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DECEMBER 8, 2019



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Annunciation Sunday 8:00 am
 St. Joseph Sunday 10:30 am
 St. Jude Saturday 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

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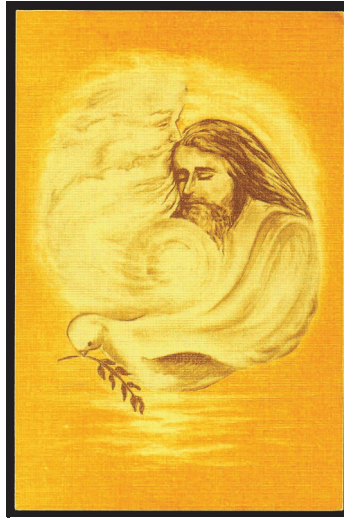
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Prepare Him Room

Christ was born for the redemption of the world; for each of us. This is the greatest love story ever known. It begins with God asking; as the angel appeared to Mary, and her humble yes to become the mother of God. It continues with Joseph choosing to be a part of it all; to stand by Mary's side, to raise Jesus, to nurture and protect, and to become the Holy Family. The family of God is forever, created for us, and we too are desired, chosen, and held close in that love.



Taking part in this great love story was not thrust upon Mary or Joseph, just as it is not forced upon us. We must choose to turn to God, day in and day out. We must answer as He beckons to us. When we do, the embrace is complete, touching every fiber of our being and creating a burning in our soul to become even closer with Him.

It is Jesus. Through Him, With Him, and In Him. What is it about the way we live and worship that identifies us as Catholic? Is it the miracle of the Eucharist, in which we are able to partake at Mass, as the Supper of the Lord transcends time and joins the heavens and the earth; that the bread and wine will be forever changed to the Body and Blood of Christ? God is outside of time and space. We have been called to take part as we prepare to receive the love of God, born in our hearts. It is through this great love that we become.

We have been destined to be a part of it all, in the most brilliantly loving way, we are all chosen as the sons and daughters, having been created by God, in love. We are all adopted by God, invited into the most intimate and loving relationship possible, with Him. It is through this relationship that we are defined; by the freely-given love of our Creator, Lord - by the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Let every trip to church become a joyful pilgrimage to the House of the Lord, rejoicing on the journey, thankful that we are free to worship together at will. It is time to search out and reach for God with a longing embrace. It is time to glorify God through love and deepening and sought after relationship.

Jennifer Poehlmann, Quad Parish Liturgical Coordinator



Jesse Tree Helping Our Neighbors



During Advent, the Pastoral Care Commission is sponsoring the Jesse Tree project. The beneficiaries this year are **Freedom House** (Annunciation), **Golden House** (St. Jude), **St. John's Homeless Shelter** (St. Joseph's), and **Grancare Nursing Home, McCormick Assisted Living and Love Life** (St. Patrick).

Please visit a tree, choose an ornament (item needed is noted on the back), purchase and return the item by Dec.14/15 to the church from which you chose the ornament. This ensures your gift goes to the correct beneficiary.

At Annunciation, St. Joseph and St. Jude:

Collection boxes will be at the church entrances for you to place your unwrapped gift with the ornament attached.

At St. Patrick place all gifts under the tree:

- **Grancare Nursing Home & McCormick Assisted Living** items, please wrap the gift and securely attach the ornament. Each ornament has a number that corresponds with a specific individual in the nursing home.
- **Love Life** items do NOT need to be wrapped, but please attach the ornament.

To make a monetary contribution, place your check, made out to the shelter of your choice, in an envelope, and put it in the collection basket.

Idea... As you are purchasing items from the Jesse Trees, please use \$crip and provide an additional benefit to the parishes.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Sat, 12/14, 8:30-10am @ Annunciation
Tues, 12/17, 4:15pm @ Annunciation
Tues, 12/17, 6:30pm @ St Joseph



Cookie Walk & Craft Fundraiser **Sat, 12/14, 10am- 4pm, St Patrick Hall** **Christmas Cookies, Candy** **& Homemade Crafts**

Proceeds to benefit Church & Oratory restoration & beautification fund.



