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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Parish Office is Closed on Fridays

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Chairperson: Kate Klister 350-9217
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MUSIC DIRECTORS
Joseph Carpenter - 4:00 pm Sat. choir 430-3425
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CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFICE
Within St. Rita Parish, 2318 South 61 Street, West Allis, WI 53219
High School/Confirmation Program
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
Contact the DRE - Director of Religious Education,
Barbara Krieger 541-7515, ext. 39

SACRAMENTS
Baptism
Parish registration and parental instruction required.
Please contact the parish office.

Marriage
Please arrange for a date and instructions at least six months in advance at the parish office.
Parish registration is required.

Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, May 18 4:00 pm
Sunday, June 2 8:00 am

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
Each family or single adult 18 years old or older living at home or alone is invited and expected to be registered in our parish family at the parish office.
Please call the parish office to register.

“Please Remember St. Florian Parish in your Will.”

MASSES
Saturday (Anticipated) 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Monday through Friday 5:00 pm
(celebrated in Our Lady’s Chapel)
Evening before Holy Day (Anticipated) 7:00 pm
(celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 pm Mass)
Holy Day 8:00 am
(celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 pm Mass)

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm
(or upon request at the parish office)

FOOD PANTRY
3rd Monday of each month 5:00 - 6:00 pm
(in Carmel Hall)

HELPING HANDS
Outreach for the elderly and the homebound.
Elaine Croft 615-7124

MARY QUEEN OF SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY
(Our Parish Cluster School)
1435 South 92 Street • West Allis, WI 53214 476-0751

“I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”
- Jn 13:34

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also patient. He lived out the outcast. These traits are possible for us to become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone.

That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lord, our God,
you have given these, your faithful,
the grace to maintain their hope in you
through all life's changes and
to taste and see your goodness.

We bless you for the gifts
you have showered on them for so many years.

We ask that they may find joy in
a renewed strength of spirit,
that they may have good health,
and that they may inspire us
by the example of their serene way of life.

Amen.
Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May.

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation’s observance of Older Americans Month, where groups and organizations around the nation join in celebrating older Americans. Established in 1963, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for our nation to recognize seniors for their many contributions and share important information to help them stay healthy and active. The 2019 theme, Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults and their communities to:

- with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger! By engaging and supporting all community members, we recognize that older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks, and lives. Everyone benefits when everyone can participate. We encourage you to connect, create, and contribute for stronger and more diverse communities this May, and throughout the year. [https://acl.gov/oam/2019/older-americans-month-2019](https://acl.gov/oam/2019/older-americans-month-2019)

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Natural Family Planning Workshop**
Monday, May 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center
3501 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee

Curious? Come receive a broad introduction to what Natural Family Planning is, how it works, and basic similarities and differences between the various methods available. All are welcome! Whether you are single, preparing for marriage, struggle with infertility, have health concerns, or just want to better understand your body in its fullness... please join us! Call Rich Harter, M.T.S., Director of the St. John Paul II Office at 414-758-2215.

**Know and Protect Your End of Life Decisions**
Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
and
Wednesday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Parish
917 North 49 Street, Milwaukee

A talk by Executive Director, Joe Langfield, Human Life Alliance. Questions & Answers after the talk. Topics to be covered are POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment); Hospice, Palliative and Comfort Care; and DNR (Do Not Resuscitate). Also after the talk, Matt Von Rueden from Pro-Life Wisconsin, can help you go over the Wisconsin Power of Attorney for Health Care forms. Talk sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish with co-sponsors being Family Life Council, Inc.; Pro Life Wisconsin; and Wisconsin Right to Life - Milwaukee Chapter. For registration & questions, call 414-774-9418.

**Celebration of Lay Ministry**
Tuesday, June 4
11:00 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. Lunch/Program
Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center
3501 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee

Archbishop Listecki warmly invites you to the first annual Celebration of Lay Ministry, to celebrate and honor our lay ministers who serve on parish staffs throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and re-dedicate ourselves to God’s service. At this special Mass and lunch we will honor those retiring from parish ministry this year, and recognize their professional achievements.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 28. Please contact Susan McNeil, Director of Lay Ministry, at mcneils@archmil.org or 414-758-2214 to register.

**MQSCA NEWS**

“It is with mixed emotions that I am sharing that this will be my last school year at Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy. I have accepted the position to serve as founding principal of Cristo Rey San Diego High School and will be moving to California in July. I have loved and appreciated my time at Mary Queen of Saints. This school is a special place due to the love and hard work of the families, students, faculty and staff. I am confident that MQS will continue to be one of the best schools in the state of Wisconsin for years to come.”

In Christ,
Michael Derrick, MQSCA Principal
The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is celebrating their 175th Anniversary this year. Below is some information they have shared on their website. For more detailed information on this subject, please visit the following link:
https://www.archmil.org/AboutUs/History/A-Closer-Look/Immigrant-Church.htm

The relationship between the Catholic Church and Wisconsin's many diverse populations began in the 1700s when French Jesuits instructed native peoples in the Catholic faith.

In the 1800s, Europeans began migrating to Wisconsin for various reasons, such as lack of economic opportunity and religious persecution. The first waves of immigrants coming to Wisconsin were Irish and Germans. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist served Milwaukee's Irish population. The large German population played a prominent role in the shaping of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee – in fact, the first four bishops were German-speaking. St. Francis de Sales Seminary was founded, in part, to educate German-speaking seminarians, and many German sisterhoods created schools, hospitals and protective institutions. German speakers also came from Luxembourg, Bohemia, and Lithuania and settled in rural communities.

Poles began arriving in the 1860s. Virtually every industrial town of any size had at least one Polish parish. In each city, they created their own urban enclaves where they kept language and culture alive through social and cultural institutions and churches.

At the turn of the century, Italians, Hungarians, and Slovaks began arriving to work in factories or service industries. Each of them created their own communities within their cities. Kenosha, for example, had a very significant concentration of southern Italians from the Province of Cosenza. Churches and devotional societies, as well as religiously themed festivals, became an important part of Catholic life for these groups. Spanish speakers, including Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans, came in different periods often working as farm laborers or in service jobs. Throughout the archdiocese, each group created their own urban enclaves were their language and culture were kept alive through ethnic churches and schools.

African American communities grew slowly in the archdiocese. After World War II, the African American population of the archdiocese grew significantly. Following the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, many African Americans joined existing parishes.

Most recently, Pacific Islander and Asian Catholics have also found church homes in Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and elsewhere. Efforts to draw attention to these groups are highlighted in archdiocesan communications and through the ministry of lay persons, priests, deacons, and religious. Waves of new immigrants have made their presence felt in the parishes where they have created spaces for worship and cultural expression. Parishes in various parts of the archdiocese, at one time the domain of earlier ethnic groups, have now become important centers of evangelization and collaboration between the old and new.

This excerpt is taken from the essay “The Immigrant Church” by Rev. Steven Avella. To view the entire essay and learn more about the anniversary year visit archmil.org. Photographs courtesy of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives.