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'See' the saints--no driving required

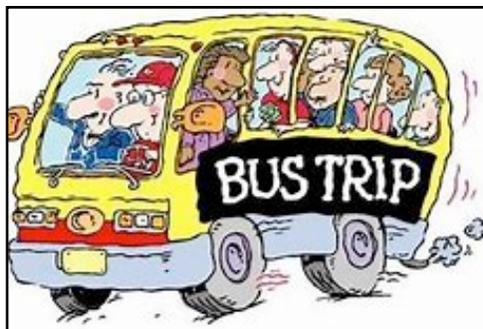
A lot of people take trips in the summer and fall, and some people like the no-driving convenience of bus trips.

Consider leaving your driving worries behind and joining us on our upcoming bus pilgrimage to the National Shrines of St. Maximilian Kolbe (Marytown) in Libertyville, Ill., and St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Darien, Ill. We will attend Mass, tour museums and visit gift shops at each shrine. We'll also visit the Bahá'í House of Worship located in beautiful gardens on the Lake Michigan shore, enjoy dinner at a Chicagoland barbecue restaurant, and will spend the night at the Marytown Retreat Center.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Conventual Franciscan Friar best known for offering his life at Auschwitz to save a prisoner who had been condemned to death. Because the man had children, St. Maximilian took his place and was starved to death in a concrete bunker. St. Maximilian also was devoted to

our Blessed Mother, promoting consecration to Mary and use of the Miraculous Medal, as well as publishing the Knights of the Immaculata which had a press run of 750,000 copies a month.

After the Nazis invaded Poland



he was imprisoned for publishing anti-Nazi materials. He is a patron of the pro-life movement. Marytown includes the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, an educational Holocaust exhibit, and the relics of Saint Maximilian, as well as the biggest Christian bookstore and gift shop between Chicago and Milwaukee.

St. Thérèse is affectionately known as the Little Flower. Her doctrine of spiritual childhood

and "the little way" was recognized in 1997 when she was designated one of the 33 doctors of the Church. Before her death, she said she wanted to spend her heaven doing good on earth, and is a popular intercessor. The museum we will visit holds the largest collection of her memorabilia outside of Lisieux. You will be able to enter the new life-size replica of her convent cell.

The tour departs Monday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 a.m., and returns the next day by 9 p.m. to St. Joseph in Sturgeon Bay. Everything is included for \$249, except your own personal spending money. Sign up deadline is July 16.

Registration questions can be directed to Penny Biwer at 920-743-2062. All other questions can be directed to Sara Buscher, 920-818-0845, or get the flyer from <http://www.stjosephsb.com/upcoming-events/images/pilgrimage-september-2018.pdf>

Parish Council Notes

Many of you will soon be hearing about the Parish Mission Planning Group that has been assembled to begin the process of inspiring a fundamental cultural change at the parish and school level. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this group of representatives from Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's, Holy Name of Mary-Maplewood and St. Peter and Paul-Institute have come together in collaboration with the Green Bay Diocese to embrace Bishop Ricken's call to become outward evangelists of our faith.



Meet Your Council

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By definition, Parish Mission Planning includes review and discussion concerning our respective parishes, St. John Bosco School, and a capital campaign. One of the likely objectives of the group is to become more involved in the community with projects that will make a difference because of our blended efforts. By working together as a Catholic Community, we can impact many people and organizations by being those "Disciples on the Way."

Please continue to pray for the Parish Mission Planning Group. Much like the early disciples that were guided by the Holy Spirit to take the Gospel message to all nations, may this group be blessed with great foresight in regards to outward evangelization of our church in our communities!

See you at Mass.

Bill Sauvé
Pastoral council president

Did you know...?

Have you noticed the red light burning next to the tabernacle on the wall behind the altar?

This is the **sanctuary lamp**, a wax candle, generally in a red glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

This is the same light the Magi followed until they found the baby Jesus in a stable. This ever-present light still beckons to each of us. We all look for the flickering flame as soon as we enter the church. Our attitude and demeanor change, or should change, as we recognize that we are in the house of the living God, that Jesus is actually present in the tabernacle, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The flame signifies his presence and a sign that our love for the Lord is eternal, never to be extinguished. It reminds us of why we kneel reverently when first entering the pew, and spend a few minutes in prayer. We leave our discussions with each other aside, quiet our hearts, and turn our attention to Jesus.