ADORATION MUSIC CONFESSION

Encounter the love of Christ
through prayer and song.

Thursday, Dec 12
7:00 pm Exposition
7:15 pm Music/Confession
8:15 pm Benediction
8:30 pm Fellowship

Church of the Annunciation, 401 Gray Street

Reconciliation Opportunities

Quad Parish Confession

Saturdays: 3:00 pm @ St. Jude & St. Patrick
Sundays: 11:30am @ St. Joseph
Thursdays: 12/19, 12/26 - 5:30 pm @ Annunciation
Thursday, 12/19 - 5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Adoration, Music & Confession

Thurs, Dec 12 – 7-8:30 pm @ Annunciation

Refresh, Relate, Recharge Advent Series

Thursday, Dec 19 - 5:30 pm @ St. Joseph
Rest in the Lord's presence.
Pray the Psalms.
Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!

St. Joseph Church will open at 5:30 pm & we will expose the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will be available at this time.

At 6:00 pm, we will repose the Blessed Sacrament and pray Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Games & food will follow as we come together for fellowship in the Cafe & Game Room following prayer.

Our hope is that this will be an event that is super easy to plug into for anyone who would like to attend. Don't feel that you need to come for the entire evening, you are more than welcome to attend any part of it, and you can invite anyone that you want!

(The 2nd Thursday of each month, on which we will still have our evenings of Adoration, Music, and Confessions starting at 7 pm at Annunciation Church.)

We are really looking forward to these evenings and we hope you are too!

West Side Advent Penance Services

Tues, 12/10 – 6:30 pm @ Nativity of Our Lord
Wed, 12/11 – 6:30 pm @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Masses

Mon, December 9 - Immaculate Conception
8:00 am Annunciation For All Those Suffering
5:30 pm St. Joseph John & Lucille Verboomen & Sons

Tuesday, December 10
8:00 am St. Patrick Edward & Selma Wertel

Wednesday, December 11
8:00 am St. Joseph Stanley & Irene Blahnik
Rita Huven

Thursday - December 12
8:00 am St. Jude Victims of Natural Disasters

Friday, December 13
8:00 am Annunciation
Alberta & Calvert Boyle and Ann Heald


Saturday, December 14
4:00 pm St. Jude Myra Pierner
Mike & Jeff Euclide and Sarah & Ray Rasmussen
Lorraine Mande
4:00 pm St. Patrick - **Youth Led** Robert Bergelin
John & Lucille Verboomen & Sons

Sunday, December 15
8:00 am Annunciation People of the Quad-Parishes
9:15 am St. Jude Harold Heigl
10:30 am St. Joseph St. Joseph homebound
parishioners and those living in care facilities
1:00 pm St. Jude - Hmong Mass

Rosary & Communion Service

6:05 am Mon - Fri - St. Jude

Rosary 3:30 pm Saturday - St. Patrick



Sanctuary Candles ~ Dec 8-21

In Memory of
Donald Process ~ Annunciation
Deceased members of
Terrien & Ronsman Families ~ St. Joseph
Donald Process ~ St. Jude
Sophia Cash ~ St. Patrick

With Sympathy

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

Lorraine Mande - St. Jude
Murray Trudell - St. Patrick

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.”



CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 9

1-3 pm Food Pantry 505 Clinton St.
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Troop 1008 Annunc Hall
 6:30 pm Bible - Christian Mystical Annunc. Rm 105
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop 1008 Annunciation Hall

Tuesday, Dec 10

1-3 pm Food Pantry 505 Clinton St.
 4:15 pm Choir Practice Annunc. Church
 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, Dec 11

9:00 am Bible - Christian Mystical 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, Dec 12

12:00 pm Book Discussion Annunc. Rm 105
 1-3 pm Food Pantry 505 Clinton St.
 1-4 pm Love Life (No 5th Thurs) 505 Clinton St.
 5:30 pm Women's Club Off Site

Saturday, Dec 14

8:30 am Christmas Choir Practice Annunc. Church
 10a-4p Cookie Walk St. Patrick

Sunday, Dec 15

8-10 am Young Adult Choir Practice St. Joseph Chapel

Quad-Parish calendar at www.quad-parish.org

Green Bay Holiday Parade

Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 4094 (Church of the Annunciation BVM) participated in the 2019 Green Bay Holiday Parade to help promote our local program, which seeks to teach area children of all faiths citizenship and lifelong service. For information about how your child can become a Cub Scout, please contact Cubmaster Leo Campos by email at: Cubpack4094@gmail.com



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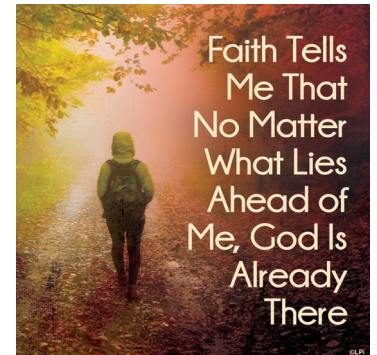
- ✓ Thu, Dec 12 Book Review: Who Is This Man
12 pm, Annunciation Rm 105
- ✓ Sat, Dec 14 Cookie Walk & Craft Sale
10am-4pm @ St. Patrick
- ✓ Sun, Dec 15 Jesse Tree Project Ends
Gifts due to church today
- ✓ Mon, Dec 16 Christmas Flower Donations Due
- ✓ Fri, Dec 20 Love Life Barnes & Noble Bookfair
2498 Oneida & online ID#102556205
- ✓ Mon, Dec 23 Decorate St Joseph Church, 9-11 am
All invited to help!
- ✓ Sat, Mar 14 Winterfest

Book Discussion Thurs, Dec 12, 12 pm Annunciation Rm 105

"Who is This Man"
 by John Ortberg

A light lunch will be served.

Reservations appreciated,
 but not required.
 Call 496-2160.



Bookfair Friday, Dec. 20th

Love Life Ministry will be holding a Bookfair at Barnes & Noble on Fri, Dec. 20. If you are planning to purchase books (Christmas gifts) for yourself or family member, please consider using the voucher printed below. It doesn't cost you anything but we will receive a percentage of your purchase to help our ministry. Just turn in the voucher when you check out. **Please remember to use scrip to pay for your purchases.** Thank you for your support!

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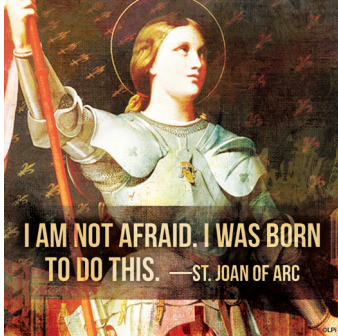
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Food Drive Dec 14/15



To help those in need, our parishes have a food drive the **1st & 3rd Sunday of each month**. Everyone is invited to reach out to the less fortunate by bringing non-perishable food goods or cash donations to Mass. Place them in the buckets at the entrance way of each church.

All donations will be given to St. Patrick's Food Pantry.



Deacon's Desk

Dear Quad Parishes Family:

Happy New Year! Yes, New Year. December 1 is the beginning of the New Church Year. We look at this time as a time of introspection as we wait for the Birth of Our Savior. It's easy to look at this time as the countdown to Christmas. It's more than that though; it is an opportunity to reflect and pray about our relationship with Jesus, our life as a Catholic and, just like on New Year's Day, an opportunity to commit ourselves to a new or renewed path to Jesus. It's a time for prayer, giving and reflection.

