



News from The Heart



Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore You, I love You,
and with a lively sorrow
for my sins, I offer You
this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient,
pure and wholly obedient
to Your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that
I may live in You and for You.
Protect me in the midst of
danger; comfort me in my
afflictions; give me health of
body, assistance in my
temporal needs.

Your blessing on all that I do
and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.

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Happenings in our Parish



2021 contribution envelopes and Sacred Heart calendars may be picked up in the church narthex after Masses beginning this weekend, Dec. 12/13. Or, please call the office first, 231 733-2440, if you wish to pick them up in the office entryway during office hours.

Holiday Weeks' Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 22, 6:00 p.m., Traditional Latin Mass

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24:

4:00 p.m., Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. St. Thomas

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25:

9:00 a.m. St. Thomas

11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart

Saturday, December 26, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27, 11:00 a.m.

NO Mass on Tuesday, December 29

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31:

Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. St. Thomas

Friday, January 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Sacred Heart



In Memory

Born into Eternal Life:

Gordon Gutowski, 86 years, on November 15, 2020

Cipriana Ruiz, 61 years, on November 17, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

1st Brad Dagen
Jayden Roberson
2nd Mary Ann Fodrocy
Susan Buday
Nancy St. Amour
3rd Sue McAvoy
8th Ed Klotz
John Sowa, Jr.
9th Neil Hawryliw
Mary LaGuire
10th Brad Chorny
Alfred Gawlik
Ray Morse
Joan Schmelling
11th Lorraine Fodrocy
Loren Johnson
Dylan Lyonnais
12th Betty Bahr
Kris Gawlik

November Birthday Blessings

14th Ellen Robinson
15th Aniela Babiarz
17th Judy Archambault
Frank Stuhan
19th Bob Kuharevich
20th Zachery Edens
21st David Glover
Rosemary Sanocki
Mary Schaner
22nd Tom Krause
23rd Sue Lack
24th Colleen Teichma
25th Hiacynta Babiarz
Nick Chorny
26th Tom Archambault
Deacon Dave Kasprzyk
27th Kat Grevel
28th Carol Cloud
Betty DeLore
29th Evan LaGuire

If your birthday is incorrect, or was missed,
please call the office.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



1st Kathy Misze
 2nd Margie Eddy
 Conner Stefanich
 3rd Brendan Cierlak
 4th Jennifer Anderson
 Kay Johnson
 Beth Price
 Pat Vendal
 5th Katherine Buday
 Domanic Butcher-Gale
 Sandi Krause
 Bev McCarthy
 6th Alex Kusz
 Ellery Langlois
 7th Dennis Anderson
 Sandra Stoner
 8th Nancy Gomery
 Shirley Milder
 9th Jessica Gillings
 10th Reid McAvoy
 11th Katie Berghuis
 13th Cash Bays
 Garret Kelenske



December Birthday Blessings

14th Jim Gillings
 Ashleigh Powell
 16th Nicholas Powell
 17th Trisha DeLore
 18th Greg LaGuire
 Bob McCarthy
 Janis Stuhan
 19th Kim Chorny
 20th Stephen Kruzona
 21st Wayne Sampson
 22nd Frances Lazarock
 24th Wayne LaNore
 Janet Valliere
 25th Kristine Babiarz
 Ray DeLore
 26th Elyse Teichma
 27th Kat Grevel
 28th Tom Seastrom
 Noah Shunta
 30th Kyah McGruther
 Madge Hanslits
 Loretta Joldersma
 Bill Krehn
 31st Andrea Bays
 Joanne Miller



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The Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal, Catholic Charitable organization that is not just faith based but also family based. Each month the Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary council recognizes those families that are exemplary in the way they live their faith, practice the teachings of Christ and share both their time and talents within the parish as well as the community. The Knights of Columbus recognizes the fact that sometimes these good examples of Catholic families may not be a part of our K of C family, but none the less deserve recognition. This year the Holy Rosary Council #13579 has recognized the families of:

David & Vickie May as our June Family of the Month

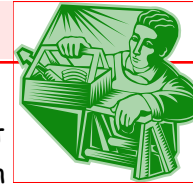
George & Deb Chmelar as our July Family of the Month

Mark & Bernadette Glover as our November Family of the Month

Scott and Susan McAvoy as our December Family of the Month

The families were nominated by Sacred Heart's Parish Council Coordinator and selected from three nominations each month. The fact that the Holy Rosary Council #13579 holds these families up as examples of strong Catholic families deserving of this award will be noted in the state-wide Knights of Columbus publication as well as the International publication. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do!





Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you had a Blessed Thanksgiving. I couldn't believe it but I had four whole days off. It has been awhile since I have had this much time off. My family is not used to me being around for that many days in a row. Fortunately, we all had a wonderful time together and got to get reacquainted again.

Last month I mentioned how I thought the heating system was all set to go, apparently, I was mistaken. Shortly after my article a safety switch on the school boiler developed a short. I would have to say that we got everything we could out of it because it was the original parts from the installation in 1966. Although we could not find a replacement because it was deemed obsolete, a different type of switch was available and is now installed.

I have been extremely busy working on the leaves. This year I took five full truckloads out. I know this doesn't sound like much but with the sidewalls it came to approximately thirty-five cubic yards of leaves. Trust me when I say, "that is a lot of leaves". After finishing, I have now removed the box and have installed the plow. I have also removed the mower deck and installed the snow blower attachment to the tractor. I gave the tractor a good once over, greased all the bearings and fittings and changed out the airlifters. The tire chains have been installed, so I think I have the equipment ready for winter. I recently found a leak on the North church entrance roof. I cleaned up all the debris and repaired a couple of questionable areas. I think I got it because it rained hard and I found nothing going on. I also resealed all the flashing and edges.

You may have all noticed the new north entrance door. The other had rotted out from time and salt. The flooring has been repaired from the installation and there is a better threshold transition with no tripping hazard anymore.

The work on the school continues, but I was a little slowed down with the leaves and other projects. The flooring is now down in the old gathering space along with the base molding. I still have a little bit of the trim work to finish but we are very close to having the first room complete. The furniture arrived and has been assembled.



(Garret's article continued from pg. 6) The cabinets are ordered, and the Formica and counter tops are still being assembled and should be installed just after Christmas. I have started painting the second room and with the help of some volunteers, have gotten the boys restroom prepped for paint. If you are interested in helping, I have a few small jobs that need to be done. They are mostly cleaning up and as a bonus you will receive free on-the-job training.

There are a few other things going on, but I am running a little long on this article. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Kelenske Family. In closing I will end as always; I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful Parish. May God bless and keep all of you safe.

Your Brother in Christ

Garret A. Kelenske

Facility Maintenance Manager



November/December 2020—From the Deacon:

I am thinking that most everyone will be more than happy to say goodbye to 2020. It has not been that year of clear 20/20 vision that we thought it might be. Covid, masks and social distancing, along with shut-downs and stay at home orders and recommendations, changed the way we live and share with one another. Just last week, we had our daughter and son-in-law over for a Sunday dinner—the first time they have been in our home since Christmas. Oh, we have been to their place a couple times, and we have camped and vacationed together, but the normal things have been far less than normal.

At the same time, we have gone eight months with a dispensation from attending Mass, and there are numerous susceptible folk who righteously have done exactly that. Yet, I wonder if that is more a detriment than an advantage. During those first few months when our churches were closed, watching Mass on TV and receiving a spiritual communion...well, just not the same as being in church. I missed the Mass and my brothers and sisters praying with me on Sunday mornings.

(Deacon's article continued from pg. 7) We all long for "normal." But as I write this, case numbers in West Michigan, especially in Muskegon, are worse than ever. There may be some hope for a vaccine in the not too distant future, but even that presents a whole bevy of additional problems, especially the logistics of shipping and distribution, and who will be first to receive said vaccine. But what would life be like without mountains and valleys? What would life be like if all were flat and monotonous without struggle and a little pain and a need for effort and cooperation? Might be kind of boring. God knows that we need challenge in our lives, but how many hurricanes does it take to warn us that we need God and his love in our lives?

Finally, too, the whole election process is done, and the negativity of political ads bombarding us again and again all day long is finally past. There is no doubt that we are in for political change, and I would pray and hope for change that is good and peaceful. But it will be difficult to know peace and bask in its rays if the Democratic leaders pursue federal funding of abortion and Planned Parenthood. Tooting women's rights over the rights of the unborn, over the baby on board in the womb is just wrong and deceitful. It is Satan's way of convincing mankind to continue eating the forbidden fruit and playing God, the ancient sin of Adam and Eve.

Let us pray for a better year, for a blessed 2021 as we continue to pray for ourselves and our neighbors:

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

~ Deacon Dave