

ST. PATRICK'S IRISH SETTLEMENT

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MASS TIME: SUNDAY 8:00 AM

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Blood of Christ,
Eucharistic drink
and refreshment
of souls, save us.

JULY 2014

July 21-24 Summer CCD 6:00-8:00 Parish House

NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY

NO ALTAR/ROSARY MEETING FOR JULY

Vacation
Bible
School

MONDAY, JULY 21st through THURSDAY, JULY 24th: 6:00-8:00 PM...All welcome to attend the Carnival (6:00) and Mass (7:15) on Thursday, 24th in the Cemetery!



ST. PATRICK'S NEWS

During the month of May we reflected on our Blessed Mother and June on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During the month of July the Church calls us to reflect on the Precious Blood of Christ. Pius IX instituted the feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord in 1849, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merits sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Whenever I celebrate mass and lift up the chalice at the consecration, I visualize the Blood of Christ coming from our Lord's blessed side into the Chalice and overflowing upon all who are present. Yes, this out pouring of Christ's Blood not only quenches our thirst, but drenches us with his healing and redeeming love. In the Prayer after communion for the mass of the Precious Blood, the ancient teaching of the Church is expressed about the Blood of Christ.

"Refreshed, O Lord, by this saving food and drink, we pray that we may always be bathed in the Blood of our Savior, so that it may become for us a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Yes, this Precious Blood of Christ refreshes us, it restores us and it heals us. It is at the mass where we truly receive the holy transfusion we truly need to live. Yes, Lord, allow your Precious Blood to invade our veins so that our heart will pump your Blood Type throughout our bodies.

Let your Blood refresh us with a new outlook on life, a new meaning, and a new direction. Let your Blood refresh us with your love and grace as it moves through our bodies. Let your healing Blood sooth old hurts and mend the errors of our life. Let your Blood allow us to be the servant you call us to be.

In his letter to the Corinthians (Pope St. Clement dated in the year 90, but probably earlier) he says this about the Precious Blood of Christ, "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world." Yes, let us fix our gaze on the Precious Blood of Christ that reminds us of Christ's love for us. May we never forget that through our Lord's Blood we have been redeemed.

"Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and death and the draining of your Blood on the cross, might prove to us how much you, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only NOT run from the cross, but WELCOME every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in eternity. Amen."

Blessings, Father Dan

UPDATE: Eileen called to report our beloved St. Aloysius is ready to come home! She will call when she is ready to make the trip and will also stay overnight to do some additional repairs and follow up on the Stations of the Cross brightening.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Get ready for SUMMER CCD week .

The date has been set: Mark your calendars for JULY 21st through JULY 24th.

Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm. We THANK Sheila Lynch, Michelle Haupts and Michele Pedersen for volunteering to help with the dinner. If anyone else is interested, please let us know! We are also looking for volunteers to help with concession stands on the last day at the Carnival. Let us know if you can help.

DONATIONS are needed::::PLEASE donate 2-3 liters of any kind of pop per family. The kids love this game and it is very helpful to have families donate the pop. Liters may be dropped off on SUNDAY the 13th or the following SUNDAY the 20th at the Church. THANKS!

Come on, Come All!



Everyone is invited to our Carnival on the last day of Summer CCD.. Hot Dogs, Beef burgers—all carnival foods will be provided. We will have mass following in the Cemetery, weather permitting. **COME SUPPORT OUR KIDS!!!**



BUS TRIP TO THE ABBEY

Just in case you live under a rock and didn't hear about the trip to the Abbey in Conception, MO. I decided to post a few pictures for you to enjoy. Even though the bus broke down and we were delayed about an hour, what a great time! We spent time getting to know each other a little better and the Abbey is simply a beautiful, peaceful and blessed place to visit. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to stop in. THANK YOU Father Dan for offering this experience to the parishioners!



Parish Council

St Patrick's Parish Council Minutes

The St. Patrick's Parish Council met June 19th at 7:00 pm. Members present were Fr. Dan, Ginny Darr, Tom Connor, Jim Watts, and Dan Hanrahan

Fr. began by getting an update on hail damage to the grounds. An adjustor found hail damage to the roof on the church sacristy, as well as the flashing around the windows on the church's west side. There was some additional damage to some shingles on the house, as well as paint being knocked off its south side. Still waiting to hear a damage estimate, but have begun looking for contractors to do the work.

The large window at the front of the church was also discussed. The exterior storm window is cracked. The Diocese recommended having another glass company take a look at it. Since the council meeting they have, and it appears the window will take more work than previously thought.

Fixing the door at the back of the church was also a point of discussion. It no longer shuts tight, and is letting water in onto the new floor during storms. Dustin Cozad looked at the door, and suggested we put in a commercial, custom made metal door, very similar to what is currently there. He gave a rough estimate of \$2000 for the door, and offered to install it for nothing. The council voted to pursue this option.

Dustin also attempted to fix the open slot on the church bell tower. He found the wood behind the tin had deteriorated. It was a larger project than he could handle, and we decided again pursue another contractor.

We are also looking for a mason to take a look at the flaking foundation under the sacristy, and give us recommendations on how to proceed.