There are many challenges for us as Catholics. I read about some of them on Facebook. Quite frankly, when I read about the conflicts within the Church; who's right, who's wrong, who's saved, who's damned, I wonder what became of the Gospel of Love and Inclusion given to us by Our Savior in His birth, life, death and resurrection. I have a hard time avoiding commenting when I read things that go against the teachings of Jesus. I have never claimed to be a theologian, but I do believe His message is written on our hearts, a gift of our Baptism. Hope I'm right. I may have to back away from Facebook as it continues to stir up anger at what I read, even from fellow Deacons.

On a happier note my family, I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with blessings. Karen and I were blessed with 19 people at our table. We had to move the dining room into the living room and just made it. Relatives came from Indiana, Iowa and Green Bay. Our house was chaos central and we loved it. The children running around the house chasing each other, playing tag, playing hide and seek. A house becomes a home when it shelters the people you love and care about, have helped raise and have watched grow up and get old. It's important to me that people are the reason we are grateful and that we surround ourselves with them. The shopping, gifts, black Friday, cyber Monday mean very little to me. It's just stuff, but people, even the irritating ones are truly irreplaceable gifts from God. Embrace the real reason for the season; Jesus and His love for us.

Happy New Year!
Peace and Blessings, Deacon Mike

Art & Environment At St. Joseph

Who loves to be inspired by the scenes of a new season? Do you collect images for all the fun ways to decorate for Advent and Christmas? Are your house and office areas all set for decorations, but you're still looking for ways to let your creativity and inspiration flow?

Come, help us to prepare our church at St. Joseph for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! A sample of what fun we'll have is listed below. Snacks and warm beverages will be provided to help inspire us in the joy of anticipation. Mark your calendar!

Monday, Dec 23rd (9-11a) enter through door #6

- flowers will be delivered
- finish Nativity Scene
- decorate Christmas trees
- decorate church
- remove Advent Wreath



Questions, contact Jennifer at 920-217-3150

Christmas Flowers



Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Patrick Parishes are all accepting memorial donations for flowers to decorate the church and the altar. It's a wonderful way to remember our loved ones.

Due by: Mon, Dec. 16 Place the completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Flowers" along with your "church name" and do one of the following:

- Drop in a collection basket
- Drop off at the Quad-Parish or Faith Formation Office

NOTE: St. Patrick Parishioners can use the special envelope included with their offering envelopes. Simply list your "special intention or in memory of" on your envelope.

Thank you for remembering your loved ones, and for contributing to the beauty in our churches!!

Intentions will be remembered at special Memorial Masses:

- Annunciation Church on Sun, Dec 29 @ 8 am
- St. Joseph Church on Sun, Jan 5 @ 10:30 am
- St. Jude Church on Sun, Dec 29 @ 9:15 am
- St. Patrick Church on Sat, Dec 28 @ 4 pm

I would like to donate \$_____ for flowers at:

___Annunciation ___St. Joseph ___St. Jude ___St. Patrick

(Please PRINT clearly)

Special intention or in memory of: _____

Requested by:

Your Name: _____ Ph _____

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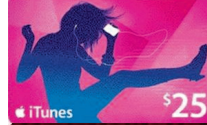


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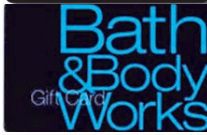


Christmas Giving Specials

Visit www.quad-parish.org for an order form with a complete list.
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\$10 ihop, \$10 Amazon, \$10 Meijer, \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Olive Garden, \$10 Green Bay Olive Company
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Groceries? Pick N'Save, Festival Foods, Piggly Wiggly, Meijers, Woodman's, & Maplewood Meats!

Need a large quantity of a specific vendor? Please shop early & consider pre-ordering now so we can have it all for you when you need it.

Special orders need to be placed by Sun, 12/15 to be available for pickup before Christmas.

