

MASS INTENTIONS—April 22nd–April 30th

Saturday–5pm +Robert Vernon, Sr.
(Carl & Donna Treiber)

Sunday– 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am +Mike Giefer (Brett, Brandon & Breah)

While Father is gone he will offer Mass for Cam and Amy Salyers (Diane Salyers),

Zach Johnston (Fr. Borkenhagen), +Maria Luveano (Mary Greenough), Quinn Rexwinkle (John & Megan Rexwinkle), and Sister Bertina

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday–5pm +Fr. Donal O'Hare

Sunday– 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am Mother's Day Novena



Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord: **James Van Leeuwen**, Husband of Jane Van Leeuwen. **Ruby "Sis" Edwards**, Mother of Amy Westhoff and husband, Scott. **Steven Wilhoft**, Father of Jonathan Wilhoft and wife, Courtney. *And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope... as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." I have two prayer requests. First, please pray for the Wilhoft family. Steve Wilhoft, father-in-law to Mrs. Wilhoft and grandfather to one of our students, passed away in a car accident last week. Second, please pray for Mrs. Burke's mother and family. Mrs. Burke is employed by USD 503 but has been teaching music and violin classes here at St. Pat's for three years. Last week her mother, Mary Oberle, passed away after a long battle with cancer. So on this Divine Mercy Sunday, I would just ask that you remember these and all our St. Pat's families in your prayers. Thanks so much and Happy Easter, *Emilio Aita*

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY—Do you or someone you know need a little extra help with maintaining your home? Crews of Catholic teens and chaperones will be in Parsons July 9th-28th to joyfully assist you in getting on top of these tasks. The teams are equipped to weed, mow, trim, and clear overgrowth. They can also prep and paint smaller (1 or 2 story) houses, garages, sheds, fences and decks. Many hands make light work! Let these energetic young people demonstrate their care for you in this practical way. Contact the Rectory for more information."

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES—Are you looking for the best gift to give your mother or grandmother this Mother's Day? Honor her with a Novena of Masses. Nine Masses will be scheduled throughout the year, said for the intention of your loved one. Mother's Day Novena envelopes can be found in your contributions envelope box. Mass cards are available at the Rectory.

365 DAYS WITH MARY APP—Download this free app and use the content for daily reflection on growing in mercy through prayer and reflection on Mary's example. Read the Daily Mercy quote and "Ponder" questions as a meditation after communion at Daily Mass. Download the app on your Android or Apple smart device today!



SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:

**Wed 3-4am, Thur 9-10am,
Thur 11am-12pm, Thurs 10-11pm,
Fri 8-9am, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am.**

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Divine Mercy Sunday

If you want to know what Stewardship looks like, take another look at today's reading from the book of Acts. The early Christians devoted themselves to studying the teaching of the apostles. They sold all of their belongings and shared the proceeds with one another as was needed. They prayed together and ate together and praised God with sincerity of heart. They received the gifts of God and joyfully gave them back, and they were abundantly blessed for it! We have much to gain by studying this passage and taking it to heart. May we all practice our Stewardship with similar enthusiasm.

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21. Don't let Robin rule the roost. "If your devotion to your children has gotten to the point where they walk all over you, there is bound to be tension in your home," notes Kerekes. "It might be with a spouse who disagrees with our discipline methods, or within yourself because you're whipped by your own 2-year-old. When it comes to discipline, it's imperative that both parents are on the same page."

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and earth, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary, *Fr. Borkenhagen*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Apr 23	*RCIA Class	9:15am
	–Sacramental Living; Becoming a Saint	
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm
Mon Apr 24	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Parish Library Work Evening	6:30pm
Tue Apr 25	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Knights of Columbus Meeting	7pm
	*PTO Meeting–Parish Hall	7pm
Wed Apr 26	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 PSR	5:30pm
	*MS EDGE–Last Meeting	6pm
	*CYM Meeting	7pm
Thur Apr 27	*Theology on Tap	6:30pm
	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	6:30pm
	*Auction Meeting–Parish Hall	7pm
Fri Apr 28	*NO SCHOOL at SPCS	
	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church	
	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
Sat April 29	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Latin Mass	7am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7:40am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Apr 30	*RCIA Class	9:15am
	–Mass: A Way of Life	
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

YEARBOOK ADS—are being sold by the SPCS yearbook staff: \$25 for 1/4 pg., \$50 for 1/2 pg., and \$100 for full pg. Contact Carrie Manners at 778-3304.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Janice Morris, Merlin Gottschalk, Ramona Carnahan, David Yockey

