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Welcome to the
Tri-Parish
Catholic Community
November 17th, 2024

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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From Our New Seminarian

I want to begin by thanking everyone across the three parishes for having me at your church. As a brief background of myself, I'm from Hillsborough, New Jersey and I'm here representing the Diocese of Metuchen for my propaedeutic year before entering major seminary. To be direct, I never would've thought a year and a half ago I'd be halfway across the country and starting my journey towards priesthood. At that time, I was fresh out of college and looking for banking jobs while trying to get started my own music business.

I had a dream to perform as a singer for many years and was focused on starting a path built off of music. Praise be to God for His powerful love and Mercy as He was barely a dot on my radar at the time but He kept pursuing me, even since high school when I look back. God certainly pursued me and how remarkable it is to think about how He desired to be close to me, to have a relationship with me, and to choose me to be a part of His mission. He wants that for each one of you too! Before calling me to the priesthood in the fall of that year, I felt like I was in a state of restlessness and yearning for love that the world, no matter how much it gave, could not make my heart full. Through His grace and unfathomable love, I learned more about the Holy Eucharist and fully recognized the very real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I jumped into action and made a confession for the first time in years.

The encounter with the sacraments began my newfound relationship with Christ and it enveloped me into this growing passion to be around the Lord. He set a wildfire in my heart and I felt my vocation was to share the love and joy of Christ to others! This, with much aid from Our Blessed Mother, has brought me to my discernment as a seminarian. There is also fulfillment to my vocation to see the kindness and joy of God radiate from all of you even in the short moments we get to speak. To serve in the Holy Mass at each church is such a privilege and to help stoke the fire of Christ's Sacred Heart to spread to our neighbor is one of the best gifts we all get to take part in. I'm grateful to be here and look forward to getting to know all of you.

Peace in Christ,
Andrew Vartabedian

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

Penance:
 Saint Augustine Saturday, 7:00p.m.
 Sacred Heart Saturday 3:00 p.m.
 Sacred Heart Sunday, 11:00a.m.
 Saint Mary's Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

Catholic Education: Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin **before 8am Tuesday** at bulletins@smash3p.org or contact Doreen at (608) 654-7733

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

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Scrip

It's time to place your Christmas scrip orders! Do you need to buy for teens or want a gift that will get used? Or maybe you're preparing for all your holiday shopping. Consider ordering gift cards for your own purchases or as gifts! We have a variety on hand but can order from a huge list of vendors as well.

Mystic Monk Coffee

Sacred Heart school is still selling Mystic Monk Coffee. Simply get in touch with Doreen at the school by phone (654-7733) or email (school@smash3p.org) and let her know what you would like to purchase. We do carry some popular flavors on hand, but if we don't have it in stock we will be happy to order it for you.

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Mass Intention Schedule

Saturday	Nov. 16th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased Members of the Mullenberg & Gallagher Families
		6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sunday	Nov. 17th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Kevin Ritter
		10:00am at Sacred Heart (Incense)	† Joseph & Ardella Leis
Tuesday	Nov. 19th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Donald & Tonius Pieper
		4:30pm-5:45pm	Adoration
Wednesday	Nov. 20th	5:30pm at St. Mary's	John Adam Beaver
Thursday	Nov. 21st	10:30am at St. Augustine	Kory & Olivia Freeberg Family
Friday	Nov. 22nd	8:00am at Sacred Heart Adoration until Noon	† Rose Dahl
		5:30-6:30pm at St. Augustine	Adoration
Saturday	Nov. 23rd	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Carlton Hansen
		6:00pm St. Augustine	Living & Deceased Members of the Wiedl Family
Sunday	Nov. 24th	8:00am at St. Mary's	For the People
		10:00am at Sacred Heart (Incense)	† Bob & Marie Geier

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 (158)
- Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)
- Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 (498)
- Wed.** Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499)
- Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 (500)
- Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501)
- Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)
- Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 (161)

Blessing of Churches for Christ King Weekend

Mass for Sunday, November 24, is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! Bishop Battersby asked us priests to bless all of our parishes using exorcized salt and water (using the Exorcism Prayer of Pope Leo XIII, which requires a bishop's permission to use). This blessing will take place following the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine, the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, and the 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart.

Please pray for these Intentions

- Drew Von Ruden
- Matt & Christine Allen
- John Brueggeman
- Hope Waite
- Pope Francis
- Bishop Battersby
- John Lindeen
- Matthew Sueppel
- Tressa Klinkner
- Carol Leuck
- Florentine Geier
- Steve Laufenberg
- Sheila Vukovich
- Louis Zanon
- Jeanne Allen
- Ed Schreier
- Jerome & Margaret Leuck
- Glen Miller
- Wesley Clements
- Louise Melby
- Special Intention
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Alice Schmitz
- Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack



- For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Reading Reflection

Today’s readings starkly contrast the joy of the holiday season, which is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.

The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time “unsurpassed in distress since nations began” and warns that “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who “waits until his enemies are made his footstool.”

However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. Instead, we can view these words as a source of encouragement — “Keep Calm and Steward On,” no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is the peace it brings in challenging times. Whether in our homes, workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to maintain our priorities properly. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives, surpassing all understanding

Christmas Mass Schedule

There will be a different Mass schedule for Christmas this year than in years past. My brother priests have been having a Christmas Mass During the Night to great success. To help you prepare to celebrate Christmas with Mass and with your family gatherings, here will be the schedule for Christmas Masses:

- Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
- Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary
- Dec. 25, 8:00 a.m. at St. Augustine
- Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Healing Service & Mass

Monday Dec. 2, 2024

- **4:30 PM:** Adoration and Confession
- **5:30 PM:** Mass
- **6:00 PM:** Corporate Prayer for Healing
- **7:00 PM:** Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)
- **9:00 PM:** Closing

Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate.

St. Patrick Parish - Mauston Women’s Retreat, "Fanning The Flame" Join us for a day of Adoration, prayer, talks, discussion, activities and time away with your friends on Saturday, November 23rd starting at 8:00 AM. Please call St. Patrick's to Register 608-747-2681. There is a \$10 Registration Fee. The deadline for Registration is November 11th. Free daycare will be provided if you need it. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids:

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids drive to benefit the children of our communities. We encourage you to donate new or gently used winter clothing (coats, mittens, hats). Collection of donations has been extended through the weekend of November 16-17. Distribution of the free winter clothing will be held Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Thank you all for your generosity.

Mass for Deceased Children at St. Mary in Viroqua

There will be a Memorial Mass for Deceased Children, especially for all miscarried, stillborn, and aborted children on Friday, November 22, at 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary in Viroqua. After Mass, there will be an hour of Adoration with small teams for prayers. Following Adoration, there will be a light dinner.

Looking for Advertisement Suggestions

Beginning Sunday, December 1, we will be switching our bulletin publication from in-house to LPI, a company that specializes in church bulletins. You have likely seen their work at other parishes. For this to work well, we need a certain number of advertisements on the back of the bulletin to help them cover the costs associated with printing the bulletin. We are looking for recommendations. If you have any suggestions or would like to advertise your business, please email bulletin@smash3p.org with the company name and a way to contact.

St. Mary’s Annual Craft Show

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8am-2pm at the Coon Valley Village Hall at 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available. Free admission!

Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net

Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The next meeting is this Sunday, November 17 in the Sacred Heart church basement. Officers meet at 6:30 pm and the general meeting is at 7:00 pm.

Annual Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is fully up and running, and we are rolling out the Appeal here at our parishes. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their generosity to the Annual Appeal. I thank you for it! The following are the goals and pledged amounts:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Goal: \$17,730 (All for the Diocese)
 Pledged: \$13,410
 Donors: 25 members

Sacred Heart
 Goal: \$37,000 (\$21,365 for Diocese)
 Pledged: \$11,435
 Donors: 36 members

St. Augustine of Hippo
 Goal: \$10,000 (\$5,375 for Diocese)
 Pledged: \$2,475
 Donors: 6 members

Bingo

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Sacred Heart Renovation Committee Meeting

The next Sacred Heart Renovation Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. Committee members are encouraged to come for prayer in Adoration beforehand beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Meetings After Masses on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

I will be having parish meetings following each Mass during the weekend of Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. At these meetings, the parish reports will be passed out and discussed. I will also relate the state of the parishes as I see them as well as the beginnings of my vision for the parishes and school.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

October 26th & 27th, 2024

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TOTAL	\$1367.00				

For Youth and Young Adults

As we continue to learn about humility (accepting your limitations, those things we aren't so good at, as well as our God-given talents), we learn about another saint, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Most of us might know him better as Padre Pio.

Padre Pio was born in Italy in 1887 and lived until 1968. He is best known for his interesting spiritual gifts. What were these interesting spiritual gifts? For one, Padre Pio was blessed with the stigmata. The stigmata, in case you don't know, is the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio had the wounds in his hands and feet as though he was also crucified on a cross. These wounds were very painful and they also bled.

Another of his unique gifts was his ability to read souls. This special gift allowed him to help those who went to confession to him. These people were able to make a very good and thorough confession that they might not otherwise have made because Padre Pio was able to see those things in their souls that they had either forgotten or were unwilling to confess.

Padre Pio was also given the gift of being able to cure physical illness. Because of all these great spiritual gifts that he was given, some people called him a living saint. Others got jealous of him and accused him of things. During the time of the investigation regarding these accusations, Padre Pio was unable to say Mass publicly, to hear confessions or to hang out with lay people (those who were not priests or religious).

