

St. Mary of the Angels Parish presents

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What happens if our Priest Celebrant is unable to preside at a Mass?

by Deacon Paul, Pastoral Leader

From time to time, an emergency may occur such that our Priest celebrant does not appear for the weekend or Holy Day Mass. This, unfortunately, happened on Thursday morning, August 15th, at the 8:00 am Mass, as, due to a miscommunication, Father Bill was unable to attend the 8:00 am Mass. (He subsequently presided over the 6:00 pm Mass that day, so Thank You Father Bill!).

In such a situation, either due to illness, or travel issues (Father Bill lives in Pulaski) or miscommunication, when the priest is not present, the Deacon is authorized to conduct a EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE MASS. This would include Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic mystery outside of Mass. Note that it is no longer referred to as a "communion service". The Deacon is specifically trained to conduct this type of liturgy in the absence of a Priest. In such a liturgy, the norms are followed such that there is always a Liturgy of the Word as well as Holy Communion immediately following, assuming there are enough consecrated hosts in the tabernacle. A homily at such a liturgy should NOT be given. In the event of a Holy Day or Weekend liturgy, this liturgy presided over by the Deacon will qualify for the Sunday or Holy Day obligation of the congregation. Any Mass intention scheduled for the missed Mass would be postponed until such time as it can be heard at another Mass.

If a Deacon is not present, such as what happened on August 15th, then another trained and qualified Parishioner, appointed by the Pastor or Pastoral leader, may lead the liturgy. However, in our Parish we do not have anyone so appointed or qualified under the new norms put out by the Bishop's conference. We may have someone in the future that will be able to so celebrate, but currently we do not have such a Parishioner.

Therefore, the policy at St. Mary of the Angels is that if both the Priest and the Deacon are unavailable, the Parishioners will be given instruction by the Lector or Usher to attend another nearby Parish to fulfill the Mass obligation. In our situation, there are at least fourteen other Catholic Parishes within a five mile radius of St. Mary's such that the obligation can

be readily fulfilled in such an emergency. Thus, on August 15th, at the 8:00 am Mass, the proper policy was followed such that the attendees were told of the other area morning Masses. Parishioners also could have fulfilled their obligation by attending the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's.

I hope this somewhat explains our policy in the absence of a Priest. If you should have any questions or want further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Prayer of Surrender

by Deacon Paul

Parishioners have asked for a copy of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Surrender that I recited at the end of the Homily on Saturday, August 10, 2024. So, following is the Prayer of Surrender:

TAKE, LORD AND RECEIVE ALL OF MY LIBERTY,
ALL OF MY MEMORY,
ALL OF MY UNDERSTANDING,
ALL OF MY ENTIRE WILL,
AND ALL I HAVE AND CALL MY OWN.
YOU HAVE GIVEN ALL TO ME.
TO YOU LORD, I RETURN IT.
EVERYTHING IS YOURS.
DO WITH IT WHAT YOU WILL.
GIVE ME ONLY YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE.
THAT IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
AMEN.

New Parishioners



Greg Johanski & Rachael Verhaagh
Children Sophia, Elizabeth,
Nikolaus, and Mary Jo

Deaths



Karen Schroeder
Pat Biersteker

July 26, 2024
August 8, 2024

October Wedding Anniversaries

Oct. 2	Scott & Debra Nejedlo	48 yrs
Oct. 6	Paul & Theresa Umentum	40 yrs
Oct. 6	Daniel & Linda Bins	40 yrs
Oct. 9	Donald & Tina Beck	26 yrs
Oct. 11	Bernard & Jayne Bleuel	38 yrs
Oct. 19	Darold & Marlene Danielski	61 yrs
Oct. 19	James & Dorothy Erdmann	61 yrs
Oct. 22	Jeffrey & Paula Klaus	41 yrs
Oct. 22	Kenneth & Dawn Laurent	30 yrs
Oct. 23	Fred & Linda Janus	53 yrs
Oct. 31	Quinn & Catherine Kerwin	37 yrs

November Wedding Anniversaries

Nov. 5	Steven & Carol Kepler	50 yrs
Nov. 6	Mark & Alison Donarski	43 yrs
Nov. 10	Bradley & Kim Dingeldein	35 yrs
Nov. 17	Champa & Phoukhao Borihane	39 yrs
Nov. 22	Robert & Romana Jonet	68 yrs
Nov. 30	Stephen & Joan Demerath	50 yrs

A Little Background on Fr. Bill

by Fr. Bill Stout

Dear fellow Parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels:

It is with great happiness and pleasure that I have been given the honor of being appointed as the Priest Moderator and Sacramental Minister of our parish. I thank God... and YOU... for receiving me into this blessed ministry.

