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DECEMBER 29, 2019



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

The Effect of Music

As I am writing this column, we have just returned from a weekend spent with our son, his wife, and our youngest grandchild, Marshall, who will turn 3 in February.

I have been playing guitar for Marshall since he was a baby. When we are together at his house, the guitar trumps the keyboard as his preferred instrument for music time. I play and he dances and sings. Soon he rounds up his play trumpet, drum and shaker bells to accompany.

Grandpa and I had a rousing, spirited rendition of Old McDonald with Marshall, including animals I never knew could exist on a "farm." It was a swell time. It went on until time for the wind-down sippy cup of milk before bed. I was warned as his folks went off to their party that we could expect crying at bedtime. On the contrary, Grandpa laid him in the bed and he just smiled at us and went to sleep.

I am reminded of the effect music can have to make us happy, help us unwind, and in a church setting, draw us deeper into prayer.

We are coming to the close of a beautiful but busy season. I would invite you to savor the last of the Christmas carols, and recall the model of the Holy Family whom we celebrate today. Invest in this sacred time as we enjoy our own family, our church family and the family of humanity that we are all part of. Let music of all kinds refresh and restore you.

Happy New Year everyone!
Nancy Lemerond

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Blessings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Locking Doors!

There have been numerous times when doors, especially the church doors at St. Jude, have been left open overnight. Occasionally at St. Joseph, someone leaves the church and the door doesn't shut tight behind them. There have been instances of doors being left unlocked at Annunciation and St. Patrick as well. Unfortunately, in this day and age, we have to be very careful when it comes to security. Please, please, please make sure to lock any doors you unlock. Feel free to check all the doors before you leave to make sure they are locked. To keep our churches safe, we need everyone to be very conscientious about locking doors and making sure the door shuts tight behind you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You!

The Annunciation Liturgical Environment would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talent to decorate Annunciation church inside & out so beautifully this Christmas season.

A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 1008 for donating the two large lovely Christmas trees.

Blessing in the New Year, Chris Kust



St. Patrick Remodel & Mass Schedule

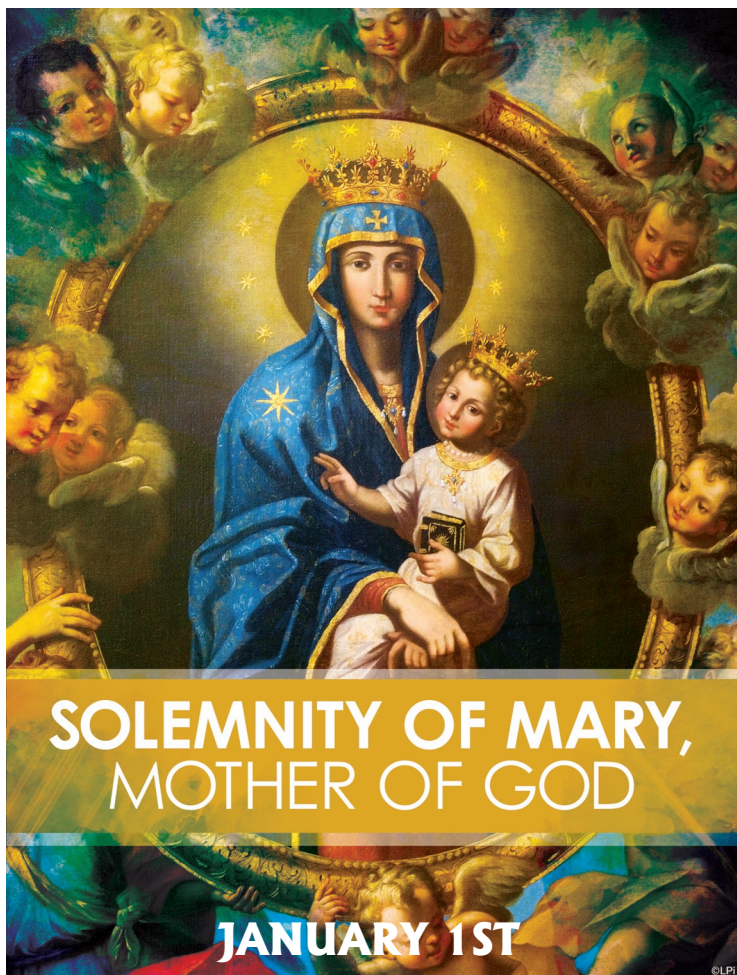
St. Patrick Church is going to be undergoing another phase of the remodeling project, beginning Mon, Jan 6. To avoid the dust and disturbance, we are going to transfer St. Patrick Parish masses to St. Joseph Church for the 4:00p Saturday Mass and 8:00a Daily Mass, until the completion of the project which is expected to end in June. Please watch the bulletin, website and facebook for Holy Days (times & locations), or listen to the announcements at mass.

