

St. Mary of the Angels Parish presents

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My Ascended Lord, forty days after You rose from the dead You ascended to the right hand of the Father in Heaven, taking up Your throne from which You pour forth both judgment and mercy. As we honor this great mystery of Your divine and human life, I beg for mercy upon me and upon the whole world. Free us from all sin, and open the floodgates of Your mercy so that all people will share one day, body and soul, in the glory of Your Beatific Vision. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS**

by Deacon Paul

Over the past four years, many of the faithful have been asking about bringing back the distribution of Holy Communion under both species, both the precious body (the bread) and the precious blood (the cup). As you will recall, due to health reasons, the Diocese of Green Bay has not offered the precious blood to the faithful since the Covid epidemic began on or about March 14, 2020.

On March 28, 2024, Holy Thursday, Bishop Ricken issued a PASTORAL INSTRUCTION for the Diocesan Practice of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds. In his letter, Bishop Ricken gives a brief history on the Real Prescence of Jesus in the Eucharist under the forms of both bread and wine. He points out that, prior to the Covid epidemic, liberties were taken with liturgical practices in offering Holy Communion under both kinds to the faithful. He further indicates that, historically, the distribution to the faithful under both species was intended to only happen on certain Solemnities, Feasts and Celebrations—not at every Mass. Consequently, now that the epidemic has passed, Bishop Ricken will again allow distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds, but only on certain Solemnities, Feasts and Celebrations. He outlines those celebrations as follows:

- 1. Divine Mercy Sunday
- 2. The Solemnity of Pentecost
- 3. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- 4. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)
- 5. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 6. Christmas Mass, but only at the midnight Mass
- 7. Easter Vigil Mass
- 8. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 9. The Mass celebrating the patronal feast of the Parish; for us that would be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of St. Mary of the Angels
- The Mass celebrating the anniversary of the rededication of our Parish Church; for us that would be February 20<sup>th</sup>

There is also a special exception to offer the precious blood to First Holy Communicants and to the Bride and Groom at their Wedding Mass.

Outside of these times, distribution of the Cup/ Precious Blood cannot take place.

Bishop also noted that the distribution of the precious blood, even at the above times, is solely in the discretion of the Pastor or Pastoral Leader. At this time, with the advice of our Worship Committee at the Parish, we intend to begin distribution under both kinds at each of the designated celebrations, starting with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the weekend of June first and second, 2024.

If you would like to read Bishop's entire Pastoral letter on this subject, it is available at the Church office.

#### **Updated Stipend & Stole Fees**

by Deacon Paul

The Diocese of Green Bay and our parish are grateful to all those who have generously provided a donation for Masses, funerals, and weddings in the past. The donation for these sacraments and services has remained the same for over thirty years throughout the Dioceses of Wisconsin. Recently, when the Bishops of the State of Wisconsin gathered, they decreed that stipends should be adjusted to reflect the current time. The new stipend structure is as follows:

Mass Stipend \$ 20.00 Funeral Stole Fee \$ 75.00 Wedding Stole Fee \$100.00

This new fee structure will become effective **July 1**, **2024**. It will not be applied retroactively to those who have already paid the appropriate amount from the former fee scale. The new fee structure will be applied to all new requests received after July 1, 2024. As always, if someone is not able to offer the stipend, the parish is always happy to provide the sacrament or service with no fee. Please know, too, that any stipend money collected goes to the parish in support of its ministry and services provided to the parish community; it does not go personally to the Priest or Deacon.

Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others.