The floor of the porch on the Parish House is also in need of repair. An initial bid came in on the job at \$7000. It included pouring four footings, and the use of a poly flooring resistant to rot. The council decided to ask them to resubmit a bid essentially rebuilding it the way it was.

Father updated us on our Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal. Currently we were at 78% with \$6175 pledged of our \$7800 goal.

Also discussed was resuming a 2nd Collection this fall. It will be taken on the first Sunday of every month, beginning this October, and the proceeds will be donated to the Madison Warren Ecumenical Association.

Father also gave an update on the proposed St. John Paul II Center. He has been in contact with Joan Bindle of the Des Moines Diocese, who will help us better flesh out our case, prior to the beginning of a feasibility study.

Finally, Father mentioned the upcoming Religious Education Summer Week in July.

The next meeting was set for August 21st.

PARISH CONTACTS



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Newsletter-Jan Lyon- vanmeterjan@aol.com...490-5512

Parish Hall Reservations-Jody Watts..515-981-0595

Music Ministers -.Maryellen Krantz..515-240-9293...Rick & Mary McLaughlin...986-4978,
Leo & Judy Hensley...462-1113

Religious Education—Jan Lyon..490-5512

Altar & Rosary – Virginia Hanrahan—515-669-1387

Building & Grounds- Tom Connor..462-4771, Dan Hanrahan..681-4619

Cemetery-Dan Hanrahan..681-4619, Pat Lynch..981-5978

Funeral Dinner Coordinators-Jody Watts..981-0595,Linda Svec..996-2581,
Rose Anderson..981-0707

Liturgy-Rose Anderson..981-0707

Parish Council Members: Jim Watts, Tom Connor, Dan Hanrahan, Mike Pedersen, Michelle Haults

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**MADISON COUNTY
FAIR** **JULY 16-21, 2014**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE

golf for Charities

Catholic Charities Bishop's Golf Classic is Aug. 25 at Echo Valley Country Club. Teams and individuals can find more information and sign up online at www.CatholicCharitiesDM.org. Contact Beth Gibbins at 515-237-5078 or bgibbins@catholiccharitiesdm.org with questions.

Summer Service Projects

Catholic Charities relies on the generosity of volunteers and donors year-round to provide services to the homeless, the immigrant, the hungry, the abused and all those who "need a little help along the way."

If your family or a group you're involved in is interesting in a summer service project consider one of the following:

Childcare Volunteers

Help with childcare during our ESL classes this summer.

Refugee Resettlement - Contact [Stephanie](#) at 515-237-5095

Summer session runs Tuesday, June 17-Thursdays, Aug. 7

Class is every Tuesday & Thursday 10-11:30 a.m.

Refugee Apartment Set Up Volunteers

This would be a natural for a teacher, who is off during the summer, or college students. The apartment set ups take about three hours and are during the week in the daytime. Refugee Resettlement – Contact Sinishaw at 515-393-5231

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Bus Tokens

Tokens can be purchased at customer service counters at HyVee, Dahl's, Younkers and DART.

St. Joseph Emergency Family Center – Contact Leslie at 515-237-5025

Toilet Paper

St. Mary Family Center - Contact Bernadette at 515-262-7290

Bedding (full or twin-size blanket and comforter)

Refugee Resettlement - Contact Sinishaw at 515-393-5231

Diapers (size 4) & Baby Wipes

St. Joseph Family Shelter - Contact Leslie at 515-237-5025

Parish Social Concerns/Justice Committees

Quarterly gathering of representatives from parish social concerns/justice committees is July 30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. It would be beneficial to have at least one person from each parish attend.

Direct any questions to Ken Bresnan at 237-5089

is available at www.dmdiocese.org/wyd.

World Youth Day

Register by Oct. 1 for this amazing pilgrimage with Bishop Pates to Krakow, Poland for the next World Youth Day in 2016. Those will be between the ages of 18 and 35 by July 19, 2016 are invited to join us in celebrating the Catholic faith with Pope Francis. We will be walking and praying in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolbe. The diocese welcomes individuals within and outside the Des Moines diocese. Stipulations apply for families of minors who wish to join the pilgrimage. Online registration and more information

Young Adult Mass and Social

Sponsored by Novos Young Adults

All 20-and-30-somethings seeking faith and fellowship are invited to the diocesan young adult Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral (607 High St.) in downtown Des Moines on Thursday, July 24. Doors open early with confession being offered at 6 p.m. and the rosary prayed at 6:30 p.m. The young adult Mass begins at 7 p.m. Afterwards, we'll go somewhere downtown for dinner/drinks and socializing. For more information, contact Tessa Schealler at 515-237-5098, tschealler@dmdiocese.org, or visit Novos Young Adults on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/143948725270/>.

IOWA STATE FAIR PLANS?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mass at the Iowa State Fair

- Mass will be held at 7:15 a.m. on Sundays, Aug. 10 and 17, at Pioneer Hall at the state fairgrounds.
- Mass for the Assumption Holy Day will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, at Pioneer Hall on the state fairgrounds.

St. Joseph Parish, at 3300 Easton Blvd., is the closest parish to the fairgrounds at about 1.5 miles away. Visit their website for current Mass times.