Given my recent "ARRIVAL on the SCENE" at St. Mary's, it seems only fair and appropriate that in this issue of our Angelus... I offer you a little background info so that I might not remain too much of a 'mystery' person whom you keep encountering here at St. Mary of the Angels Parish. With that said, here is a bit about me.

Your "Fr. Bill Stout, OFM" grew up on the Far Northeastern side of the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our section of the City, and my parent's home, were literally on the "edge" of the City Line. This means that I could go a half a mile **NORTH** of my home and find **Corn Fields and Dairy Farms** and **wide open spaces and woodsy playground spaces** that kids love as their playgrounds. On the other hand, I could also then ride my bike **SOUTH** and find myself in more tightly packed "CITY" environs... similar to Green Bay. I am happy I did not grow up in the too tightly packed "Inner City" environs... and so I find my current location in Green Bay "IDEAL."

If you are curious about my Family Background, here is a quick summation. My Father was an Attor-

ney like Deacon Paul, and my Mother was a wonderful "Home-Maker." My Father's "STOUT" family name traces itself back to English immigrants and American Colonists... arriving in America in the late 1600's. My Mother's Family are Irish immigrants, with my Grandparents being born "Irishmen" and coming from Ireland and into the United States in the early 1920's. I come from the "Big" CATHOLIC Families era --- and my immediate family held 7 children: one son (Me), and my six sisters. When the only son in an Irish Catholic family becomes a priest, well --- as my sisters will tell you—he's like an 'ONLY CHILD' (i.e., a bit "Spoiled"). They love me too much, I must confess. In that sense... I AM SPOILED!

I am a "FRANCISCAN FRIAR" because the Friars of Pulaski, WI were a "Teaching" Order... and their Diocesan High School in Philadelphia was the place of my High School education and my immersion into the distinctive "FRANCISCAN" way of being CHURCH. I attended a local Philadelphia College (LaSalle University, B.S. in Finance/Economics) --- and then attended my Seminary training in Chicago some years later (Catholic Theological Union, M.Div.).

Indeed, you might have guessed that I am a "Late" vocation... having worked a number of jobs before entering religious life at the "**OLD**" age of **34**. My initial post-college work experience included Electronics Industry Sales and then work in the Insurance Industry as a Claims Adjuster.

After being ordained in 2000, my list of Ministry services included the following: High School Campus Minister (9 Years); Parish Priest (5 years); Retirement Home-Nursing Home Chaplain (3 years); Provincial Archivist, Assumption Province... and Internal Service at our Friar Retirement Home (combined total of 6 years). My Adjunct ministries included: Prison

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This is a copy of the letter that concludes Fr. Finian's appointment at St. Mary's.



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July 23, 2024

Reverend Finian Zaucha, OFM
Assumption of the BVM Friary
143 E. Pulaski Street
Pulaski, WI 54162-9287

Dear Father Zaucha:

Following consultation with your Provincial Minister, Reverend Lawrence Hayes, OFM, and the Diocesan Priest Personnel Board, and in accord with Canon 682, §1 of the *Code of Canon Law*, I hereby conclude your appointment as Priest Moderator and Priest Celebrant of St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Green Bay, effective August 4, 2024.

Thank you for the ministry that you have given to the parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels Parish and for all that you do for Jesus and His Church.

With prayers and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

Chancellor
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c: Reverend Lawrence Hayes, OFM, Provincial Minister, Our Lady of Guadalupe Province
Very Reverend Mark VanderSteege, Vicar for Priests and Pastoral Leaders
Very Reverend Dennis Ryan, Vicar
Deacon Paul Umentum, Pastoral Leader

United with the angels and saints of the heavenly Church, let us adore the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Prostrate, we adore this great mystery that contains God's new and definitive covenant with humankind in Christ.



—Pope John Paul II

Note from Deacon Paul:

On Friday August 2nd, or feast day of St. Mary of the Angels, we had over 90 people for 8:00 am Mass and Holy Hour following. Father Finian celebrated the Mass and was the homilist. After Mass he heard confessions for over one hour.

