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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FORGIVENESS

**When he reached the place,
Jesus looked up and said,
"Zacchaeus, come down quickly,
for today I must stay at your
house." And he came down
quickly and received him
with joy. - Lk 19:5-6**



NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Annunciation..... Sunday 8:00 am
St. Joseph..... Sunday 10:30 am
St. JudeSaturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:15 am
St. Patrick.....Saturday 4:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY - 437-3356, 505 Clinton St., Mon-Th. 1-3 pm

LOVE LIFE - 920-497-1087, Thurs. 1-4 pm (not 5th Thurs.)

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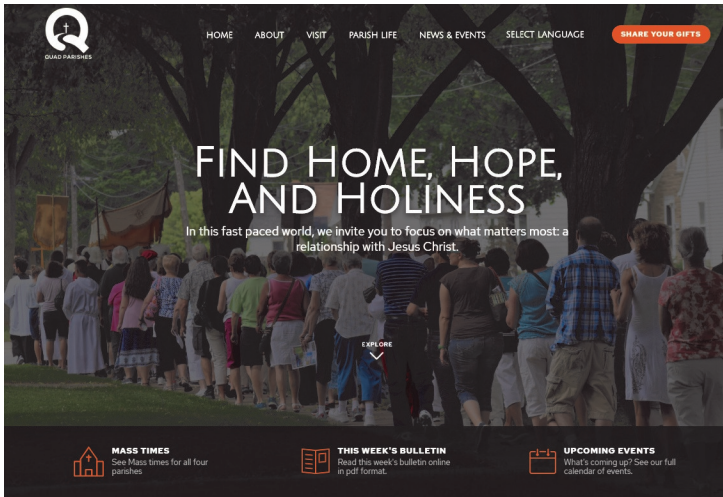
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Women's BINGO Night!

Join the St Jude Women's club for a night of "Over the Hill" BINGO

Thur, Nov 14, 6:30pm, St Jude Cafe

Our theme is black and white so dress the part if you like. All women of the quad-parishes are welcome. Bring a friend. Light refreshments.



Calling All Bakers... Donations Needed!

Bake Sale Sunday, Nov. 17 At St. Joseph

We are asking for any sort of bakery, bars, candies, cookies, or any other Holiday goodies we can sell. Preferably, deliver your donations to the 13th Street entrance on Sat., 11/16 between 1 & 3 pm. We will also be accepting donations as early as 8 am on Sunday morning. Questions, please call Sue at 494-2117.




Carry-Out Booyah & Holiday Bake Sale

Sunday, Nov 17 at St. Joseph 9 am until gone

Booyah proceeds to benefit the St. Joseph Wildcats Football Team
Sponsored by: St Joseph Athletic Club



Volunteers needed... We could use help cutting vegetables on Saturday, Nov. 16, 8-10 am at St. Joseph. Join us!




Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, Nov. 9 8 am - 2 pm
Annunciation Church Hall
Door #5 is handicapped accessible.

Music - Name that Tune by "Jam Band"


Mission Sales
Sloppy Joes, Chili Dogs, Hot Dogs



Hansen's Pizza by the slice or 12" frozen to go!

ITEMS NEEDED:
Miscellaneous items such as linens, dishes, pictures & frames, toys, small appliances in working order, jewelry, knick-knacks, clothing, furniture that can be handled by two people, **ANTIQUES & TOOLS** bring in the most money. Please no electronics! A receipt can be provided so that your donations are tax deductible.

DROP-OFF INFO:
Donations can be placed on the stage on the Annunciation hall during regular parish office hours:
Mon-Thurs. 8:30-4:30
Fri. 8:30-12:00.



For more info, call Jan 497-8714.

Annunciation Mission Society Craft Sale

Sat, Nov 30, 9 am - 3 pm

Annunciation Church, Room 105, enter 1087 Kellogg St.
Door #5 in back of school is handicap accessible.