—H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Jul. 31

June Wedding Anniversaries			
Jun. 1	Bill & Susan Laluzerne	28 yrs	
Jun. 3	Donald & Janet Follett	63 yrs	
Jun. 6	Timothy & Jill De Wane	37 yrs	
Jun. 8	Rick & Deborah Hartwell	51 yrs	
Jun. 8	Michael & Lorie Bloomer	45 yrs	
Jun. 8	Kevin & Susan King	40 yrs	
Jun. 11	Kevin & Denise Van Ess	36 yrs	
Jun. 12	Kenneth & Carol Neuser	59 yrs	
Jun. 14	Albert & Mary Lou Hendricks	66 yrs	
Jun. 14	John & Donna Tuyls	50 yrs	
Jun. 14	Dan & Cheryl Sacotte	39 yrs	
Jun. 14	Jackson & Melissa Proski	28 yrs	
Jun. 15	Charles & Lenora Rhyner	61 yrs	
Jun. 17	Woodward & Beverly Howland	46 yrs	
Jun. 26	Bruce & Michael Ann Lynch	48 yrs	

To reach something good it is very useful to have gone astray, and thus acquire experience.

—Saint Teresa of Avila

St. Mary of the Angels is delighted to welcome its newest members:



Mateo Rey Trigueros Margaret Celeste Trigueros

Children of Cristian and Emma Trigueros who were baptized on April 21, 2024

#### AND

Jayden Joseph Lundquist

Son of Joseph & Jennifer Lundquist who will be baptized on May 19, 2024

We are all Easter people and Alleluia is our song!!

#### **July Wedding Anniversaries** Jul. 3 Dwayne & Elizabeth Hebert 38 yrs Jul. 5 Richard & Victoria Perron 55 yrs Joel & Chervl Collar Jul. 6 56 yrs Jul. 6 Wayne & Sheri Baumgartner 39 yrs Jul. 18 Randy & Myra Gage 38 yrs Jul. 19 John & Judy Enstrom 38 yrs Jul. 29 Ronald & Barbara Goska 63 yrs

#### **Special Visit**

Joseph & Joann Dais

by Deacon Paul

On Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, one of our oldest Parishioners, Theresa Beerntsen, joined us for Mass at St. Mary of the Angels. Below is a picture of Theresa with Father Finian taken right after the 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass.

Theresa recently celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and

was baptized at St. Mary of the Angels 98 years ago. Thus, Theresa is one of our longest continuous members of the Parish. Congratulations, Theresa, on your 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, your 98 continuous years in the Parish, and Blessings and Peace to you in this Easter Season!



53 yrs

# New Parishioners

Jacalyn Salloum Jaime (Jim) Cuellar-Murillo



Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.

—Saint Teresa of Avila

#### **HOLY WEEK 2024 RECAP**

by Deacon Paul

Thank you to all who participated in our Holy Week services and Masses.

I have been asked to repeat the FIVE PROMISES OR TRUTHS OF MALE SPIRITUALITY by Father Richard Rohr, OFM, that were part of the Good Friday reflection. Here are the FIVE PROMISES OR TRUTHS that apply to all of us and that we all have to bring to the foot of the Cross:

- 1. LIFE IS HARD
- 2. I AM GOING TO DIE
- 3. I AM NOT IN CONTROL
- 4. I AM NOT THAT IMPORTANT
- 5. MY LIFE IS NOT ABOUT MYSELF

Finally, Congratulations to LIAM BARNES who entered the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil Mass on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED.**

Happy Easter to All!!

The Gospel from Good Shepherd Sunday is one of those things Jesus says that should jar us but probably doesn't. "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Really?! This is ridiculous. While we may appreciate the bravery of the shepherd, it is in fact stupid, irrational and reckless. At best this shepherd is some sort of hopeless romantic.

Remember: sheep are absolutely defenseless creatures. They don't have claws; they don't have fangs; they're not fast; they don't have horns that can ward off wolves. The only single protection they have is the shepherd. If, then, the shepherd loses his life, the sheep are left entirely defenseless and devoured. The shepherd's seemingly brave act will be revealed to be foolish and in vain. This parable should be called the parable of the dumb shepherd. Unless the shepherd is more than a shepherd. Unless he can die but somehow, in the process, not only defeat Death but defeat "the wolf."

What do Jesus' words reveal to us about God? After all, this is all a revelation of the Father, whom the Son has come to make known (cf. Jn 1:18). What

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#### MASS INTENTION POLICY

by Deacon Paul

Our Worship Committee has established the following scheduling for weekly or weekend Mass intentions. The reason we need the below policy is that we usually have more requests for Masses than what we can offer at St. Mary of the Angels.