Daily Mass Schedule

8:00a Tuesday @ St. Joseph
8:00a Wednesday @ St. Joseph
8:00a Thursday @ St. Jude
8:00a Friday @ Annunciation

Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00p Saturday @ St. Joseph
4:00p Saturday @ St. Jude
8:00a Sunday @ Annunciation
9:15a Sunday @ St. Jude
10:30a Sunday @ St. Joseph



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Masses

Tuesday, December 31 - Daily Mass

8:00 am St. Patrick For all those suffering

Tuesday, December 31 - Mary Mother of God

5:30 pm Annunciation For all those suffering

Wednesday, January 1 - Mary Mother of God

10:00 am St. Joseph Rita & Cy Huven
Henry & Rose Paska

Thursday - January 2

8:00 am St. Jude Millie VanGrunsvan

Friday, January 3

8:00 am Annunciation Jeff Routhieaux

Saturday, January 4

4:00 pm St. Jude Sue, Frank & John Basche

4:00 pm St. Patrick Adie Barbeau
Murray Trudell
Dan Hofacker

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Annunciation Catherine Schwartz

9:15 am St. Jude People of the Quad-Parishes

10:30 am St. Joseph Donna Vogel
Christmas Flowers

Rosary & Communion Service

6:05 am Mon - Fri - St. Jude

Rosary 3:30 pm Saturday - St. Patrick

Reconciliation

Thursday, Jan 2 5:30 pm @ Annunciation

Saturday, Jan 4 3:00 pm @ St. Jude & St. Patrick

Sun, Jan 5 after 10:30 Mass @ St. Joseph

With Sympathy

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

Kathy Nolle - St. Joseph

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."



Sanctuary Candles - Dec 22-Jan 4

In Memory of

Larry Heim ~ Annunciation

Sharon Farr & Family ~ St. Joseph

Joe Kuffle ~ St. Jude

Gene Sengstock & Brenda Wood ~ St. Patrick

Holiday Office Hours

Quad Parish Office

Closed Dec 31 & Jan 1

Food Pantry

Closed through Wednesday, Jan 1

The Faith Formation Office

Closed through Friday, Jan 3

CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan 5

8:00 am Young Adult Choir Practice St. Joseph Chapel

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

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ Jan 4/5 Food Drive for St Patrick Food Pantry
All quad-parishes
- ✓ Thur, Jan 16 Movie Day: "Cokeville Miracles"
1:00 pm, Annunciation Room 105
- ✓ Tue, 1/21-2/18 New Hope Bereavement Group
Tuesdays 1:30 @ Annunc. Rm 105
- ✓ Sat, Mar 14 Winterfest

PARISH NEWS

Coming Attraction: "Cokeville Miracles"

Thurs, Jan 16, 1 pm
Annunciation Room 105



This movie is based on actual elementary school shooting threat that occurred in the USA. The children speak up after their hostage situation is resolved and share their incredible stories about what happened personally to them or other children during the threat. Those who believe in angels will find this movie heartwarming; those who don't might be skeptical. Come judge for yourself. All are welcome, it's free, and popcorn and other treats are a bonus.



Food Drive Jan 4/5



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.



New Hope Bereavement Group

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and need a safe and welcoming place to share new and often confusing experiences and feelings, you are encouraged to consider joining this ecumenical grief group.

This group meets on five consecutive Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm at Annunciation (room 105) at 1087 Kellogg Street. Session will be 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 and 2/18. There is no fee. A free will offering is appreciated but not necessary. All are welcome. To register, call the office, 920-496-2160.

WINTERFEST 2020

Saturday, March 14 Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St
NEW this year... Family Style Chicken & Baked Ham Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner tickets and festive events details coming soon! Raffle Tickets are available for early pick up in the QPO through noon on Dec 27.

We will be dedicating this year's event to Terry Pasterski who passed away Spring of 2019. Terry co-chaired Winterfest (formerly Mardi Gras) from its inception and worked tirelessly for its success.

Raffle Tickets with your name are available for pick-up in the gathering area of your parish of registration through Jan 12. Please note the tickets are sorted by street address this year. Don't Delay... buy and sell now!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters. In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting families with help with eviction notices, rental assistance and furniture, along with some special needs. Thank you for all that you do for Saint Vincent de Paul and if you are interested in joining us with our mission call Mike at 920-494-2214.

HOPE CENTER

HOME OF ST. PATRICK'S PANTRY & LOVE LIFE

WWW.HOPECENTERGB.COM



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!



Want to help a family in need?