Homemade items including: rag rugs, quilts, afghans, lap robes (both quilted and crocheted), hats, mittens, scarves, baby sweaters, and misc. other items. Please stop by to see what we have to offer. The monies earned will benefit Missions both locally and internationally for those less fortunate and in need.



Santa is coming to Town! Breakfast with Santa

Mark your calendars for **Sun, Dec 1st** for the Knights of Columbus Council #5382 holiday tradition of Breakfast with Santa. The event will be held at St. Jude's Church Hall and will run from 8-11 AM. The Knights will be serving a delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes and sausages with all the other fixings. A free will offering is requested to help cover our costs and to fund the Knights special charities. Santa will be there along with many other activities for the children young & old. So bring your friends and relatives to this special holiday tradition. It is a great way to kick off the Holiday Season!

WINTERFEST 2020

Winterfest is alive & well, and scheduled for March! It will be filled with FUN, FRESH ideas. Speaking of FUN and FRESH... the committee is welcoming new members to join this productive group. Call the Quad Parish Office to sign up and/or come to the next meeting: Tuesday, 11/26, 6:30pm, Annunciation Rm 105.



Veterans Service Choir

Our Veterans Service led by Dcn Jerry Coenen will be held on Mon, Nov. 11, 6:30 pm at Annunciation Church. We need a large combined choir to honor our Veterans with patriotic music. Join us for practice on Mon, 11/4, 6-7pm, Annunciation. Please enter Kellogg St entrance, door #2.

4th Annual Veteran's Day Service

It is time to say Thank You!
Please Join Us!

Monday, November 11
6:30 pm - Annunciation Church

All are invited to take time to remember, express gratitude, & pray for those who have served and for those who gave their lives for our freedom. We welcome veterans & families of veterans to join us for this ecumenical prayer service. If you or a loved one are a veteran & would like to be honored at this prayer service, please fill out the form below & place it in the collection basket at church. Please submit a separate form for each additional veteran. Social to follow.

For more info, contact: Dcn Jerry glojer1041@aol.com
ALL are welcome!

Veteran's Name: _____



Check one of the following:

- Serving now
- Lost life in service
- Disabled in service
- Served in Armed Forces

Contact information for person submitting this form:

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

The veteran will attend the service: () Yes () No
Handicapped and need assistance: () Yes () No

Annunciation is handicapped accessible, use door #5.
Information must be received by Nov. 4 for participation and accommodations.

Masses

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 am St. Patrick Terry Pasterski

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 am St. Joseph In The Thanksgiving
Mary Truckey

Thursday, November 7

8:00 am St. Jude Hazel LaCount

Friday, November 8

8:00 am Annunciation 150th Anniversary of the
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Saturday, November 9

4:00 pm St. Jude Joe Kuffel
Jean Schmitz

4:00 pm St. Patrick

Larry & Peggy Eisenreich, Mary & Terry Gilliss
Greater Faith, Hope, Love & Trust in our Lives

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Annunciation Joseph Bouressa
9:15 am St. Jude Terry Pasterski
Patrick Costello, Mary Costello-Vandergrift
10:30 am St. Joseph David Van Horn
Donovan & Mommaerts Families
1:00 pm St. Jude - Hmong Mass

Rosary & Communion Service

6:05 am Mon - Fri - St. Jude

Rosary 3:30 pm Saturday - St. Patrick

Reconciliation

Thursday, Nov 7 5:30 pm @ Annunciation
Saturdays 3:00 pm @ St. Jude & St. Patrick
Sundays after 10:30 Mass @ St. Joseph

October Baptisms

Sienna Sherry Kaisershot, daughter of Lauren



With Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died, and the family & friends who survive them:

Marianne Hyska - St. Joseph
Linda Marie Crooks - St. Patrick
Rita Huven - St. Joseph

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

Sanctuary Candles ~ Oct 27-Nov 9



In Memory of
Dan Garvey ~ Annunciation
Terry & Judd Pasterski ~ St. Joseph
Ed Borzych ~ St. Jude
Robert Bergelin ~ St. Patrick