Following is our MASS INTENTION scheduling guidelines:

- Within the first year of the death, you may schedule up to twelve Masses for that person, two of which may be on the weekend Masses.
- 2. For deceased loved ones after the first year of death, you may schedule up to three Masses for a person, one of which may be on a weekend Mass.
- 3. When scheduling an intention, you may be asked whether you are willing to share the intention for that Mass with another intention. We are allowed to schedule up to two intentions per Mass but always make sure that those who are scheduling are aware of that option.
- 4. Sometimes, a deceased loved one has more Mass Intentions than allowed for as noted above. In those cases, another option is to sponsor the SANCTUARY CANDLE. The intention will be put in the bulletin for the week of said sponsorship. The Sanctuary Candle sponsorship is \$5 per week.
- 5. Finally, Masses can always be said for a loved one through the Franciscans in Pulaski in the event more than twelve Masses are given in the first year after death. The parish office will arrange for those Masses if need be.

Please let us know at the Parish Office if you have any questions regarding the above policy.



We received this information from one of our parishioners, Jody Johnson. If you would like to purchase this plaque, or simply get more information, you can do so online at:

www.signals.com or call (800) 669-9696

#### A Message From Beth

Most of you have probably heard that I recently retired from St. Mary of the Angels. I've held many different positions and roles at church. I started out volunteering to clean the church on Saturdays and then expanded to the flower gardens for many years. And of course, with my volunteering I brought my husband Mike and my two boys to volunteer also.

Then I was hired as a part-time parish secretary in the front office. I was sharing the position with Carol Neuser, who taught me well. I was also a volunteer CCD teacher for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

I moved from the parish secretary to the Religion Education Office secretary. From there I studied and received my certifications and joined the staff in the Religious Education Office, now called Faith Formation.

I loved getting to know all the families and preparing children for their Sacraments. Now those students are bringing their children for Sacraments!

It's been very rewarding, but it's time to move on to the next chapter in my life. You will still see me, as I'm still a member of St. Mary's and back full circle to volunteering.

We have a welcoming parish. Anastasia Schmidt was hired for the Faith Formation position and is adjusting very well. She will get to know you and your family in the coming months and will be a wonderful addition to our parish.

Thank you for all you do to build our church.

Blessings - Beth Gajeski

#### What Forgiveness Is — And Is Not

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is the lifting of a burden or the canceling of a debt.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **Deacons May Now Wear Roman Collars**

by Deacon Paul

Beginning May 1, 2024, Bishop Ricken has authorized Ordained Deacons in the Diocese of Green Bay, including myself, the opportunity to wear the Roman Collar on special occasions. These occasions include and are limited to baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital visits, nursing home or assisted living visits or when working at the Parish office as a Pastoral Leader or Coordinator. The wearing of the Roman Collar is optional for the Deacon. The purpose in wearing a roman collar for the Deacon would be for recognition in the above liturgical roles as an ordained minister in the Catholic Church. The Deacon wearing the collar would have a name tag identifying him as a Deacon and would also be wearing a GRAY shirt as opposed to the Black Shirt worn by Priests.

In my current role at St. Mary of the Angels, I plan on wearing the Roman Collar only for funerals, vigils or committals at funeral homes or at a cemetery. I also may wear one when visiting Parishioners in a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility. It is likely that I will not be wearing one on any other occasion.

In the past, only Priests could wear the Roman Collar in the Diocese of Green Bay. Bishop Ricken has made this exception for Deacons to assist the Deacon in his ministry in these specific liturgical roles.

Our parish extends our thanks to Norm & Liz Pagel for donating the Easter Candle to our parish.

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(Good Shepherd Sunday—from pg. 4)

does it say about us – especially those of us who are living in an increasingly hopeless culture, suffering from fear, anxiety and a massive crisis of identity?

