

**MASS INTENTIONS—June 3rd—June 11th**

**Saturday—5pm** †Francis & Leonard Fowler  
(John & Betty Schettler)  
**Sunday—8am** Jason & Mary Sharp  
**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**Monday—8am** †Hugh Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)  
**Tuesday—8am** †Pat Flynn (Paul Forbes)

**Wednesday—8am** Mr & Mrs Jim Willits (Becky Dhooghe)  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
**Thursday—8am** †Connie Perez (Carl & Louise Yockey)  
**Friday—8am** Dan & Cheri Allen  
**Next Weekends Intentions:**  
**Saturday—5pm** †Transito Fuentes & Lusiana Reyes  
(Bill & Mary Fuentez)  
**Sunday—8am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
10am †Theresa Volmer (Arley Journot)

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY**

**In the case of a sacramental emergency, please call Fr. David Michael in St. Paul. The rectory number is: 620-449-2224. His cell phone number is: 620-757-1047**

PARISH NEWS

**SUBMIT PRAYER AND ACTION FORMS NOW!**

—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 9<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 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. **FORM IS ON OUR WEBSITE!**

**ACH CONTRIBUTIONS:**

As we announced a couple of weeks ago, you are now able to have your church contributions automatically withdrawn from your checking account and deposited to the church account. This process is now in operation. We thank those who have already signed up. This is a very easy way to make your contributions. Simply fill out the form, attach a void check, and turn it in to the parish office. Forms are available in the office or on the [STPATRICKSPARSONS.ORG](http://STPATRICKSPARSONS.ORG) web-site under the Home tab; parish documents. If you have any questions, please contact Carilyn in the office.

**A FEW REMINDERS**

Fr. Labenz will be here at St. Patrick's to celebrate Mass on June 10th and 11th. A reception will follow each Mass in the Parish Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTICE**

St. Patrick Fourth Degree Assembly #2496 will have a meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Chinese Chef in Parsons. We hope to see you there.

**AUCTION PROCUREMENT PARTY**

Please join us for St. Patrick's Catholic School Auction Procurement Party. Tuesday, June 13th @ 7pm. We will be at the Stice Residence, 1799 24000 Rd, Parsons. Drinks provided, please bring an appetizer. Everyone is welcome. Let's plan for another successful auction for 2017!

**SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!  
ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE**

**FOLLOWING HOURS: THUR 9-10AM,  
FRI 8-9AM, FRI 2-3AM,  
SAT 2-3AM, SAT 10-11PM,  
SUN 12-1AM, SUN 5-6 PM**

**Stewarding our Gifts...**

**"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."  
Pentecost**

The Jewish feast of Pentecost is an ancient one that is associated with the harvesting of grains. It began at Passover and concluded seven weeks later, on Pentecost. On this day, the people would bring "the first fruits" of their labors as an offering in gratitude to God. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost marks the day Christians received a tremendous gift from God—the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings remind us of what this gift means for us. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." It is clear that we have been given much, and we are expected to return the first fruits of our labor to God. It is no coincidence that the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. They were being sent forth, just as we are also being sent forth on a very special kind of harvest. The Spirit that gave the Apostles courage and wisdom for this task does the same for you and I as we go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives!

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

Sat June 3	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7am
	*First Saturday Confessions	7:15am
	*First Saturday Mass	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun June 4	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm
Mon June 5	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8:00am
	*Ultreya - Parish Hall	7am
Tue June 6	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8:00am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
Wed June 7	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
Thur June 8	*Rosary/Chaplet in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
	*Theology on Tap	6:30pm
	Details on Facebook	
Fri June 9	*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
	*Mass	8am
Sat June 10	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7:00am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun June 11	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**

**MAY 20TH - MAY 21ST**

**NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$13,886.25**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Saturday, August 26, 2017, will be our Annual Women's Retreat in the Parish Hall. Plans are underway to deliver a renewing retreat with plenty of fellowship, great food. More information will be available in future announcements.

**ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Annual benefit for Hannah's Promise is underway. It used to be the baby Bottle campaign but now we use white sacks which will be available in the back of the church. Please pray the prayers together as a family, fill the sacks with change and return them on Father's Day.