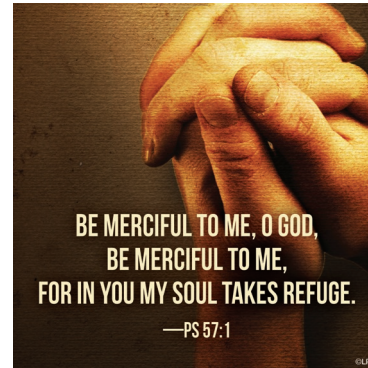
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WINTERFEST 2020

Mark your calendars for the "new" Winterfest 2020 to be held Saturday, March 14 at Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St, GB. More information on our BIG RAFFLE and other festive changes will be coming soon!



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, Dec. 11
4K - Gr. 8 5:30-6:45pm
NO High School classes

Confirmation Meeting
Wed, Dec. 11 6:30pm Faith Formation Center

Grade 11 & 12 students who are preparing for Confirmation must attend an informational meeting along with their parents on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact the FFO at 497-7042 or bvankauwenberg@quad-parish.org.



Grade 4 Students & Families
Teaching on the Mass 5:30pm
Wed, Dec 11 St. Joseph Church

We're excited to invite our 4th grade families to our **Teaching on the Mass** event on Wed, Dec 11. This event, lead by Fr. Dave, is not an actual Mass but a question and answering session in church that explains all the different parts of the Mass and why we do them. Each 4th grade student should have a family member attend with them. Questions? Contact Kristin-klaplante@quad-parish.org or call, 497-7042 x119.

Youth Led Liturgy Sat, Dec 14 4pm St. Patrick

Join us for Mass at St. Patrick Church, 211 N Maple Ave. Our grade 9 students will be assisting with the Mass parts and liturgy. All are welcome!

Faith Formation Office Closed - Thursday, Dec. 12

Regular hours will resume Mon, Dec. 16 8am-1pm



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Next weekend our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just one. Please use the envelope provided in your pew.



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Store owners open their doors to 40 Days for Life vigil participants

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

ASHWAUBENON — Heidi Lemke and Kari Trzinski, members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Howard, believe that God has opened doors for them and their families. This fall, the two friends and business partners decided to do the same for others.

Lemke and Trzinski own Green Bay Olive Oil Company, located in a strip mall off of Oneida Street, four doors west of the Planned Parenthood clinic. Every year, dozens of people participate in silent, prayerful vigils on the sidewalk adjacent to Oneida Street as part of 40 Days for Life.

After Lemke learned about the silent protests from Deacon Dave and Denise Parker of Pulaski, she and Trzinski decided to open their store's doors to walkers who needed a bathroom, a place to rest or something to drink.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the two women hosted a reception for 40 Days for Life participants as they concluded their fall walking vigils.

"What they are doing is so wonderful for everybody,



SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

Kari Trzinski, center left, and Heidi Lemke, center right, owners of Green Bay Olive Oil Company in Ashwaubenon, pose for a photo with their families. The women hosted a reception for 40 Days for Life participants on Sunday, Nov. 3, the final day of the group's prayer vigils.

because they are showing these women or these families that they have other options" than abortion, said Lemke. "If we can help in any way, just to save a life, that would be great. Kari and I feel very strongly about that."

"They have a mission, the same way Heidi and I have a mission," said Kari. "We love our Catholic faith for what it has done

for us personally, professionally, and how it truly builds community. We feel that's what Jesus is — he is all about helping people in any and every way."

According to Lemke, an open door is a sign of welcome and love.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 8 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us continue our "journey" with the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. After the trials experienced in Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea, Paul arrived in Athens, the very heart of Greece (cf. Acts 17:15). This city that lived in the shadow of its ancient glory despite its political decline, still held the primacy of culture. Here the Apostle's "spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols" (Acts 17:16).

Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to teach us to build bridges through culture, with those who do not believe and those who have a different belief from ours. ... Let us ask him for the ability to inculcate the message of faith with sensitivity, to have a contemplative gaze towards those who do not know Christ, to be moved by love that warms even the hardest of hearts.

+ Pope Francis,
Nov. 6, 2019

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Catholic Charities immigration counselor knows, firsthand, the life of a refugee

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

ALLOUEZ — Even after 36 years at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay, So Thao isn't thinking about retirement. His job, as an accredited immigration counselor, is too fulfilling. Especially so, since Thao and his family were refugees themselves after the Vietnam War.