Again and again the shocking revelation at the core of the gospel is the truth that for some reason you and I are worth dying for. To God! God sees you. You matter to Him. God thinks you're worth "leaving the ninety-nine" (i.e., the angels) and embarking on the most extraordinary rescue mission ever (rescue from Death and from Satan) in order to bring you home.

Submitted by Anastasia Schmidt

### ST MARY OF THE ANGELS "AROUND THE PARISH"

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS 4/1/2024

- \* Wi-Fi has been increased so that cameras can be added by the garage and school to monitor all areas of the school exterior
- \* The tables behind the gym have been sold
- \* Areas to be cleaned out include the booyah shed, garage, old computer classrooms
- \* Other topics of discussion were grass cutting for 2024, removing the old lift, items in the school to be removed
- \* An electrician needs to be hired to repair the streetlight in front of church
- \* Bells repaired using the services of Lee Manufacturing
- \* A fence extension is needed between the Church and the Flats condominium's metal fence
- \* Concrete needs to be added to the handicap parking lot to prevent ruts in the grass
- \* A back altar shelf by the tabernacle is to be built by Juan, per Diocese request

#### PARISH COUNCIL 4/2/2024

- \* The Outreach Committee discussed Homeless Shelter needs and donut Sundays
- \* Updates from Altar Society, Building and Grounds, Worship Committee, Fundraising given
- \*Partnership regarding school property discussed
- \* 24/25 Parish Council and Trustee selection/ election to be held in June 2024

## FINANCE COMMITTEE 2/27/24

- \* Financial statements for November and December given
- \* Investment of funds discussed
- \* There have been generous contributions from a few estates
- \* The goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal was met
- \* Deacon Paul has been in dialogue and negotiations with a group of investors who have interest in purchasing the school property. He presented to Parish members in Parish meetings, and now needs to seek

approval from the Diocese. If all goes as planned, this sale would be finalized around December 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The Parish will continue to use all but one of the rooms currently used

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2/21/2024

- \* Detailed discussion of specifics for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services
- \* Priest Moderators are able to say Mass for the parishioners at another time and place
- \* St. Michael prayer said after every Mass
- \* Announcements at Mass and in bulletin will not be for non-parishioners
- \* The rosary may be prayed after Sunday Masses in May

#### 3/24/24

- \* Ecumenical city worship service has been postponed indefinitely
- \* Holy Week services—Fr. Feely celebrant for Holy Thursday, Deacon Paul preaching Good Friday, Fr. Finian celebrant for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday
- \* The Diocese has released a new fee schedule. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass intentions will be \$20, funerals \$75, and weddings \$100
- \* St Michael prayer is said after Mass dismissal for all weekend Masses
- \* There are Diocesan Eucharistic trainings throughout the summer at various locations
- \* Deacons have been given the option by the Diocese to wear a roman collar and gray shirt while performing ministry; must wear name tag
- \* The Divine Mercy painting was displayed on Divine Mercy Sunday
- \* Three baptisms during the Easter season
- \* A missionary priest from Milwaukee will be speaking the weekend of June 15/16

#### 4/16/24

- \* Great turnout for the blessing of food baskets on Holy Saturday. Fr. Finian did a most solemn blessing and a little preaching. A photographer should be present next year
- \* Easter Vigil was good—all seven readings used, very powerful, and will be done again next year
- \* The use of the Eucharistic cup will be re-introduced on certain holy days—look for Deacon Paul's article

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on pg. 2 for specifics

- \* There will be Mass on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and No Friday morning Mass on July 5<sup>th</sup>
- \* Discussion of the use of communion rails. At the time the church was being restored the Diocese did not approve communion rails
- \* Fr. Finian may give a talk in the Fall about the 23 different Catholic Churches
- \* This year there is one child candidate for First Communion and some catechumens for fall
- \* On May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cathedral there will be a final commissioning for Tom Truckey
- \* Three families attended the Baptism class held April 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* Vicariate night is scheduled for May 21st
- \* Annual Parish Block Party will again be held August 18<sup>th</sup>
- \* Summer faith classes will be hosted by Anastasia on Tuesdays, starting with dinner

#### **Letter from Deacon Paul to Bishop Ricken**

Dear Bishop Ricken,

I am writing to you at this time to request a proxy for the sale of our Parish school and convent properties located at 626 and 650 South Irwin Street, Green Bay.