Wonderful turnout and wonderful blessings on our Parish. Thank you to all who participated.

Dcn. Paul received this note from Fr. Pons—

I trust you all had a blessed feast of St. Mary of the Angels. I remembered you all yesterday. Pons

He also sent this photo:



It reads:

MARY OF THE ANGELS

When troubles surround me,
Mary of the Angels comes to me.
Whispering words of Jesus,
"Trust me, you will see."

When temptation lures me,
Mary of the Angels comes to me,
Whispering words of Jesus,
"Trust me, you will see."

When sorrow overcomes me,
Mary of the Angels comes to me,
Whispering words of Jesus,
"Trust me, you will see."

When faith is leaving me,
Mary of the Angels comes to me,
Whispering words of Jesus,
"Trust me, you will see."

Near death when I am sleeping,
Mary of the Angels comes to me,
Whisper the words of Jesus,
Come, now you will see."

(Author's full name is unreadable)

Fr. Bill—from pg. 3

This is a copy of the letter that appoints Fr. Bill at St. Mary's.

Ministry as a Volunteer Chaplain; Volunteer outreach to inner-city poor; Volunteer assistance with home-repair of homes for the poor and indigent; and Weekend priestly ministry as a Weekend assistant to parishes in close proximity to my Friaries.

Finally, I would say that you will find me “enthusiastic” about the Mission of the Catholic Church. And this Mission is to bring all peoples and the world an **EXPERIENCE** of the “**REALITY, SAVING POWER, and REAL PRESENCE**” of Christ into “**Everyday**” settings. My enthusiasm **here** takes on a particular form: to be particularly **KEEN** on helping the **CHURCH** of TODAY to begin again the Post-Vatican II process of Bringing the Laity of the Church to a higher **pitch** and **intensity**. This Higher Pitch and Intensity is simply this: being fully conscious and active Disciples **FOR** our Lord... Disciples who are deliberate and able to purposely “Make an impression” on others by means of a deep personal Communion with Christ that “Spills out” on others... and anoints them with HIS Spirit (the Spirit of the Good Shepherd and the Good Samaritan).

As I am sure you all agree, our **WORLD** of TODAY --- Needs **HELP!** It needs **CHRIST**. And so... I look forward to working with of ALL of my fellow St. Mary of the Angels Faithful in Prayerfully approaching the LORD to beseech His Grace and Divine



July 23, 2024

Reverend William Stout, OFM
Assumption of the BVM Friary
143 E. Pulaski Street
Pulaski, WI 54162-9287

Dear Father Stout:

Following consultation with your Provincial Minister, Reverend Lawrence Hayes, OFM, and the Diocesan Priest Personnel Board, and in accord with Canon 682, §1 of the *Code of Canon Law*, I am pleased to appoint you Priest Moderator and Priest Celebrant of St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Green Bay, effective August 5, 2024. In addition, I hereby grant you the faculties given to priests of the Diocese of Green Bay. These faculties are listed on the enclosed *pagella* of faculties for as long as you hold an assignment in the Diocese of Green Bay, unless otherwise revoked.

As you serve the people of this parish, I know that you will assist them to grow in holiness and to work for the building up of God's Kingdom in the Church of Green Bay. I also ask that you give special attention to promoting and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese. With prayers and blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

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Assistance; the Grace and Divine Assistance that will form and shape us into being “UP TO THE TASK” – the Task of bringing HIM, the “Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Blessing” into our Society and our World. Only **THIS**... can nourish our society and world **back** ... to the spiritual and physical health that God desires. **GOD BLESS YOU, Friends!!!**

Fr. Bill

Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side.

— Fulton J. Sheen, *Life of Christ*

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

7/2/24

School

- * The basketball hoop and rim by the garage have been removed, making gardening easier
- * Still have one booyah kettle that should be removed from the booyah shed
- * Garage needs to be cleaned
- * Discussed having an auction company coming in to see if it's worthwhile to have an auction to sell unused items in the school
- * There's a leak in the porch of the Family Services building

Church

- * Carpet tiles in front of the confessional area are going to be removed and replaced with a new color of carpet tile, so there are extra carpet tiles for areas in the church that are showing wear or large spaces at the seams
- * The handicap door mechanism will be replaced because it's past its useful stage. This will be done by Tri-State
- * Discussion as to how to fix the gap between the fence and the southeast corner of the church wall to prevent people from going through that opening
- * Concrete is to be put where there are ruts in the grass by the tree in the handicap parking lot
- * Discussion regarding the black streetlights at the outside of the church, possibly replace with remote lighting
- * Light above the Cass St. entrance needs to be replaced

FINANCE COMMITTEE

6/25/24

- * Trustee election results: Theresa Doxtater was elected as Secretary Trustee and Mary Hanzel was re-elected as Finance Trustee
- * The 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was reviewed. It will need to be reviewed and amended after the school/convent sale
- * Dcn. Paul met with the Diocesan College of Priests on May 30th and made a presentation of the proposed sale of the school and convent. There were a few questions with small issues relating to the sale.

The request to sell is approved by the Power of Proxy. Dcn. Paul will be hiring a title company, plan for contingencies and secure a broker for the sale. All final documents will need to be reviewed and approved by the Diocese

- * The prospective new buyers will hire a building manager, freeing Dcn. Paul from the daily management responsibilities
- * Young Life and Remnant Church are now renting spaces in the school

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

7/30/24

- * The Aug. 2nd Feast of St. Mary of the Angels Mass was very well attended
- * Aug. 8th was the Introduction to Adult Formation for Fall/Spring which includes Confirmation prep and RCIA
- * If there is interest in a Bible study or 4th day Cursillo group, that can be organized
- * Aug. 15th Masses were at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm
- * Block Party Aug. 18th, Mass time changed to 10:00 am
- * Juan finished the shelf in front of the tabernacle, looks great
- * Discussion of the literature that is provided in the Church building. Currently it is an assortment of newsletters and schedules that the Parish receives
- * Discussion of flowers in church: more live flowers on the altar, artificial flowers can be in front of Mary and Joseph

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

8/6/24

- * After careful consideration, it was decided not to continue doing the Booyah/Brat/Bakery event. Profits have been less every year, despite Dan Nitka not raising his prices
- * The Soup Fest will be done again Feb. 2025
- * The sale of the school building was reviewed. Eleven rooms still need to be cleaned out
- * Massart Auctioneers reviewed items and decided it was not feasible to hold an auction except for the large kitchen mixers. Decisions need to be made regarding what items to be sold/cleaned; thrown out; or donated to St. Vincent De Paul
- * Thank you to Bruce Wozniak who has been selling

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Parish—from pg. 6

items on Facebook Marketplace and eBay. He has generated much income for the Parish doing this

- * Sunday, Nov. 10th is our Fall Fest and Farewell to Fr. Finian. It will be at Riverside, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, chicken dinner at 11:15 am. There will be two ticket options for guests—one for dinner/show, and one for dinner only

- * Fall Fest will also feature a silent auction, bucket raffle, general raffle, and grab bags

- * Soliciting items for the silent auction will begin soon. There will be requests for items, including gift cards. There will be an envelope in the Scrip box for Fall Fest Scrip cards

BLOCK PARTY COMMITTEE

8/5/24

- * Twelve \$25 Scrip gift certificates were raffled off (free raffle tickets)

- * Free food included brats, hotdogs, tacos, cookies, ice cream, and popcorn

- * Activities were face painting, henna art, balloon twisting, craft making, many games, chalk art

- * Live music provided by Kevin Van Ess and Talk of the Town

- * Ecumenical Service at 12:00 pm, which included brief backgrounds of St. Mary of the Angels and Remnant Church, psalms, and prayers

- * A “prayer table” was available for anyone wishing to pray with someone. People from both St. Mary’s and Remnant Church “manned” this table

- * Special appearances by a Green Bay fire truck and ambulance, Glen’s Towing, and Happy Joe’s mascot

- * Donors for this all-free event included Catholic Foundation Grant (main source of funding), St. Mary of the Angels, Remnant Church, Happy Joe’s, Kwik Trip, Festival Foods, Krumbel Cookies, Talk of the Town, Glen’s Towing, Green Bay Fire and Police Dept

- * Event was well attended by neighborhood families, St. Mary’s parishioners, Friar Flats Families, Remnant Church members, and groups renting space in the school building

- * Many volunteers helped with set up, tending various areas, and tear down

You’re never too important to be nice to people.