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov 4

1:00 pm	Renew Bible	Annunc. Rm 105
1-3 pm	Food Pantry	505 Clinton St.
6:00 pm	Choir - Veteran's Service	Annunc. Church
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts - Troop 1008	Annunc Hall
6:30 pm	Bible - Acts of the Apostles	Annunc. Rm 105
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 1008	Annunciation Hall
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Athletic Club	St. Joseph LPH

Tuesday, Nov 5 - Voting Day

1-3 pm	Food Pantry	505 Clinton St.
4:15 pm	Choir Practice	Annunc. Church
5:00 pm	Pastoral Care Commission	Annunc. Rm 105
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	St. Joseph Church
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 1010	St. Joe 200-202
7:00 pm	Tae Kwon Do	Annunciation Hall

Wednesday, Nov 6

9:00 am	Bible - Acts of the Apostles	Annunc. Rm 105
1:00 pm	Mission Society	Annunc. Mission Rms
1-3 pm	Food Pantry	505 Clinton St.
6:00 pm	English Classes	Annunc. Rm 109
6:30 pm	Spirit Singers	St. Jude Church

→ **Religious Ed: See Faith Formation**

Thursday, Nov 7

9:00 am	Senior Spirituality Series	St. Joe Rm 102
1-3 pm	Food Pantry	505 Clinton St.
1-4 pm	Love Life (No 5th Thurs)	505 Clinton St.

Saturday, Nov 9

8a-2p	RUMMAGE SALE	Annunciation
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Sunday, Nov 10

10:30 am	Young Adult Choir Practice	Annunciation
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Quad-Parish calendar at www.quad-parish.org

BROWN COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION



The Quad Parishes have been asked to partner with the Brown County Prevention Coalition in a group effort to raise awareness about the risk and prevention of falls in older adults.

A key prevention initiative in Brown County is to reduce falls among the elderly. Falls are the number one injury seen in our four Green Bay Emergency Rooms – with an average of 23 falls each day.

Please pick up a very informative handout at the entrances of the church that will describe your fall risk or someone else's risk that you care about. Our goal is to help older adults stay safe and independent.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ Sat, Nov 9 Rummage Sale - 8am-2pm Annunciation
- ✓ Mon, Nov 11 Veterans Service 6:30pm, Annunciation Church
- ✓ Sun, Nov 17 Booyah & Bake Sale 9 am until gone, St. Joseph
- ✓ Thu, Nov 14 Women's BINGO Night 6:30pm, St. Jude Cafe
- ✓ Sat, Nov 30 Mission Society Craft Sale, 9am-3pm Annunciation Rm 105
- ✓ Sun, Dec 1 Breakfast with Santa 8-11am, St. Jude Cafe
- ✓ Fri, Dec 20 Love Life Barnes & Nobel Bookfair 2498 Oneida & online ID#102556205

PARISH NEWS

Thank you for Supporting Scrip!

Last Week's Sales: \$13,837.00 Profit: \$605.56
Customers: 54 New Customers: 0



Fleet Farm's Toyland is OPEN! Early Christmas shopping begins and we have FF Scrip!!

There are two Scrip purchases every Parish household can make... GROCERIES AND GAS. Check out and pay with Scrip at your grocery store (Woodmans, Festival, Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly and Walmart) and fill your tank at a Scrip gas station (Kwik Trip, Shell, Fleet Farm) and you are making a donation to the parish that adds up each week.

Come check out what Scrip has in stock; several are local businesses! Visit shopwithscrip.com if a vendor isn't on our order form. All the way to the bottom there is a "retailer list" tab to click on.

Anybody can use scrip!