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

April 15th–April 16th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$15,472.00

Altar Servers:

April 29—5pm Ky Waun/B Chavez/K Nance

April 30—8am J O'Hara/R Barger/C Buller

10am Schibi/B Brungardt/E James/I Mann

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 29—5pm Teresa Bogner

April 30—8am Jane Alexander

10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

April 29—5pm Amanda Archambault

April 30—8am Sophia Zetmeir

10am Emma Feess

Offertory Gifts:

April 29—5pm Tom & Christina O'Hara

April 30—8am Charles & Regina Sprague

10am Rob & Martha Westhoff

Ushers:

April 29—5pm T & B Westhoff/McKinney/Ritz

April 30—8am R & E Montee/C & R Sprague

10am G & K Haynes/M & F Mall

Money Counters:

April 29 & 30—Lori Nolting

Doug and Tracy Holzem

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

A continuation of the April 2nd bulletin article:

21 STEPS TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE:

11. Go to sleep at the same time. Explains Kerekes, "This provides you with another opportunity for communication: verbal or physical. You decide. Be open. Enjoy each other's company. If you're normally too tired to do more than collapse into bed and fall directly to sleep, get yourselves in bed sooner. This is more needed couple time."

12. Be patient. "We live in a perfectionist, 'got to have it now' society," says Silva. "And that's a bad recipe for individuals going through struggles for healing, wholeness, and holiness. Each of us brought baggage into our marriage. Some brought truckloads. Some just brought a knapsack. But things don't change overnight. We have to exercise patience with our spouses, and with ourselves."

13. Laugh...even when you're disagreeing. Silva explains, "One of the things I recommend couples do is come up with an exit strategy for fights that are lading nowhere—a word or a phrase that will get you out of the situation and maybe even make you laugh. Our house is filled with laughter. You just can't take yourself too seriously. That's a disaster."

14. Don't be afraid to ask for help. If you're really struggling in your marriage, find a good Catholic counselor or a priest who has experience dealing with marital conflict," Billings recommends. "Communication is key to a strong marriage, and if you're having a hard time communicating, it often requires a third party to come in and help you get back on track."

15. Don't trash talk your spouse. "Seeking counsel from a trusted advisor about serious problems is one thing, but for the everyday problems, we have a rule that we don't talk to anybody about those," advises Billings. "You're eventually going to move beyond that problem, but complaining about it to others can do lasting damage to a marriage or a spouse's reputation. Within the family, it's natural to joke about certain habits you or your spouse might have, but even then that joking should be loving and respectful."

16. Hold on to the "Tabor Vision." Billings explains, "In Alice von Hildebrand's book *By Love Refined: Letter to a Young Bride*, she talks about 'Tabor Vision'—when Jesus' disciples saw him transfigured on Mount Tabor—and how brides are given a similar glimpse of their husband, of the potential they have and who they are in their best moments. That idea has really helped me in my own marriage. Spouses always need to respect one another, but when you're going through challenging times, that can be tough. Holding onto that 'Tabor Vision,' though, always seeing their potential, that helps."

17. Remember that love is a decision, not a feeling. It's impossible to keep warm fuzzy feelings for your spouse constantly, especially when you have children taking up so much of your time and energy," says Kerekes. "Just remember that your relationship with your spouse comes first. Period. If you want the best for your children, and who doesn't, the success of your marriage is paramount."

18. Tread carefully with opposite sex friendships. I have good friends of the opposite sex, so does my wife, but there have to be firm boundaries in place," Silva advises. "People need to know that marriage is exclusive, and you're not going to treat other women or men the same way you treat your spouse. That should be apparent in how you greet them, the words you use, the times you talk to them, and where you talk to them. Some topics should be off limits with friends of the opposite gender, and you should also always include your spouse in those relationships."

19. Have couch time. "This should happen daily," recommends Kerekes. "Sit next to each other. Snuggle. Have at least some part of you touching. Physical touch soothes you. And as an added bonus, if you are touching even in some small way when you're upset with each other, the physical contact will ease tension and help you work out your troubles in a calmer, quicker manner. Try it."

20. Never let the sun set on your anger. "Anger broods," says Billings. "The longer you let something go, the more your mind dwells on it, and the problem becomes something much bigger than it was originally. My husband sometime jokes that we let the sun rise on our anger because we'll stay up all night working something out. But we don't always do that. Sometimes we just make the decision to agree to disagree and discuss the issue later when we're in a better frame of mind. That has been really helpful."

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