TRANSITUS SERVICE OCTOBER 3rd, 2024

DEAR PARISH MEMBERS: Please plan on joining Father Bill and myself as well as the Third Order of Franciscans (Secular Order) for the annual **TRANSITUS SERVICE on Thursday evening, October 3rd, 2024, at 6:00 pm in Church.** This service is NOT a Mass, but a commemoration of the passing of St. Francis from this life to the next. St. Francis passed on the night of October 3rd, 1226 which is why Franciscans throughout the world celebrate his passing every October 3rd evening. The service will be followed by a social in Clare Hall at the school. The service usually lasts only 45 minutes and involves a recitation of the passing of St. Francis as well as Franciscan hymns sung by our choir. The Mass for St. Francis will take place on his feast day, **Friday, October 4th**, at 8:00 am.



Please come and join us! Deacon Paul

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.
In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me.

Amen.

The very old and the very young have something in common that makes it right that they should be left alone together. Dawn and sunset see stars shining in a blue sky; but morning and midday and afternoon do not, poor things.

— Elizabeth Goudge

Education Endowment Advisory Board

Summer is coming to an end, but Autumn is starting to work its magic. The leaves of trees and bushes will turn hues of bright yellow, orange, crimson red or shades of rust. The falling leaves cover our paths with crunchy leaves, that give the sounds of change. The air becomes a bit cooler and even crisp, especially early evening, night, and into early morning. The sun's glorifying rays are rising later, and fading faster into evening, but continue to warm our days. Our sunrises and sunsets take on a different look with clouds adding to their splendor from reflections of the sun in different angles. In the fall there becomes a special relaxing feel to nature. It has worked hard all summer long to provide us with its wonderful abundance of green trees, flowers, fruits and vegetables. This is a season of harvesting, thanksgiving, reflection and renewal.

The fall is a time for our parish to give thanks for all the donations and wise investment of the Education Endowment Fund. Just like the glorious fall season, it is time to "harvest" some money from the fund. The grant money comes from the interest of the fund, therefore providing available funds for grants for years to come. These grants fund: mailing permits, funds for speakers, Lenten gathering and materials, Adult education including Confirmation, Deacon Paul's retreat, Senior Outreach and birthday cards, and continued education for the staff.

Any organization from the church can request a grant for funds to be used for educational opportunities in our parish. With reflection and renewal for our parish, the Education Endowment Advisory Board meets 3 times per year. Each November the committee members make recommendations to Deacon Paul as to which requests will be granted. These request forms can be obtained in the office in late September and October. Please check the bulletin for dates the forms are available and due.

The Education Endowment Board is thankful for the opportunity to serve St. Mary of the Angels parish. A special thank you to everyone for their donations. We invite any interested parish members to join us for a committee meeting and perhaps consider becoming a member of the Board.

Thank you, Joan Demerath

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St. Mary of the Angels invited area churches to this year's event

By Jeff Kurowski | On Mission



Deacon Paul Umentum, center, pastoral leader at St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Green Bay, led an ecumenical prayer service at the parish's annual block party, along with Scott Eastman, left, lead pastor at Remnant Church in Green Bay, and Franciscan Fr. Bill Stout, priest moderator and priest celebrant at St. Mary of the Angels. This year's block party, held on Aug. 18, included an invite to area churches. The event is designed to bring people together from the surrounding neighborhood. (Jeff Kurowski | On Mission)

GREEN BAY — Franciscan Fr. Bill Stout called on the words attributed to a 20th-century saint on Sunday, Aug. 18.

At an ecumenical prayer service during the fourth annual St. Mary of the Angels Parish Block Party, Fr. Stout, priest moderator and priest celebrant at the parish, led the reciting of "This is what we are about," a prayer ascribed to St. Oscar Romero, who was assassinated in 1980 while serving as archbishop of San Salvador.

A line in the prayer reads: "It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and to do the rest."

Fr. Stout said that the prayer calls on God's help in restoring "civility and holiness" in the world, but the words can also apply to the purpose of Sunday's event: to bring people together.

"I call it a 'fun-raiser,' not a fundraiser," said Deacon Paul Umentum, pastoral leader at St. Mary of the Angels, about the Block Party. "We don't charge for anything. It's for the neighborhood. It started with the apartments here (the Friar House Flats in the renovated friary building) to get people acclimated to us. We wanted people to know who we are."