In 1969, the 16-year-old Thao joined a

special unit of the United States' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Laos working against the communists. It was also called "the Secret Army" and made up of Hmong people.

"The (U.S.) government said, 'We have to use a (local) group,'" Thao recalled. "The Hmong people had a history of fighting communism. ... That's why we got the special duty."

Thao joined for two reasons: First, in

third grade, he chose to learn English at a private school. This meant he was able to pass the English exam to join the Secret Army. Secondly, there weren't "many career opportunities" in Laos. He said the choices were teaching, nursing, truck driving or joining the army.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 8 issue.



Blood Pressure Screening

Sat, Dec 14 - St Patrick & St Jude

Sun, Dec 15 - St. Jude

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About sheep and shepherds

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 The Nativity story mentions sheep and shepherds. As the Bible notes, sheep, known for docility, do recognize and follow the voice of their shepherd.
- 2 The first shepherd in the Bible was Abel, the son of Adam and Eve (Gen 4:4).
- 3 Abraham, Isaac, Moses and David were all shepherds.
- 4 Sheep were animals of sacrifice at the Temple. A ram was sacrificed by Abraham after God had given him back his son, Isaac.
- 5 Today, the wool of specially raised lambs is used to make the white *pallia* (shoulder bands) given by the pope to new archbishops. The lambs are raised by Trappist monks and the *pallia* are made by Benedictine nuns.

A Day for Healing: Sharing God's love with others

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I recently had the pleasure of spending a day with parish and diocesan staff and volunteers at the KI Center in Green Bay.



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

This gathering was a continuation of the discipleship seminars we have held the past few years. This year's theme, "Jesus the Healer," was chosen in part based on feedback from last year's seminar, where attendees shared some of the pain and hurt they are experiencing. So, we invited Jesus the Healer to walk among us, to accompany us as we strive to bring souls to the Kingdom of God. After all, how can we

be leaders who love Jesus and share his mission when we are weighed down by so much pain and brokenness?

We began by reflecting on the healing ministry of Jesus and how we can turn to our loving Father, through Jesus, to receive the healing our hearts so desperately desire. Leading us through this process were Fr. Mathias Thelen and Patrick Reis of Encounter Ministries, which exists to train and disciple Catholics to demonstrate the power and love of God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Their mission is rooted in the belief that if we want the name of Jesus to spread, we need to participate in God's power and miracles. As they shared, when we proclaim the truth of the Gospel and demonstrate it through signs and wonders, people come to faith.

Perhaps as you read this, you find yourself thinking that miracles and healings are a thing of the past, something Jesus could do because he was God, but not something that we can do. Maybe you've heard stories about miraculous healings today, but you've always felt that those are unique exceptions, and something only someone who is especially holy could bring about.

But this was the great news that Fr. Mathias and Patrick shared with us; as baptized Christians, each of us has received the grace to participate in these miracles. This means that each of us can be a source of healing to others when we open ourselves to what God wants to do for that person!

The beauty of this day was that we didn't just talk about these things, we actually tried it. After receiving training in how we can pray for others who are in need of healing, in particular physical healings, we intentionally made time to ask God to heal people. And the results were incredible! Dozens of people came forward to share that after receiving prayers for various physical ailments, they began feeling less pain and, in some cases, no pain at all!

Now, not everyone who received prayers experienced a miraculous healing. We don't know why God brings healing to some people immediately, while others must wait, and others never receive the healing they are seeking. As the speakers said, "It's our job to pray, it's God's job to heal." But we witnessed that God does bring healing to people, and we can be instruments of that healing!

The entire column appears in our Nov. 1 issue.

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Teachers and staff from St. John Paul II Classical School in Green Bay dressed up as their favorite saints for All Saints Day on Nov. 1.

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.

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.

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.

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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.