Although Padre Pio knew he was innocent of any wrongdoing, he obeyed orders knowing that if God wanted him to use these gifts, it would be so. And, he recognized that these gifts were not his alone or because of some ability he had, but that they were gifts given to him by God Himself. Padre Pio is a model of humility because he recognized that God had given him certain abilities that were very special. What gifts do we have? Do we acknowledge that God has given them to us? Do we use these gifts to further God's kingdom or do we use them in other ways instead? Do you have gifts that you need to grow in? How might you do that?

St. Patrick, Sparta, Dead Theologians' Society

The next Dead Theologians' Society gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory at St. Patrick Church in Sparta will be December 8 and 22. This is a gathering of high school youth that learn about a saint, enjoy fellowship with each other, and eat a scrumptious meal by the Very Rev. Eric Berns. I highly recommend attending.

Religious Education

Religious Education is on Wednesdays. Grades 1-5 will be having class from 3:30-4:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Grades 6-10 will be having class from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart School.

Sacred Heart School Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

Don't drive to the store for a card. Buy a box of 30 from our card fundraiser and have them on hand for any occasion. Each card ends up being just \$1! Comes individually packaged with a coordinating envelope. See all the options and stock up for the year at the back of each church.

To see a video of all the cards in each box, scan the QR code



Gym Class with Fr. Matthew

We have begun a unit on futbol, also known as soccer. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world because of its accessibility. You need a ball, goal, grass or dirt, and players to play. This week the kids worked on soccer skills: dribbling, passing, and catching with their feet.

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

N is for Noah... Noah was a good and faithful servant of God. He loved him very much. What do you think Noah said when God told him to build in ark, and there wasn't even any water around??

Noah said,

-- "Yes!"

-- "I will do it!"

-- "Who will help me?"

-- "How will all the animals fit?"

-- "I love you."

-- "I will do whatever you say."

-- "Can I bring my family?"

5-8 with Mrs. Flock

This week the 7/8 Science class is reviewing and testing on our unit on Darwin's theory of natural selection and evolution. In Math the 5th graders are finishing up a unit on multiplying fractions and reciprocals. Math 6 is finishing a unit on speed and unit rate while grade 7 is moving on to ratios after testing on solving equations. Grade 8 is solving uniform motion problems.

5-8 with Mr. Kuhn

For both classes, in English we have begun practice for the Christmas program. For 5/6 we also have begun learning about adjectives.

For Social Studies for 5/6 we are looking at the development of the church and new testament. For 7/8 we finished our studies on the Germanic kingdoms.

For Science in 5/6 we are studying genetics and the passing of traits, and Mendel and Punnett squares.

3rd & 4th with Ms. Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, we learned about different types of rocks and what they can tell us about Earth's past in science class. In social studies, we learned about the French and Indian War. We are at the end of our 2nd unit of Spanish for the week, so we took a test this week to wrap it up.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

Our social studies chapter has been looking at communities and how communities have changed over time. The first and second graders spent some time discussing what Cashton and going to school may have looked like 100 years ago. Here are some of our thoughts:

- 100 years ago there was no electricity so people used candles a lot.
- 100 years ago houses did not have metal roofs and the roofs were flatter.
- 100 years ago students had to carry baskets to school because they didn't have backpacks.
- 100 years ago there were no washing machines so people washed their clothes in the river.
- 100 years ago there were no T.V.s or laptops.
- 100 years ago teachers wrote on the boards with chalk and there wasn't a lot of paper.
- 100 years ago there probably wasn't hot lunch and if there was it only cost 25 cents.
- 100 years ago people wore clothes that looked different and there were nuns for teachers.
- 100 years ago phones looked much different and had to stay in one place.
- 100 years ago there wasn't running water in sinks and people had to carry water for the bathtub.
- 100 years ago people rode horses to get places.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week in art the students made decorations for the upcoming trivia night fundraiser. It proved to be an excellent team building exercise where the students needed to work together to accomplish a goal. We hope you get/got a chance to challenge yourself and others with a fun night of trivia while checking out the students hard work.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 finished up a chapter on the first thousand years of Church history. It was a time of persecution and the rise of many great saints.

5/6 started work on the Annunciation and the Visitation. They couldn't imagine not being able to talk like Zechariah. If you don't know the story, ask one of them.

3/4 had a chapter on what happened next in the lives of the Israelites. They learned that Joshua took over after Moses. They also learned about Samson and his strength from God and the story of Naomi and Ruth.

Atrium students continued working on previous works and the 2nd graders learned a new work on gifts. It will be interesting to see how they continue working with that.