Craig and Lilian Bock, members of St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Green Bay, distributed popcorn at the parish's block party on Aug. 18. The event is free of charge for all who attend. (Jeff Kurowski | On Mission)

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Block Party—from pg. 8

This year's block party featured face painting, balloons, arts and crafts, a closeup look at vehicles from the Green Bay Metro Fire Department and Glenn's Towing, raffle prizes and more.

Food served ranged from brats to dishes from the Birriera Xola Tijuana Food Truck, owned and operated by parish members Cristian and Emma Trigueros.

Music was provided for the fourth consecutive summer by parishioner Kevin Van Ess and The Talk of the Town Jazz Band.

The Block Party is partially funded by a grant from the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay.

"We put flyers on doors in a two-block area," said Deacon Umentum. "We want it to stay local. It's a neighborhood event. We don't buy food with the grant (funds). The parish sponsors that. The grant helped us with the band and other entertainment."

"The grant is based on diversity. This a very diverse area, the surrounding neighborhoods, and we have the apartments," said Leanne Snell, a parish member for about 20 years and chair of the Block Party Committee. "This year, we did a new thing. We invited area churches. It's about bringing various communities, various people together."

Remnant Church, St. Paul Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Grace Lutheran and Congregation Cnesses Israel Temple were all invited.

"It's an ecumenical effort and I love that," said Scott Eastman, lead pastor at Remnant Church. "When Deacon Paul said, 'You're welcome to come,' I said, 'I don't want to just come. What can we do to help?'"



Kevin Van Ess and The Talk of the Town Jazz Band provided music at the St. Mary of the Angeles Parish Block Party on Aug. 18. The gathering was partially funded through a grant from the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay. (Jeff Kurowski | On Mission)

Remnant Church set up a prayer table at the event and a station for making tie-dye shirts. Eastman, who joined the Block Party Committee, said that he would like to see more ecumenical opportunities.

"In our last meeting, I said, 'What can we do to

bring Green Bay with us to heaven? Let's work together towards that,'" he said.

"We probably should do more of it. We hope to be invited, and the important thing when we get invited is that we show up," said Fr. Stout about ecumenical events.

"I'm going to make sure that I get to know all the (area) church ministers," he added. "When they are doing something and tell me about it, I will try to get a contingent of us to go over there and vice versa."

For St. Mary of the Angels parishioners, the Block Party is an opportunity to work together and for fellowship among the congregation, said Snell.

"We have a great committee of 13 people. This is a multi-person event," she said. "It can get a little stressful putting everything together, but it's fun because everyone is so helpful. It's a good event to get to know each other."

"It's great for me, I get to meet people outside of Mass," said Fr. Stout, who began serving at the parish in July.

Lilian Bock, a parish member for three years and block party volunteer, said she hopes the event helps to grow the St. Mary of the Angels community.

"It's very nice," she said. "Maybe some people here today will like the church and become members."



Green Bay Metro Fire Department and Glenn's Towing of Green Bay parked vehicles at the St. Mary of the Angeles Parish Block Party for those who wanted a closeup look. (Jeff Kurowski | On Mission)

Remember when....

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time,
And you didn't pay for air?
And, you got trading stamps to boot.

Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me.

— St. Augustine of Hippo

Rocking the Block Party

by Mary Jacobs

What a day! Preface this by months of work, by many but enthusiastically coordinated by Leanne Snell. Her powerful words convinced the Diocese for an unprecedented 4th year to issue a grant to support the Block Party and our community efforts.

Friar House Flats, our campus neighbor, was originally the primary target, but it soon evolved into a neighborhood celebration. This year, it also encompassed an ecumenical element as other local religious entities were included. A 'Pray With Me' area was provided for local and parish folks to engage with others who may not embrace a traditional church, but still be searching for healing, help or sharing.

The day started out cool. The weatherman promised 80 degrees, but the upper 60s with a healthy wind didn't feel too promising. Nevertheless, our Parish muscle men probably appreciated the cooler temp to set up tents and haul chairs.

New menu items included tacos as provided by the Trigueros Taco Truck (what a hit!) and brats cooked up by our own Theresa Williams and Anastasia Schmidt. Food was not included in the grant, but St. Mary of the Angels and Remnant Church generously contributed the good eats for the party. Remnant Church and its Pastor, Scott Eastman, also generously provided water, ice and added a new tie-dye booth to the festivities. Their staff also gamely pitched in with set-up and participation.