I am attaching a binder with exhibits which help explain the terms and details of the sale proposal. In summary, however, I can say that a certain group of faith-based organizations desire to purchase the properties for purposes of continued ministry within the Parish territory of St. Mary of the Angels. The Parish Council and Parish Finance Councils are unanimous in this proposal which will also allow the Parish to continue its presence in our urban Parish territory.

As brief background, the Parish school was vacated by the GRACE school system on July 1, 2017. It has since been partially used as Parish Offices (about 10 % of the building space). Since I arrived as Pastoral Leader on July 1, 2019, I have acquired ten (or more at times) additional Tenants to help pay for the maintenance and repair costs of operation. I also have been managing the repairs and maintenance of

the properties. (See attached Exhibit 11).

This proposal will bring in new Non-Profits as well as allow existing non-profit tenants to fully utilize the properties. At the same time, the proposal will relieve the Parish of future capital improvements and management necessary to keep the 81-year-old convent and the 70-year-old school building in operation. (See attached Exhibit 12 for future necessary capital improvements). In addition, my term as Pastoral Leader will end on June 30, 2025. After that date, the Parish will not have the finances to hire a Property Manager to continue the current Tenant relationships and daily building maintenance.

The specifics of the sale are contained in the Offer To Purchase attached. Basically, the sale price will be \$750,000 to the Parish and, in addition, allow the Parish to continue its use of first floor office space in the school free of rent for a period of ten years. We estimate that the free ten-year rent savings alone is a benefit of at least \$360,000 to the Parish estimating rent of \$3,000 per month for the continued use of the property. The total sale price to the Parish, therefore, would be, by our calculation, at least \$1,160,000.00 (\$750,000 plus \$360,000 = \$1,160,000.00). This is well within the past appraisal estimates.

Again, the current proposal has the support of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council per the attached signed resolutions. The proposal was also presented to the parish at large at a Special Parish Meetings on the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 immediately following the weekend Masses and had the general support of the parishioners.

We would like the approval of this Offer to Purchase as soon as possible but no later than July 1, 2024, per the offer from the proposed purchaser.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In the Peace and Joy of Christ,

Deacon Paul Umentum, OFS, Pastoral Leader

Blessed are those who spoil and snuggle, hug and hope, pray and pamper, for they shall be called grandparents.

# Summary of the April 8<sup>th</sup> Altar Society Meeting

by Barb Perez

Our special speaker was Ellen Tilleman, R.N. Ellen provided information about the Alexandrina Pregnancy Center here in Green Bay. This lay apostolate of the Diocese of Green Bay is 100% volunteer staffed and funded. They provide a wide range of services including pregnancy testing, ultrasound, support and help for women from all walks of life as well as necessities such as diapers, infant formula, clothing and a compassionate judgement-free space. This mission is "powered by the Holy Spirit, serving God by being the face of Jesus" with everyone who comes to their door.

We will be having a parish-wide 'baby shower' in September to collect most-needed items and donations to support this ministry. Watch for announcements on this.

#### Happy Spring everyone!



The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for your continued support through prayer and supporting our Fundraising Events. We had a great turnout for our Soup Fest in February. It was a nice relaxing time to visit with wonderful friends and have some delicious soup and treats.

Our next fundraising event will be on **Sunday**, **June 2**<sup>nd</sup>. PLEASE mark your calendars. This will be our annual Booyah, Brat and Bake Sale. Dan Nitka from the Booyah Shed will be making his famous booyah & brats and we will be calling our "Angel Bakers" when the date gets closer. More information to follow—prices and the pre-order form to order your booyah and/or brats.