FAITH FORMATION

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8am-1pm, Wed 1-3:30pm
Closed Friday. Or, call for an appointment.
936 Ninth St., GB 54304 497-7042



Find Home, Hope and Holiness

RE Classes for Wednesday, Nov 6

4K - Gr. 8 5:30-6:45pm

High School 6:30-8pm

GRADES 6-8

Wed, Nov. 6 7-8 pm FFC Game Room

YOUTH GROUP



**Grade 3 Students & Families
Teaching on the Mass 5:30pm
Wed, Nov 13 St. Joseph Church**

We're excited to invite our 3rd grade families to our *Teaching on the Mass* event on Nov 13. This event, lead by Fr. Dave, is not an actual Mass but a question and answer session in church that explains all the different parts of the Mass and why we do them. Each 3rd grade student should have a family member attend with them. Questions? Contact, Kristin @ klaplante@quad-parish.org or 497-7042 x119.

**Grade 4 Field Trip to Hope Center
Wed, Nov. 6 5:30pm**

The 4th graders will be traveling by bus to the Hope Center during class to learn about their wonderful ministries. Students will return to the FFC by bus before class ends.



Parents are welcome to attend too!

Catechists Needed

We are still hoping for 2 Middle School Core Team Members to help round things out for this year. This role is not very stressful or time consuming. It is very fulfilling to be able to walk with our young children and share the faith with them. Our young children are the future of our church and it is important that we invest in them. If interested, contact Kristin LaPlante at 497-7042 or klaplante@quad-parish.org.

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Severe Weather

There are no plans to cancel morning masses in case of severe weather; however, for safety reasons, be very conscientious about coming out in inclement weather. Your safety is of utmost importance and we cannot guarantee that parking lots will be cleared. Please use your best judgment. The Faith Formation Center, St. Patrick Food Pantry & Love Life will be closed when the schools close. Every attempt will be made to have the Quad-Parish offices open, but please call before coming since we may get in late or leave early. Our main concern is keeping everyone safe and we don't want you coming to the office if it is not open.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sat, 11/9 St. Pat & St. Jude
Sun, 11/10-St. Jude

AED Notice

There is an AED (automatic defibrillator) at each parish. These are meant to be used in case of a cardiac situation. They are located in the following locations: St. Jude & St. Patrick it is located in the ushers room, Annunciation in the Kellogg St entrance, and at St. Joseph it is located outside the church doors leading into the school hallway.





GOSPEL TIME

Children ages 4 through 10 are invited to hear, discuss and participate in activities relating to the readings of the day at their own level. This takes place during Mass in a nearby room of the church with an approved adult. Children will then return to Mass before the Eucharistic Prayer. Gospel Time is free and there's no registration needed!

Would you like to help with Gospel Time?

All that's required is a desire to help children take a more active part in the celebration of their faith! All materials & training are provided. If you are interested, please contact Kristin LaPlante at klaplante@quad-parish.org or 497-7042. Our goal is to provide & grow the Gospel Time program at each of the parishes:

Annunciation - Sun 8am **St. Joseph - Sun 10:30am**
St. Jude - Sun 9:15am **St. Patrick - Sat 4pm**



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS

1204 Fisk St., Green Bay, 494-1931



Sun, Nov 3 - Packer Tailgate, 2pm Drift Inn, De Pere. Food-Raffles-Fun! Tickets, \$15 available at school office. All are welcome to this Fundraiser!

Fri, Nov 8 - Early Release Day at 11:30 am

AREA NEWS

St. Agnes Men's Club Fall Booyah Carryout

St. Agnes Parking Lot – corner of Fisk & Ninth
Sunday, Nov 3, 9am–1pm or until gone
Proceeds benefit local charities

Notre Dame Academy Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

The NDA band is going to Memphis, TN if you are interested in helping support this trip, you can order a beautiful Poinsettia, Wreath, Swag or Garland. To order: Prior to 11/7, contact a NDA student, or call NDA 920-429-6100.

Living the Joy of the Gospel

November 4 - 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 2771 Oakwood Dr., Green Bay

**A Loving God
The Cause of
our Joy**
Nov 4
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**The Gift of
Mercy**
Nov 5
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Sharing the Joy
of the
Gospel**
Nov 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

No need to RSVP.
No cost but evening
freewill offering.