The sanctuary lamp was first used in the 13th century, and Canon Law 940 requires the lamp to burn continuously. This perpetual light is mentioned in Leviticus 6:6 in discussing the fire for burnt offerings. "Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continuously; it shall not go out."

The flame of the tabernacle lamp is purposely transferred from candle to candle beginning with the fire lit at the Easter Vigil Mass.

--Our Sunday Visitor



Connecting with CC Life

What's new?

We have been able to use our new **Flocknote** Message system to advise people of coming events, of Mass cancellations during winter's last big storm, and of funeral notices. Parishioners have already expressed pleasure in getting these advisories via text or email. If you would like to be on the Flocknote list, visit our web site and click on the Flocknote icon. (www.ccp parish.net)



Update on the **rain garden**: Sturgeon Bay has an ordinance that requires some sort of retention system for rainwater from impervious surfaces, like parking lots. Our refurbished lot will see the loss of the the grassy area with trees that currently divides the parking lot off Duluth, and thus a loss of our retention system. A rain garden is the solution, but because that would use up parking spaces, it will be placed in an area that uses rain water off the school roof.

Because of the unfortunate need to be concerned about **safety** in case of school intruders, the glass doors near the bathrooms in the social hall may need to be locked. More information on that later.

The St. John Bosco School **playground** may be used by neighbors, but signage is planned to control that usage. The 2 x 3 foot signs will advise that pets and alcohol are banned, that adult supervision is required,



and that the playground closes at dusk.

It has been noted that the **corned-beef-and-cabbage dinner** was more than an eat-and-leave event. Parishioners mingled, visited, and hung around until the very last, enjoying each other's company as well as the good food. We are family!

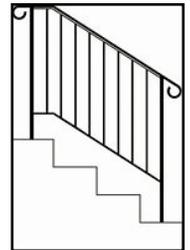
The **arbor vitae hedge** along the Fr. Tony Prayer & Reflection Garden was seriously damaged by sunburn during the last big snowstorm, and most of it will need to be replaced. Fr. Carl said next year the trees will be wrapped to prevent a repeat of such an occurrence.



New book racks for the pews have been installed. They were custom made to the match those already in place. Now, even the center sections of the pews have song books, so people can move to the center of the pews and still join in the singing. Now, to paraphrase an old hymn, "how can you keep from singing?"



The worship committee is working on getting **hand rails** along either side of the sanctuary for those who may need an assist in navigating the stairs safely.



Mark your calendars--fun events ahead

- **"Movies with a Message"** (but still lots of fun) Sundays, 6 p.m., at St. Joe's Faith Formation Center in the former school, next to St. Joseph Church on 5th St.: June 24, "St. Thérèse: Living On Love," about the saint whose "little way" is known the world over; July 22, "Saving Mr. Banks," about Walt Disney's 20-year quest to obtain the rights to "Mary Poppins" and thereby keep a promise to his daughters.

- **"Cat Chat" Vacation Bible School**: Athletics, Training to be Champions for Christ, Aug. 6-10, 8 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph Faith Formation Center. For students who completed grades K-4 this year. 5th & 6th graders can be helpers. Cost, \$20. Registration available at church entrances. If money is a concern, call Penny Biwer, 920-743-2062.

- **Scripture Discussion**, exploring the upcoming Sunday's Scriptures, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., at St. Joe's Faith Formation Center, or Thursdays, 9:15 a.m., at Ss. Peter & Paul in the parish center. Led by Penny Biwer.

- Check the front page for information about a **bus pilgrimage** to the shrines of St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Libertyville and Darien, Ill.

Faith never takes a vacation
Feed your faith
all summer!

Celebrating Mary this summer

School's out and the kids are happy. Fun, fun, fun, all day long, every day. Mom and Dad, keep your eyes sharp!

Well, it may not be quite that bad. But summer IS special for kids--and it can be a challenging time for parents. It's also a time for families to plan special time away together.