When we visit families in our parish neighborhood, we notice a lot of children that use black garbage bags or cardboard boxes to store their clothes. It must be a humbling experience for both the kids and their parents as they try to keep their bedroom neat and orderly. You can help! If you have an old dresser that your family no longer needs, instead of storing it in the basement or garage filled with things you also no longer need, drop it off at a SVdP donation center or call 435-4040 ext. 229 and arrange for our truck to pick it up. Then you can also donate all that other stuff you no longer need. Just think how proud that little girl or boy will be when they store their clothes and personal things in their very own dresser. That smile will be worth a thousand words. *Thank you, St. Vincent DePaul Society*

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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

NO RE Classes

Wed, Jan 1 - Happy New Year!

RE Classes KN-11 will resume Wed, Jan 8, 2020

Faith Formation Office Closed

Regular hours will resume Monday, Jan 6 8am-1pm



Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group

Wed, Jan 8 7-8pm

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to gather after class in the game room to pray together, play fun games and enjoy

"Finding Home in Community"



**Mark your Calendars
Gr. 5 Students & Families**

**Teaching on the Mass 5:30pm
Wed, Jan 15 St. Joseph Church**

Have you ever wondered why Catholics and Priests do the things they do during Mass?

We're excited to invite our 5th grade families to our **Teaching on the Mass** event on Wed, Jan. 15. 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 5th grade student should have a family member attend with them. Questions? Contact Kristin at klaplante@quad-parish.org, 497-7042 x119.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sun, Jan 5 - Annunciation & St Joseph
Sat, Jan 11 - St Patrick & St Jude Sun, Jan 12 - St. Jude

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!

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

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 phone numbers, special events, Faith
 Formation program, councils & committees.



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AREA NEWS

Ladies of All Ages!!

In Mary's Footsteps Women's Conference, entitled 'Receive Mercy and Find Grace' will be held at Good Shepherd Parish, Chilton on **Saturday March 14, 2020**. Featuring Dr Edward Sri, Theologian, author & well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN; the return of Mother Mary Catherine, Foundress of Missionaries of the Word; and Speaker & Emcee for the day Rose Sullivan, Executive Director of the National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Ricken. Registration is open at: <https://www.goodshepherdchilton.org/event/in-marys-footsteps-womens-conference/> Register now to receive a reduced rate! Don't miss this enjoyable and inspirational day!!

2020 Ireland Tour - September 22-October 3, 2020

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Couple begins podcast to help connect Christ into today's secular culture

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — On one occasion, while listening to music in the car, Jake and Cathy Moore began analyzing the lyrics of the song that was playing. They broke down the message of the song in terms of their faith.

"We just had a really great conversation," said Cathy. "Jake said, 'We should do something with this. Someone should be recording us.'"

The idea for the couple's podcast was formed. The mission for "TruthPop," which launched last spring, is "connecting Christ into culture." Most episodes feature Jake and Cathy analyzing pop songs, movies and television shows from a faith perspective.

For example, the song "Don't Give Up on Me" by Andy Grammer was the topic of the Oct. 3 episode. Songs by Halsey, Selena Gomez and Dierks Bentley were also among the music covered in season one of TruthPop. Both Jake and Cathy enjoy Christian music, but have focused on secular selections for the podcast.

"You don't have to just listen



SAW LUCERO | THE COMPASS

Jake and Cathy Moore are creators of the podcast, "TruthPop," which they began last spring to connect "Christ into culture." The Moores are members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Howard.

to Christian music," said Jake. "There is truth in other music as well. I like the phrase, 'You have to be in control of the medium, you can't let the medium control you.' You have to ask yourself those deep questions; what music do I listen to and how is it affecting my life?"

Movies covered in the first season of the podcast include "Toy Story 4" and "Yesterday."

"Throughout the week, we keep our eyes and ears open to music, TV shows or movies," said Cathy. "We bring ideas up to each other. Maybe we can pull a topic from it. To prepare for the show, we go over certain topics and have a rough draft. It's a relaxed plan."

Our full story appears in the Dec. 6 issue.

FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Gospel's journey throughout the world continues tirelessly in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, and passes through the city of Ephesus, manifesting its salvific scope. Thanks to Paul, some 12 men are baptized in the name of Jesus and experience receiving the warmth of the Holy Spirit which regenerates them (cf. Acts 19:1-7). Several miracles then take place through the apostle: the sick are healed and the possessed are freed (cf. Acts 19:11). This happens because the disciple resembles his Teacher (cf. Lk 6:40) and he makes him present, communicating to his brothers and sisters that same new life he received from him. Indeed, every evangelizer is conscious of being, in his person and through his actions, "a mission on this earth," and of being branded by fire, by this mission of "bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing" (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 273).

+ Pope Francis,
Dec. 13, 2019

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Mother-son tandem teams up to teach religious education class

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — Last September, when Julio Zuniga Jr., 15, was asked by his mother, Juanita Fiscal Zuniga, to help her teach the confirmation class at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, he turned to his confirmation saint, Anthony of Padua, for inspiration.