With mass shootings, addiction, human trafficking, climate change and so many other challenging issues, it's tempting to succumb to a mood of darkness and sadness. Yet Pope Francis calls us to live the joy of the Gospel. Fr. John Anglin, OFM, Franciscan friar and priest, will inspire us to let the love of God touch our hearts so that we can have a joy that sustains us even in the most difficult times. Fr. John Anglin, OFM, will also be celebrating Masses with us November 2-6.



Fr. John Anglin, OFM, was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. He's conducted more than 500 parish missions and presented many retreats for priests and religious. He is author of two books. Visit www.seasgb.org for more info or call 920.499.1546.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Andrew & Coreen Wagenbach
Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul



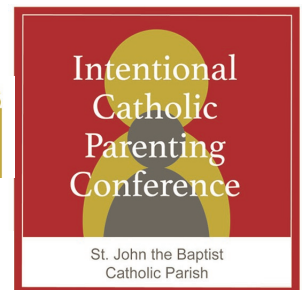
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16TH, 2019



9:00AM TO 12:00PM



Gain insights how to parent with the Catholic Faith in mind, how to set priorities in the context of living out the Catholic Faith and how to navigate our secular culture with children.

“Home Sweet Home” Breakfast & Silent Auction Sunday, Nov 17, 9:00am-1:00pm

St. Agnes Parish Social Hall, 1484 Ninth St., GB

Homemade pancakes, sausages, hand-spiced apple cider, milk & coffee along with homemade baked goods.

Adults \$5 (\$6 at door) – 10 & under \$2 (\$3 at door)

Tickets at St. Agnes Parish Office during business hours. The Silent Auction features baskets with amazing treasures and handmade surprises for you to bid on. You never know what you'll find!

Cody Clauson Trio Music & Dinner Show

Saturday, December 14th - 1:00 PM Show

\$70 includes show, buffet lunch, transportation.

For reservations, call Judy 499-3248 or Nativity 499-5156. Make check payable to Nativity Parish. Mail payment to 2270 Oneida St., Green Bay, WI 54304.



November 2019

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Oshkosh Catholics gather twice a month for night of rosary making

BY JAYE ALDERSON | FOR THE COMPASS

OSHKOSH — On two Friday evenings a month, a small, dedicated and genial group of volunteers gathers at Father Carr's Place 2B. There is a lot of laughter, chatting and a lot of treats.

But they gather for a serious mission — to create handcrafted rosaries to provide a means and encourage others to pray the rosary.

"We want to recapture the beauty of our faith," said Fr. Dave Duffeck, who presides at Masses at Father Carr's. "We're trying to reignite and bring back the Marian devotion."

October is traditionally observed as the month of the rosary, and Fr. Duffeck said the group wants "people to get back to praying the rosary. It's a lost great treasure of the church. We don't give the rosaries as gifts. We're here to give teaching tools."

The rosaries are eagerly received. In the five years Fr. Duffeck has facilitated the effort at Father Carr's, about 5,000



MICHAEL COONEY | FOR THE COMPASS

Joanne Wertz hangs a nylon cord rosary on a rack with hundreds of other handmade rosaries at Father Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh. A group of volunteers gathers twice a month on Fridays to make the rosaries. Over the past five years, approximately 5,000 rosaries have been made.

rosaries have been made and distributed to groups such as March for Life participants, confirmation classes, first Communion classes, Spiritus and other retreat groups.

In return, the rosary group asks only freewill offerings and earnest use of the rosaries.

"Every grace we need we get from Christ," Fr. Duffeck said.

"Christ is the revelation of God. The power of God, the grace of God to live the life of Christ — that's what the rosary is."

The rosaries are made using a generations-old pattern: colorful nylon cord that is washable and durable.

Our full story appears in the Oct. 11 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we have seen how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit led the early Church to realize that God's offer of salvation in Christ is intended for people of every nation. A critical moment in this process takes place when, in a dream, Saint Peter is told that henceforth no food is unclean in God's eyes. Almost immediately, a Gentile, the Roman centurion Cornelius, comes to Peter and, while hearing him preach the Gospel, receives, together with his household, the gift of the Holy Spirit and is baptized (cf. Acts 10). These events led Peter to open his mind and heart to the "creativity" with which God was extending to all people the blessings promised to Israel. Peter's discernment of God's universal saving will was the mark of a true evangelizer, who desires to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone.

