.

How loved, how valued, once avails thee not

To whom related or by whom begot a heap of dust alone remains of thee.

Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be to him gave all the Prophets witness that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

**Acts.10th Chap.43rd verse**

## Human Concerns Report

September 2022

The Human Concerns Commission met on 9/20. Our next meeting is scheduled for **10/18 at 6:00 pm.**

- **Bereavement Ministry**—Nancy started the next session last month. So far no one has been showing up. During the last session there were 10 people coming. If no one attends this Thursday they will suspend the session and start again in January.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—Preparing and making calls to volunteers but haven't started back up yet. Have a few more calls to make. Considering plastic tablecloths rather than linen.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Continues to meet monthly and is increasing the number of layettes they make in order to provide 2 layettes sets for Life's Connection pregnancy support center to be delivered every other month. During the last two weeks of October they will be displaying the layette, which will be good timing with the sculpture. They also donated 6 large bags of hats, gloves and scarves to the meal program. Considering idea of teaching knitting/crocheting to teens, young adults or others interested.
- **Mercy Mats**—Continue to meet monthly on Monday nights. Many volunteers make the mats at home and bring in.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry continues to go to Arbor View weekly and visits approximately 10 people there.
- **Christian Women**—Had their meeting 9/14 with a re-dedication and they discussed their plans for the year. 22 People attended including 3 new members. The annual baby shower, collecting items such as diapers, wipes, etc., is scheduled for October 15/16. This year donations are being collected for the Women's Center, the Food Pantry and Life's Connection pregnancy support center. They will be handing out books at Christmas this year.
- **Respect-Life**—The sculpture, *Memorial for Unborn Children*, will arrive Friday 9/30 at 1:00 pm and will be on display during the month of October. Planning to show a Respect Life movie, *October Baby* on Sunday, October 23. Will invite Krys Crawley from Life's Connections. We will also have a Holy Hour for Respect Life intention on Wednesdays in October.
- **The Band**—Facilities still have varying precautions related to wearing masks/vaccination status, etc. They went to a facility in Mequon and it was well-received. Usually 10-12 people go each time.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Golf outing in August raised \$22,500 for needy families in Waukesha. (Goes to the main SVDP Waukesha office.) Getting ready for Christmas, preparing Giving Trees. There will be 3 trees this year. They will do the red mailbox again where parishioners can anonymously submit requested items for a needy person/family. Funds received from Bingo enabled them to help a homeless family with a security deposit—so they are no longer homeless.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Bingo continues every other Monday at Gina's Sports Dock and will then switch to every 3<sup>rd</sup> month. \$6,936 has been raised so far this

year. \$12,369 since it started in May 2021. All money goes to St Vincent de Paul outreach to help people in the area around our parish.

- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**— The St Vincent de Paul meal program served 150 people on September 15. All were to-go meals. Will do dine in or out.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom and John continue to provide this ministry. Mike Heckenkamp is helping.

Last LFFC meeting September 6, 2022. Next scheduled meeting October 4, 2022.

2022 Formation Intern – Ellie Shaw started on August 29. She will be working with formation for the middle schoolers and assisting with young adult where needed.

Registration – 50 families have registered so far (as of 9/19). 65 families were registered last year. 14 have not been heard from yet, 3 families are taking a year off, 2 families have made other plans, 6 families “graduated”, 7 families have returned, and 3 new families.  $50=65-14-3-2-6+7=3$ . Liz Kuhn has contacted all those families who are registered members of QOA but don’t have their kids currently enrolled. 120 families total. The parish wide census helped “scrub” the database to get a more accurate count of registered families with children of RE age. There were 5 responses, 2 left the parish, 2 registered and 1 inquired. Liz Kuhn has seen a “Sacrament Trap” where families only register during a Sacrament year and then only register that particular child. Discussion about a 2 year requirement of RE for a Sacrament. **Exact numbers for each grade will be provided at the October Pastoral Council meeting.**

Classes- First sessions for Elementary, MS and HS were held on September 11/12 and the first session for Confirmation was held on September 18. The first session for First Reconciliation/First Communion is October 25. The first session for K4 and K5 during the 10:30 Mass will be November 6 when the instructor returns from ankle surgery.

Catechists – Could use 2 more. One for Elementary on Sunday mornings between the Masses and Elementary on Monday evenings. That would allow the classes to be smaller groups. The catechists were blessed at all the Masses on September 17/18.

Bible Study – “What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith” launched on September 14/15. Currently has 25-30 people enrolled for the 2 different times. Heather Druley (Wednesday morning) and Deb Olla (Thursday night). Session runs September 14- November 16.

Book Club – “The Joy of Discipleship” begins September 20/22

Fellowship weekend for LFFC is October 22/23.

Rosary Path – Parishioner and mason, Pat Bero, has started the concrete base to hold the Fatima statues. A blessing will be scheduled once it is completed.

Knights of Columbus Golf Outing was September 9. Many parishioners were involved in planning it and participating in it. Awaiting final numbers, then will inquire what needs our parish has that the golf outing/Knights of Columbus can provide.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

## Prayer and Worship Report

We have gone over a few ideas for making the Bell Tower into a more comfortable confessional. They included several ideas on how to put doors and stained glass windows on either side of the entrance.

We are still looking at ways to promote more parishioners to be lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers. Many who stepped down because of Covid have not returned. Wondering how to reach out to them and make them feel comfortable returning to these ministries.

Until October, we will continue to ask for volunteers to be lectors. After that we will try to assign people. Our list of lectors includes what masses they would prefer.

There will be a Eucharistic Revival meeting on October 22 at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center in Saint Francis. It is open to all that are interested. We don't have times yet, but will make them available as soon as we get them. On October 5, there is an Intercessory Prayer Team training at Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa from 6:30 - 9:00pm. The intentions will be the: Love One Another Campaign, the School of Discipleship and the Stewardship Campaign.

For the month of October we will display the "Memorial for the Unborn Child" statue in the Gathering space. It will include the very beautiful statue and prayer cards and informational material. There will also be a Holy Hour of Prayer for this intention. It will be set up by Jill Teske and Pat Monfre. The days and times will be listed in the Prayer and Worship column in the bulletin.

In coordination with that, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a Table in the Gathering Space to display layettes that they provide for the Women's Shelter and the other needy causes they support.

We are checking into interest for the Pet Blessing in October. Looking at ways to promote this.

There will be 2 First Communions at the 10:30 mass on October 16.

Stephanie Fong has been successful in getting people to take home the Pilgrim Crucifix Cross to pray for priests.

Mary Tannis has added a piece marked "Regular Prayer times" to the Prayer and Worship Column in the Bulletin. It includes days and times for: Eucharistic Adoration, Vianney Cenacle Prayer for Priests and the rosary group.

Ed Pulvermacher is making an easel for the framed Divine Mercy hanging for when it is displayed.

We are also adding a railing on the Bell Tower steps to assist people who are going to Confession.