Please also mark your calendars for this year's Fall Fest. It will be held at Riverside Ballroom on **Sunday, October 27**<sup>th</sup>. We will have their delicious broasted chicken w/the fixings (including knee caps), entertainment by Daddy D's, a silent auction and bucket raffle. It's a fun time, so we hope you will be able to join us. Please also let your family and friends know. More information will follow when the date gets closer.

We are all blessed to be part of St. Mary of the

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace — only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.

-Anne Lamott

## SMA St. Elizabeth Altar Society Calendar for Remainder of 2024

(Meeting time is 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted.)

#### Monday, May 13, 2024:

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO GATHER FOR A SPRINGTIME LUNCHEON AT THE VILLAGE GRILLE.

(Time: **NOON.** Individual checks.) Please call Barb Perez at 920-327-2308 to reserve your space. Also, let us know if you need a ride.

#### Monday, August 12, 2024:

ALL PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN IN for a carpool visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. We will leave from the Irwin Street office area at 1:00 pm. We will not be having a speaker. We will pray the Rosary there.

#### September 2024:

'Baby Shower' for Alexandrina Pregnancy Center. Date TBD.

#### Monday September 9, 2024:

Speaker - TBD.

#### Saturday September 28, 2024:

**4:00 pm Mass** offered for Altar Society members. All Altar Society members, past and present, please come and sit together.

#### Monday October 14, 2024:

Speaker – TBD.

#### Monday November 11, 2024:

Speaker – TBD.

#### Monday December 9, 2024:

**NOON.** Potluck lunch. Gift of Prayer Exchange.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

DAY OF REFLECTION—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025.

Angels. If any one would like to come to one of our meetings or if you have any good fundraising ideas, please feel free to call Theresa at 920-412-6302.

May God bless you and your families.



The Fundraising Team



#### May

National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024 Ascension Day, May 9, 2024 Mother's Day, May 12, 2024 Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024 Pentecost, May 19, 2024 Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024 Memorial Day, May 27, 2024

#### June

Corpus Christi, June 2, 2024
Father's Day, June 16, 2024
Juneteenth, June 19, 2024
First day of summer, June 20, 2024

#### **Finding Christ**

by James Forbes

In the history of human existence, there exists a universal longing – a yearning for purpose, for connection, for something greater than ourselves. It is a quest that spans cultures, generations and continents – a journey towards a light that illuminates the darkest corners of our souls. For many, that light is found in the person of Christ.

Amid life's complexities and uncertainties, finding Christ is often described as a profound encounter – a moment of clarity, of revelation, of awakening. It's a journey marked by twists and turns, highs and lows, doubts and certainties. Yet, in the mist of it all, there is a prevailing sense of peace, joy and of belonging.

For some, the journey begins with a whisper, a gentle nudge of the heart that draws them closer to the Devine. It may come in the form of a simple prayer, a quiet moment of reflection, or a chance encounter with a kindred spirit. For others, it is a more tumultuous path, a wrestling with doubt, with fear, with the very foundations of faith. Yet, in the midst of struggle, there is a glimmer of hope, a sense that beyond the darkness lies a greater truth waiting to be discovered.

One of the most remarkable aspects of finding Christ is the Transformative power it holds. It is a journey of redemption, of forgiveness, of grace – a journey that invites us to lay down our burdens and embrace the freedom found in surrender.

In my own personal journey, I have subconsciously felt these forces at work for as long as I could rationally think, not knowing what was guiding me. You see, I was not raised in a religious family. I had no formal education in the life and teachings of Christ. Regardless, I had unknowingly been searching for something I could not explain, let alone

understand.

But the Lord works in mysterious ways, and in my mid 20's I was fortunate enough to have been "nudged" in the right direction. I attended adult Catholic education classes and learned as much as I could about the Catholic religion. By the end of my lessons, I knew I had found what I had been looking for and what I had to do.

I was baptized as an adult at St Mary of the Angels Parish. What I felt I cannot explain. When the baptismal water washed over me, it was an overwhelming feeling that left me in awe. In that moment I had my own personal moment of truth, an awakening.