+ Pope Francis,
Oct. 16, 2019

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Golden retriever is Roncalli High School's first service dog

BY SUZANNE WEISS | FOR THE COMPASS

MANITOWOC — Roncalli High School has a furry new friend this year. Benson, a 1-year-old, 60-pound golden retriever, is the Manitowoc Catholic high school's first service dog.

His emphasis is on serving students, said Shannon Pritzl, admissions and alumni coordinator at Roncalli. Shannon, an alumna

herself, spent the past year raising and training Benson, and is his certified handler.

The need for service dogs in schools and other institutions has been growing, Shannon said. "We are identifying more individuals who have physical or cognitive disabilities, or emotional needs," she said.

Benson, who wears a navy-blue vest with a patch that reads "Roncalli Jets," is

a mother-daughter project. He came from Custom Canines Service Dog Academy, a nonprofit organization based in Madison, where Shannon's daughter and Roncalli graduate Payton Pritzl is a senior trainer and puppy raiser. The organization raises, trains and places service dogs at no cost.

Our full story appears in the Oct. 4 issue.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About St. Andrew

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 The Apostle Andrew's feast day is Nov. 30, placed so it falls near the start of Advent on the church's calendar.
- 2 Andrew, brother of Peter, was the one who told Peter about Jesus in John's Gospel (1:35-42).
- 3 For this reason, the Eastern Orthodox churches call Andrew, Prôtoklêtos, or "first-called."
- 4 After the first Pentecost, Andrew went east and preached the Gospel in what was then called Scythia, now a part of central Eurasia that includes Ukraine, the Balkans and Russia.
- 5 Andrew is the patron of Scotland, which is why St. Andrew's Cross — the symbol of his martyrdom — appears on the Scottish flag.

Our commitment to the unborn

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

During the month of October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. This year's theme, "Christ Our Hope:



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

In Every Season of Life," reminds us that the Gospel message calls us to view every life as sacred, regardless of age, health, ability or anything else. The message of Respect Life Month challenges us as Christians to speak out in support of life that is under attack, whether as a result of abortion, violence, terrorism, poverty or assisted suicide.

The Catholic Church has long been a leader in advocating for life, in particular when it comes to the issue of abortion. Recently, we received some good news in regards to abortion when the most recent abortion statistics were made available. The data, tracked by the Guttmacher Institute, indicates that the number of abortions in 2017 decreased by nearly 200,000 compared to the last time the data were collected in 2011. At the same time, the rate of abortions, that is the number of abortions per 1,000 women, is 13.5, down 3.4 from 2011. In fact, the abortion rate today has decreased by over 50% since 1980!

While pundits will debate the exact reasons for this decrease, the fact that the number of abortions is in decline is very good news! This is evidence that the culture of life is powerful and more people are coming to

recognize the inherent dignity of the unborn. Through the powerful witness of people who participate in events like 40 Days for Life and the March for Life, we are seeing more people who identify as pro-life, especially among youth and young adults, whom some have referred to as the pro-life generation.

I have to say it again, this is good news! We thank God for the progress we are making on this issue.

Yet, in the midst of this good news, there remain concerns. One abortion a year is one human who will never get the chance at life, and that is one too many. The data also indicate that medical, or chemical, abortions are increasing. Medical abortions occur when a woman ingests two pills, one that ends the baby's life and a second that induces labor. While these pills are regulated, there is some evidence that women can access these pills online, and therefore the number of medical abortions may be even higher than the data show.

Even here in the Diocese of Green Bay, we recognize this challenge. Though we are happy that the clinics in our diocese that once performed abortions have closed, data from the State of Wisconsin indicate that roughly 21% of medical abortions within the state occur within the Diocese of Green Bay, meaning abortions continue to take place in our diocese.

