

Welcome to this issue of the Messenger. The St. John XXIII Stewardship Commission works to highlight some of the many ways people are actively living out Christ's message of love and service in our faith community. This month are pleased to share with you two of the projects we are actively pursuing.

Stewardship Commission

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

The Stewardship Commission continues to plan an upcoming day trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion WI, the only nationally approved Marian apparition site in the USA. The date of the bus trip is not yet established. Due to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, initial funding for the bus has been established.

The trip is expected to take approximately 7-8 hours for travel from St. John's XXIII - St. Peter's Campus, as travel time is about 2 hours each way. That will provide time to properly board the bus, visit the main chapel, the apparition chapel and the prayer stations on the grounds. The trip will include a lunch break in the on-site cafe' and time to visit the gift shop. More information will be presented in the coming weeks as other details need to be determined to finalize this exciting opportunity.

A Place to Be Spirituality Center

The St. John XXIII Adult Faith Formation Ministry is excited to announce our new location: *A Place To Be Spirituality Center*, 2561 Hwy 32, Port Washington (corner of Hwy 32 & County Road LL) is now open.

Come visit us Mondays through Thursdays 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Fridays 10:00 am to 3:00pm. We have lots of exciting things scheduled for the Center. Make sure to check out our website at www.aplacetobesc.org for a full listing of events and offerings. Registration is now open, so make sure to register early.

Join us for food, fellowship, and friendship at our Fishes and Loaves Potluck on Friday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm until 9:00 pm. Bring a friend, a dish to pass or just yourself for a potluck supper with the *A Place To Be* community. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

Thank you to all who gave so generously of your time, talent and treasure

During these beautiful summer days, supporting our Food Pantry is one way to help families struggling with basic needs. While we enjoy picnics and vacation/staycations, donations of basic care items and food are always welcome and help so many in our community. A BIG Thank You for those who stopped out for the Beer Garden event to support the Food Pantry. Every little bit helps us provide for those in need and continue our mission. We are grateful for our volunteers for summer school events that gave our children a safe environment for fun and fellowship. We also wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with all the Fish Day preparations, cooking, serving, and packing it up. The gift of your time and talent is greatly appreciated for this important fund raiser. The funds raised benefit the stewardship of our parish at all three sites. We wish you a safe and happy August.

Upcoming events

Friday, August 3, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Fishes & Loaves, Pot luck dinner at *A Place To Be Spirituality Center*
Saturday, August 4, 7:30 am to 1:00 pm, Knights of Columbus and Men's Society Car Show, St Peter's Site
Saturday, August 25, 8:30 am Ministry of Presence Brunch at St. Peter's Cafeteria

Please see the bulletin or Parish website at www.stjohn23rd.org for more information on these events and to see a full listing of events.