

Welcome to this issue of the Messenger. The St. John XIII 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 we would like to highlight the three events that the Stewardship Commission is planning for the months ahead for St. John XXIII Parish.

#### Stewardship Commission

### Three Events to Increase Our Time in Prayer

The Stewardship Commission will be scheduling three events over the next several weeks on dates two of which are yet to be determined. We are inviting all of our parishioners to watch for these dates in the bulletin and on our website to join us.

The first event is a day trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion Wisconsin, the site of the only approved apparition of our Blessed Mother in the United States, for a day of special prayer intentions. It is a 1½ hour bus ride each way, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with lunch included. It will be scheduled on an upcoming Saturday, and if enough interest in attending the 8:30 am Mass, would have to leave no later than 7:00 am. The details are being gathered now for this exciting pilgrimage. Please watch for the flyer, as we will need to make a reservation at the site 14 days in advance.

The second event is a full day of Adoration at St. Mary's Church, to begin after the Wednesday May 23, after the 8:45 am Mass, and conclude the following Thursday, May 24, at 9:30 am. Volunteers will be needed to be in church for 1 hour each, 2-3 people are preferred for each hour, throughout the event. We will be setting up a schedule soon, so please consider being present for an hour of time with the Lord. If we do not have full coverage for the event, Adoration will conclude at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 23 as normally scheduled.

The third event is hosting a day of prayer at the Our Lady of Fatima grotto shrine, located at Immaculate Conception in Saukville. The sale of the property has required the relocation of the Shrine across the street to the Church grounds. Once everything is in place and date scheduled, the event will begin at 6:00 am with the Angelis, include Liturgy of the Hours, Rosaries and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to conclude shortly after 6:00 pm.

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

We thank you, Lord, for the many opportunities to represent you to each other daily. Please bless the many parish members who provided each site with a beautiful holiday environment, a sense of community, discipleship and caring through the ministries of prayer, music, education and hospitality. We are still renewing and rebuilding our community. Help us to keep navigating the difficult waters of change ahead as you taught us in Ephesians, Romans, St. John and St. Luke. We ask this in Your Name. Amen

### Upcoming events

Beginning May 2 –Men's Scripture Study (formerly That Man I You) will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 am St. Mary's Parish Center, all rooms.

Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6 –Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale--Outside Churches after all Masses

Saturday, May 12 & Sunday May 13—Knights of Columbus Rose Sale—Outside Churches after all Masses

Sunday, May 13— Confirmation during Mass at St. Mary's - 9:00 am

Monday, May 14, 6:00 pm Centering Prayer Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, May 18 & Saturday, May 19 & Sunday May 20 – Flower Sale at St. Peter's Parking lot  
(Public after 3:00 pm Friday)

Wednesday, May 23, 9:30 am to Thursday, May 24, 9:30 am---24 Hour Adoration at St. Mary's Church

Thursday, May 31---Apprenticeship Discipleship Large Group --St Peter's Cafeteria, 6:30 pm

Please see the bulletin or Parish website at [www.stjohn23rd.org](http://www.stjohn23rd.org) for more information on these events and to see a full listing of events.