One of those plans might be to pay some special attention to another parent--Mary, the Mother of God and our mother, too. For instance, think about planting a Mary Garden together.

Traditionally, this is an area in your yard, or even a planter on your deck, where flowers are chosen that especially refer to attributes of Mary. Before Christianity, many plants were named for pagan gods, but when Christianity became established, those names were changed to reflect attributes of Jesus and Mary. During the Protestant rebellion, many of those names were changed to more secular names--for instance, Our Lady's Tears (spiderwort), Mary's Rose (peony) and Our Lady's Mantle (morning glory).

Mary Gardens usually include a statue of Mary, even if just a small one. Flowers to consider are the lily, an indication of purity and grace; columbine, often called Our Lady's Slipper. Legend says it sprang from the earth where Mary's feet stepped when she was on her way to visit Elizabeth; forget-me-not, tiny blue flowers

representing Mary's eyes; marigold, which early Christians placed around statues of Mary in place of coins, calling them "Mary's gold"; oxeye daisy, which supposedly grew near Jesus' dwelling, helping the Magi identify where He lay; fuchsia, gently drooping plants that look like earrings. It is said that the child Jesus playfully hung the flower "jewels" on his mother's ears.

Connecting with the liturgy

For a longer list, check out this site: <https://www.fisheaters.com/marygardens.html>

A Mary Garden provides a teachable moment for children and grandchildren, but summer also includes Marian feasts that provide the same opportunities. One of them, the brand new feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, is already over. It will always be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost, and this year that was May 21. This is the very first year for this feast, established by Pope Francis. Next year it will be June 10.

May 31 is the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when Mary took her own

trip to see her cousin Elizabeth. Both women were newly pregnant under unusual circumstances and they came together to thank God and to support each other.

Nine days after the feast of Corpus Christi is the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, this year on June 9. This devotion has its roots in Sacred Scripture, which makes frequent mention of Mary's contemplative heart, for example in Luke 2:19: "But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."

August 15 is the "big one," the feast of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. It's a holy day of obligation, which means we're expected to attend Mass that day, but hopefully we do that joyfully and not out of a sense of duty. Mary was rewarded for her perfect obedience to the Father. What might that mean for us?

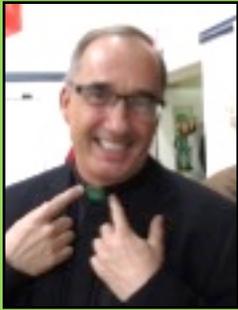
A week later, on August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of heaven as Queen.

There you are, a summer spent with our Heavenly Mother. Maybe a new family tradition?





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Fr. Carl sports a green collar for the occasion, Suzanne and Chuck Wagner help themselves to dessert, Fr. Tony and Elise Denil share a table, and George Sawyn on guitar entertains the capacity crowd.



St. Patrick's Day
Corned beef
& cabbage dinner



First Communicants sing and sign a song of thanksgiving at the conclusion of Mass on their big day. They received Jesus for the first time with their parents.



Fr. Carl and Fr. Tony anoint those who need prayers for various physical needs after Mass in March.



Mother Mary Catherine, of the Missionaries of the Word in Baileys Harbor, speaks during a St. Ann's Society meeting in April. All parish women were invited.



Fr. Carl and Dcn. Mark conclude one of the Lenten Holy Hours with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ask Fr. Carl

Q: Is it OK to send our children to summer Bible schools at non-Catholic churches?



A: As parents it is your privilege and responsibility to bring your children up in the faith. As to Bible camps, the Bible is pretty universal. It is the top selling book every year. All our Sunday Scripture readings come directly from the Bible. These camps reinforce the Bible and the need to read and know it. I would suggest a parent get information on the camp and its curriculum. If you have questions about a camp and its curriculum feel free to ask Deacon Mark or myself. I strongly encourage faith development in our children. Take advantage of the many opportunities to help your child grow in their faith.

(If you have a question for Fr. Carl Schmitt, email him at frcarl@ccparish.net, or mail it to 25 N. Elgin, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.)

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