St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost

things, and Zuniga cleverly took this theme to heart when he decided to take up his mother's invitation.

"I figured that maybe if I help (teach the confirmation class), I can help students find their faith, find the connection towards God," he said.

Zuniga, who was a student in last year's confirmation class, said he was initially re-

luctant to volunteer. "I had trouble coming to class (when) I was doing my confirmation, so I figured I might not have time for it," he said. "But little by little, I started feeling the call ... and thought, 'Yeah, why not?' So far it's been great being able to help students."

Our full story appears in the Nov. 29 issue.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Mary and Belgians

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is Jan. 1. Mary is also honored as Our Lady of Banneux (Our Lady of the Poor, Health of the Sick) on Jan. 15. Banneux is in Belgium.

2 Also found in Belgium is Beauraing, where Mary appeared 33 times from Nov. 29, 1932, to Jan. 3, 1933. She appeared 8 times in Banneux from Jan. 15, 1933, to March 2, 1933.

3 Our Lady of Beauraing is also Our Lady of the Golden Heart.

4 The Beauraing apparitions were approved by the Bishop of Namur, Belgium, in July of 1949. Banneux was approved in August of 1949.

5 The town of Namur in Door County was settled by Belgian immigrants in the 1850s.

Finding and sharing goodness, beauty and truth

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

A few weeks ago, I traveled to Baltimore to attend meetings for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. These meetings, which take place every year in June and November, are an opportunity to gather with my brother bishops to discuss issues within the church in the United States.



BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

While several topics were addressed in our time together, I found one particular conversation to be especially interesting and relevant to our efforts here in this diocese: building a culture of missionary discipleship. Bishop Robert

Barron, who heads the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, shared some of the research the committee has done on the religiously unaffiliated, those often referred to as the "nones." Today, as many as 25% of Americans report that they are not affiliated with any particular religion; many are former Catholics. While these numbers are startling, Bishop Barron's message focused on how we can reach out and engage the unaffiliated, which should be one of our priorities as missionary disciples.

Specifically, he encouraged us to walk the paths of goodness, beauty and truth. Each of these paths presents opportunities to speak to the heart of people and draw them deeper into the richness of the faith. Finding goodness, beauty and truth in the world naturally leads

a person closer to God, who is goodness, beauty and truth.

Yet as I reflect on these three suggestions for reaching the nones, I recognize that we can't give what we don't have. So perhaps before we focus our efforts on others, we should take some time to rediscover goodness, beauty and truth in the world and in the church. The Advent and Christmas seasons provide ample opportunities to do so, and I'd like to offer some suggestions for you to consider.

This time of year is often known as the season of giving, and there are countless ways we can embrace this spirit of goodness. We can reach out to serve those in need in our communities by donating winter clothes, adopting a family and buying gifts, or volunteering at a shelter or a food pantry. Another way we can give is by spending time with people. Make it a point in our holiday gatherings to really be present to those around us, or take time to visit a friend, relative or even a stranger who is homebound or in a nursing home. Devoting ourselves to the humble service of others is a way to make the love of Christ known in the world.

The beauty of God is abundantly evident this time of year. One way we see this beauty is in the darkness and stillness of nature. Take a quiet walk and let yourself be captivated by the beauty of creation. Decorate your home and appreciate the way our churches are transformed to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Slow down and take note of the beautiful liturgies this time of year with their music, candles and colors.

The entire column appears in our Dec. 8 issue.

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Parish SNAPSHOT



Students in Wendy Lundt's eighth grade class at Sacred Heart School in Shawano recently donated 14 blankets to Safe Haven, a domestic abuse shelter in Shawano County. Funds to purchase the material were provided by the Thrivent Action Team Program.

Verbal & Bulletin Announcements

To get your event included in the verbal announcements at Mass, please submit your request to ipoehlmann@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.

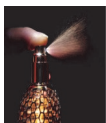
PRAYER VINE

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.



FINANCES

Your Weekly Offering

Please know that if you attend Mass at any of the eight West-Side Green Bay Parishes (Annunciation, Nativity, St. Agnes, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Jude or St. Patrick) you can place your weekly offering envelope in their collection basket. Your offering envelope will be forwarded to your church of membership and credited accordingly to your account. This is a collaborative effort by the eight West side parishes to assist our parishioners.

Electronic Contributions

Members of all four parishes have the option to make their contributions electronically. This is a safe & efficient means instead of remembering to bring your contributions to Mass or mailing them each week. To get set up for electronic transfers, we need you to fill out a simple form and provide a voided check. If you are interested in this service, please call Carol or Mary Jane at the office (496-2160).

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.