For me, the journey of finding Christ was profound. It changed my life. I believe everyone feels the light of Christ in some way, shape or form, but like me could only see it in the distance and not quite make it out in the dark surrounds. But if you continue to seek you shall be found, and Christ will find his way into your life.

As we journey through life, may we be reminded of the light that beckons us – the light of Christ that shines brightly in the darkness, offering hope to all who dare to seek it. And may we embrace that light with open arms, allowing it to guide us, to comfort us, to transform us from the inside out. For in Christ, we find not only the answers to life's deepest questions, but also the source of all joy, all peace and love.

So let us walk boldly into the light, knowing that we are never alone on our own personal journeys. Christ walks besides us (even unknowingly), leading us ever so closer to the heart of God. And may our lives be a living testimony to the power of faith. For in finding Christ, however that may be, we find everything we have ever longed for, and so much more.

# Easter Blessings

# Easter Flower Offerings were received by the following:

Ms. Georgia Beno Mrs. Kim Dingeldein Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Hebert

Ms. Constant Nolan Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kehoe

#### Easter flower offerings In Memory/Honor of the following were made:

In Memory of Yvonne Biersteker by Mr. Pat Biersteker

In Memory of Allen Woodford Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Don Beck

In Memory of Vern Bodart and The Bodart & De Witt Families

by Mrs. Janice Bodart

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bradley and Breuninger Families by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bradley

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Foster, Van Laanen & Rueckl Families by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Foster

In Memory of Michael Garstecki Family, John Garstecki Family, Ronald Lemense L Robert Liebke by Ms. Mildred Garstecki

In Memory of Carol Gerczak & Jennifer Gerczak-Stellpflug by Mr. James Gerczak In Memory of the Deceased Members of the DeGroot & Hendricks Families

by Mr. IMrs. Al Hendricks

In Memory of Ruth & Frank Dziengeleski by Ms. Mary Jacobs

In Memory of Louie, Josephine & Elden Greatens by Ms. Romaine Juneau

In Memory of Ceil & Stanley Kaminski, Michael Kaminski, Marty Davis, Sharon Kaminski, Leo & Lucille Dudkiewicz, Louis & June Kaminski

by Ms. Kathleen Kaminski

In Memory of Edward L Estelle Kaminski, Keith R. Kaminski, Tammy Lyn Kaminski L Pat Delaurell by Mr. Robert Kaminski

In Memory of Arland Klimek & Leo & Catherine Baith by Mrs. Marian Klimek In Memory of Stanley & Frances Niespodzany and Anthony & Helen Soucoup by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Niespodzany

In Memory of Stanley & Frances Niespodzany by Mr. Jerry Niespodzany

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In Memory of Francis, Martha L Michelle Warden, Clarice L Leland Pagel and the Deceased Members of the Warden, Ropella L Pagel Families by Mrs. Liz Pagel

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Verheyden, Pomprowitz, Dworshok & Bomber Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pomprowitz

In Memory of Stanley & Lenore Poplaski, William Poplaski and Jeanette Jacqmin by Ms. Lorraine Poplaski

In Memory of Gerald Rogers, Reuben & Suzanne Piaskowski, Clarence & Bea Rogers, Tammy Rogers and Susan Kaye by Mrs. Dorothy Rogers

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Donna Schneeberger Family by Ms. Donna Schneeberger

In Memory of John F. Simon and the Walczyk Family by Mrs. Berni Simon

In Memory of Frank Tremel by Mrs. Jean Tremel

In Memory of Tim, Lorraine & John Maloney by Mr. & Mrs. John Tuyls

In Memory of Allen Woodford by Mrs. Sophie Woodford

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#### **Scrip News**

The sales & profit totals for the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) of 2023 are as follows:

Sales: \$ 48,241.00 Profit: \$ 2,551.14 Number of purchasers: 59

St. Mary of the Angels thanks you!!

#### **Scrip News**

The sales & profit totals for the first quarter (Jan-Mar) of 2024 are as follows:

Sales: \$ 33,359.00 Profit: \$ 1,672.94 Number of purchasers: 47

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