So, while we celebrate the progress that has been made, we remain steadfast in our commitment to support the lives of the unborn and of all human beings. Let us never forget that we are people of the resurrection.

The entire column appears in our Oct. 18 issue.

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Sturgeon Bay's tri-parish faith formation program sponsored a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse Sept. 11 and 12. They also visited Mary of the Angels Chapel on the grounds of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and the Grotto Gardens honoring Our Lady of Lourdes in Rudolph.

Verbal & Bulletin Announcements

To get your event included in the verbal announcements at Mass, please submit your request to jpoehlmann@quad-parish.org or call the parish office by Wednesday, 3 pm. We ask that verbal announcements be no longer than two sentences, especially if it is also in the bulletin. Bulletin requests are due to Laurie by noon on Monday. Thanks!

NOTICES

Prescriptions & Health Aids: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Green Bay Medical Sewing Mission can no longer accept any medications. Individuals can work with the Green Bay Police Dept. regarding proper disposal. We can still accept diabetic insulin/supplies, crutches, wheelchairs, commodes, braces, slings, hearing aids & glasses. They can be dropped off at the QP Office.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse, of a person who is now under the age of 18, by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, please **immediately** call the civil authorities and then the diocese.

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact Office of Safe Environment Diocese of Green Bay, 920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174.

We always encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities. You matter to us - there is hope!

ATTN: SCRIP CARD USERS

When you pay with scrip or a gift card, do you sometimes have a small balance left on the card? Would you consider donating that card to those in need? We often get walk-ins requesting money to purchase gas, food, or prescriptions. The small balances left on your gift cards could add up to be enough to help someone have their next meal, pick-up a prescription, or purchase gas to get to a doctor appt, an out-of-town funeral, or to work the next day. Cards can be dropped in the collection baskets, or at the Quad-Parish or Faith Formation Office. It would be helpful if you would indicate the balance left on the card.

PRAYER VINE

Do you have a special need for prayer? If you or someone you know needs a few extra prayers said for them, you can call the Quad-Parish Office at 496-2160.

It is not necessary to give names or specific details. Request examples: "Please pray for Sue (or 'a lady') that is going to Marshfield for testing" or "Please pray for my new grandson who was born two months premature."



Friendly Reminder: When going to church, **please** don't apply perfume or cologne. They can cause irritation or severe reaction to people who have allergies or asthma. Thank you for being considerate of others.

HOPE CENTER

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The Hope Center is a collaboration of the West Side Catholic parishes of Annunciation, St. Agnes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph, St. Jude, Nativity & St. Patrick who work with other faith communities on the west Side of Green Bay to help break the cycle of poverty. To find out more about our ministries and services, or to learn how you can volunteer or donate, we invite you to check out our new website!

MEMBERSHIP

To register for entrance of family or individual name in Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude, or St. Patrick's registry, contact Sr. Pat, 496-2160.

Your most important commitment and contribution is your presence at the Sunday Eucharist, "...the source & summit of our life is Christ." Beyond that, we are "Sacrificial Giving" parishes, asking that you share your material and financial support, time and talent as God has shared with you, and according to your prayerful decision.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

We rejoice with you as you look to have your child baptized! For initial preparation and to schedule a date for the Baptism, please call Nancy at 497-7042.

Marriage

Contact the Quad-Parish Office at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Homebound or Nursing Home Visits/ Communion Calls

Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or incapacity may request a Minister of Care to visit and bring Communion. Those seriously impaired by sickness or old age may also request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call Sr. Jan at the Quad-Parish Office, 496-2160. If it is an emergency after hours, please call 617-8646.

To help us keep track of our parishioners, we ask that families (and neighbors) let us know when a loved one or neighbor is homebound, in a nursing home or in an assisted living facility so that we can provide visits and care. Also, please let us know if someone is receiving Hospice Care so Pastoral Care can be provided at this difficult time.

Hospitalization

Please ask admitting personnel to inform your parish whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized. If at all possible either a priest or a pastoral associate will visit. Privacy concerns do not permit the hospital to initiate the contact.