What a day! I repeat myself but only because it simply was. The weather eventually warmed to a comfortable 70+ degrees. It's always a grace when people joyfully and generously work together for others – and themselves, too!

Kevin Van Ess and the "The Talk of the Town" band outdid themselves! Their energy was only topped by their excellent music selection, expertly performed! Bravo!

The neighborhood families reveled in free brats, tacos, snow cones, and so many activities...balloon art, face painting, arts and crafts, henna art and games galore!

All aspects were coordinated for this event to be flawless...well, at least possible as it is for a large group of volunteers to be flawless. Tasks were wisely

delegated so that all committee members and volunteers were able to participate in an integrated collaboration. From the very beginning to the final take down, this year's Block Party was a success!

It was a win for all who participated, but an even bigger win for our local community. In a world often conflicted and fragmented, it is warming to have a celebration of people on a summer day in August with diverse folks to simply embrace the opportunity to spend time together and have fun.

SEPTEMBER 28th BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In commemoration of the feast day of St. Francis on October 4th, our FRANCISCAN PARISH will be offering a blessing of animals on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th AT NOON** on the Church front steps. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and also the first person to ever BLESS animals as a gift from God. Please feel free to bring any and all pets and have them blessed on September 28th. Father Bill will lead the blessing of the animals together with myself. We are conducting this blessing well in advance of October 4th, the official feast day for St. Francis, because the feast day falls on a Friday this year. We also want to make sure that other churches who bless animals around the St. Francis' feast day recognize that this is a FRANCISCAN TRADITION properly done at a Franciscan Parish such as St. Mary of the Angels. So, our blessing is offered to all of the churches and people in the Green Bay area, not just parishioners.

Deacon Paul

Just Breathe

Being at the present moment can increase your peace of mind. One example of a simple but extremely powerful relaxing technique is breathing exercises.

Focusing on your breathing when things are getting quite chaotic can help you to be more attuned to the present.

If you are looking for more relaxing techniques that might work for you, you can also try activities such as going for a long walk, listening to music, and writing.

Looking Ahead



September

Labor Day, *September 2, 2024*
National Grandparents Day, *September 8, 2024*
Patriot Day, *September 11, 2024*
Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2024*
First day of Autumn, *September 22, 2024*

October

Columbus Day, *October 14, 2024*
Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 14, 2024*

Votive Candles

by Theresa Umentum



On a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, I picked up the "Votive Candlelighting Prayer" shown to the right. I thought it was wonderful way to make the lighting of a church votive candle more powerful and inspirational.

Votive candles can symbolize many things including:

DEVOTION: A desire to keep a special intention before God in prayer.

INTERCESSION: A way to remember a loved one or pray for someone.

WAITING: A desire for a prayer to continue even when someone can't be physically present in church.

SOLIDARITY: A way to show solidarity with someone you are praying for.

The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith entering the light of God, allowing us to be filled with His light. With the light of faith we petition our Lord in prayer or petition the saint for intercession—to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily routine.

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. NO FOLLOWER OF MINE SHALL EVER WALK IN DARKNESS; NO, HE SHALL POSSESS THE LIGHT OF LIFE". (JOHN 12:46)

"I HAVE COME TO THE WORLD AS ITS LIGHT, TO KEEP ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME FROM REMAINING IN THE DARK."(JOHN 12:46)



Pictured above are Dcn. Paul, Morghan, and Mateo

Votive Candlelighting Prayer

Lord, may this candle be a light for you
To enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions.
May it be a fire for you to burn out of me
All pride, selfishness and impurity.
May it be a flame for you
To bring warmth into my heart
Toward my family, my neighbors
And all those who meet me.
May it be an offering of
Thanksgiving to you for
All you have done for me.
Through the prayers of Mary,
Virgin and Mother,
I place in your care those
I wish to pray for.
Especially.....
I cannot stay long here
With you in your church.
In leaving this candle
I wish to give you something of myself.
Help me continue my prayer
In everything I do this day.

Baptism

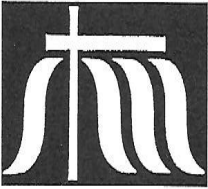
St. Mary of the Angels is delighted to welcome its newest member:



Mateo Javier Lopez

Son of Morghan Dufresne
who was baptized on June 29, 2024

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



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