**Altar Servers:**

June 10—5pm L Wolgamott/B Chavez/A Wheat  
June 11—8am M Bogner/A Nibarger/E Wheat  
10am Dylan G/Kyle W/C Manners/O Feess

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

June 10—5pm Vicki Templeton  
June 11—8am Phyllis Pracht  
10am Sherri Martin

**Lector:**

June 10—5pm Allison Colson  
June 11—8am John Schibi  
10am Joanna Wilson

**Offertory Gifts:**

June 10—5pm Bill & Connie Wolgamott  
June 11—8am Mike & Janice Dulohery  
10am Gloria Cervantes

**Ushers:**

June 10—5pm M & J Carson/C VanMieghem/M McKinney  
June 11-8am Carl & Sheryl Johnson/Crabtree/Simon  
10am Richard/Mary Jo Fitzwater/J Heppler

**Money Counters:**

June 10 & 11—David/Jane Dick & Mike/Janice Dulohery

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord:*

**Baldwin Welsch**, brother in law to Juanita Yanez (Vincent) and uncle to Paul (Dana), Cindy Berndt (Gene); **Pat Moreno**, wife of Dave Moreno; **Nancy Burzinski Nance**; sister to Bob Burzinski (Pam) and Judi Collins (Sherman) *Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.*



*Please pray for :*

**JERRY MCKINNEY and  
BILL EASLEY**

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

**21 Steps to a Stronger Marriage:  
Franciscan Alumni Talk About  
Making Marriage Work**

"Franciscan Way" — Spring 2016  
By Emily Stimpson

Good marriages don't just happen—especially not good Catholic marriages. Loving another person—another flawed, sinful, weak, and broken person—as Christ love his Church requires work. It also requires patience, humility, meekness, forgiveness, honest communication, time, sacrifice, laughter and grace—lots and lots of grace. The Franciscan Way magazine recently published an article on making and keeping stronger marriages. It's a great article that you can find online. Listed below are the 21 steps recommended to strengthen your marriage.

**1. Pray together.**

Pray as a couple every day—even on the phone if your spouse is traveling. It can be just a short little prayer, but this makes you stronger as a couple. It is also a way to be tuned into what's going on in your spouse's heart. What they're worrying about or thinking about will come out in prayer.

**2. Say, "I love you," every day.**

This is one of the best habits for your marriage that you can develop. Make this the first thing you say in the morning and the last thing you say at night. Even if their sleeping and they can't hear it.

**3. Keep dating each other.**

Just because you're married and you have kids doesn't mean your social life is over. You still need to spend quality time alone together, or even out with friends. Getting out of the house for a date isn't always possible with sitters or finances, but you can have dates in, too. Rather than spend your evenings in separate rooms, on separate computers, or separate phones, unplug—everything except your TV. Snuggle on the couch with popcorn, a glass of wine, and a good movie. Or, pull out a deck of cards or a board game. Schedule it on the calendar if necessary.

**4. Don't greet your spouse with complaints.**

In our house, the rule is that my we spend the first 10-15 minutes when we get home from work talking about what went well that day and what's going on for dinner. "We don't pounce on the other person with complaints or talk about the troubles of the day right away. This puts us both in a better frame of mind to tackle whatever problems from the day we do need to deal with."

**5. Know each other's love languages.**

You need to understand what makes your spouse feel loved. For me, that's time and listening. Acts of service are great, but when my husband doesn't take the time to listen to me, I don't feel loved. His is touch. Without touch, he doesn't feel loved. When outside circumstances start to pull you away from one another, knowing how the other experiences love enables you to get back to the heart of loving them.

**6. Put your spouse first.**

"Even though we all learned to share in kindergarten, we are still selfish beings. We want what we want when we want it. But a happily functioning family can't be selfish. Always ask yourself, what would your spouse like? Whether it's what to eat for dinner, what movie to watch, or what dessert you share at a restaurant, let your spouse choose. Having a happy spouse makes you a happy spouse."

**7. Never lie to each other.**

"Be committed to the truth, regardless of how much it hurts, we have to be willing to hear the truth, from both our spouse and ourselves. If we can be truthful in our words and bodily actions, with our spouse and with our kids, our marriage will be much stronger. That's what also allows us the time for forgiveness, repentance, and change."

We will continue our article next week...