

THE GOOD NEWS



A LETTER FROM FATHER BRIAN



Dear Ignatians ~

In spite of a sunless January, the ground hog did see his shadow, so it looks like we're in for six more weeks of winter – six more weeks for us to grow in the Lord!

We began the month with a *Family Fun Day* on Saturday, **February 1st**. After a social media blitz, flier distributions, and word of mouth: we welcomed 19 children and their parents to enjoy a variety of projects, crafts, games, and of course snacks. Thanks to our members who helped the morning run smoothly. The next of our quarterly Family Fun

Days is Saturday, **May 2nd**, 10-noon. Mark your calendars, and extend an invitation to neighbors and friends.

While at your calendars, please mark Tuesday, **February 25th** for our Pre-Lenten *Mardi Gras Party* beginning at 6pm. There's a sign-up in the Hall if you're able to bring a fun food item to enhance the celebration.

Please don't overlook that *Mardi Gras* is the day before *Ash Wednesday* – **February 26th**. Last Ash Wednesday we gathered about half of our usual Sunday attendees. Ash Wednesday services are at noon and 6pm. Try to gather with us so we can respond to God's call to "enlist" for the holy season, be "sworn in" through our prayers, "deputized" to wear the badge of ashes, and sent to journey together in what is always a grace-filled season of daily opportunity to follow Christ.

This Lent we will offer five *Fish Boils* as fund raisers, featuring fish from Fitzgerald's in Genoa City. The Fish Boils begin **February 28th** and will be served **every Friday during March**, served from 4:30-7:30 pm.

This is Leap Year, and on Saturday, **February 29th** we will offer a *Morning of Reflection* from 9-11:30am. Together we will explore our Lenten journey and seize the opportunity to recognize this “special-extra-day-every-four-years” as a gift of time from God who blesses us with the seasons of the year and the seasons of our lives. Plan to join us, and tell a friend – better yet, come with a friend.

In our Sunday Gospels, during Lent’s five weeks, we’ll take a fresh look at our Baptismal Identity as we are invited to “*Come to our senses*”:

- ❖ *Touching*: Journeying with Jesus, *touching* the desert sands that we all experience in our lives (1st Sunday);
- ❖ *Hearing*: Listening, hearing and learning with Nicodemus as we eavesdrop on his late-night visit and conversation with Jesus (2nd Sunday);
- ❖ *Tasting*: Learning with the Woman at the Well that Jesus is the source of the sweet, refreshing and life-giving (baptismal) water of eternal life (3rd Sunday);
- ❖ *Seeing*: Discovering with the Man Born Blind through the eyes of faith that Jesus is our Lord and the Savior of the world (4th Sunday); and
- ❖ *Smelling*: Visiting the graveyard with Lazarus’ sisters, Martha and Mary – although death’s stench repels us, eternal life’s aroma attracts us (5th Sunday).

While Lent happens as much in our daily lives as it does “in” church, **every Wednesday during Lent** we offer:

- ❖ A midweek Eucharist at noon;
- ❖ And in the evening, we offer *Stations of the Cross* at 6, a *light supper* at 6:30, followed by a discussion about the significance of our *Episcopal Identity* at 7.

Do join us whatever weeks for whatever part you are able.

Note! The Third Sunday of Lent (**March 15th**) is very special for us as it is the occasion for the Visitation by our Bishop, Jeffrey Lee. With his retiring later this year, this will be our opportunity to celebrate with him and thank him for all he has done for the Chicago Diocese and St. Ignatius of Antioch during his 12 years of leadership and service among us. To mark the occasion, that Sunday we will have one Eucharist at 9am (combining the 8 and 10am Eucharists that one Sunday), followed by a special lunch reception for our Bishop. Please join him!

“*Coming to our senses*” this Lent, please mark your calendars and reserve the time to gather with our Parish Family for the three holiest days of the entire year: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil (**April 9th - 11th**) – times TBA.

Lot’s going on! Plus, we welcome our 2020 Vestry:

- Kathy Kraak and Mike Culat (Co-Wardens); with
- Kathy Kraak as your liaison for Worship concerns,
- Paula Neville liaison for Fellowship,
- Mike Culat liaison for Formation,
- Roger Van Patten for Building & Grounds, and
- Nancy McConnell, Administration & Technology.

Together we will work collaboratively as your parish leadership team – ably assisted by Faye Nash, our office coordinator, vestry clerk, and parish treasurer.

And we gratefully acknowledge our on-going *outreach* ministry through “God’s Will Resale Shop,” “Family Fun Days,” year-round “Tri-Parish

Ministry” – all possible through your many efforts as our Lord’s disciples!

~ Fr. Brian

A BUSY 2019 FOR DEACON POSTULANT ANNE SMITH

In 2019, I was very busy completing requirements for candidacy for ordination to the Holy Orders of Deacons. I am happy to be able to write that I seem to be done and am awaiting an invitation for a candidacy interview which I expect to take place in March. I will be visiting different churches each Sunday for the next few months (I enjoyed being at St. Ignatius on Jan 12.) I took several courses and attended required retreats. For just a couple weeks shy of a full year, I completed field training at St. Mark’s in Barrington Hills with Deacon Newt Carpenter and Rector Rev. David Gibbons. I learned a lot about the presence of a deacon in the parish and in the community. I participated fully in liturgy and parish activities, including preaching several times. From May until September, I also completed a five-month, part-time hospital chaplain program (Clinical Pastoral Education) at Condell Medical Center. This training provided an opportunity for service, personal growth, and a better understanding of being a conduit for God’s grace and a representative of Christ the servant. I found chaplain work so meaningful that I applied for and was accepted into a year-long residency at Condell that starts in September 2020. By the grace of God, I was able to complete all the coursework, field work, and chaplaincy training while still working full-time as a teacher at Carmel Catholic High School.

On a personal note, my first grandchild, Evelyn Anne Mitchell, was born in March. She is in Florida, and I have visited a few times, and get pictures almost daily. I miss the people of St. Ignatius and keep you in my prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I approach my candidacy interview. If all goes well and as expected, I will be ordained this Spring. I will keep you informed of my progress.

God Bless You all.

- Anne Smith



MARDI GRAS 2020

Once again it is time for our Mardi Gras celebration. The celebration will be on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass Cajun or otherwise. This the final time to pig-out before we start our Lenten journey. We will have good fellowship, good music, and plenty of good food. There is a sign-up sheet in the social hall for this event. Hope to see everyone there!

~ Kathy Kraak



HERE COME THE FISH BOILS

The 2020 fish boils will start on Feb. 28 and run for five Fridays. Four of the boils will benefit the church and one will benefit ACCS, the counseling center. The price again this year will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 3-12. We will have a raffle, a weekly 50/50 raffle and, of course, our basket raffles. If you wish to donate a basket or money to use to make a basket, please do so. Money can be put in the basket in the social hall. Also please watch for the sign-up sheets to work at the boils. An envelope with tickets to sell will be in the social hall

with your name on it. Thanking you in advance for all you do to make these events great.

~ *Kathy Kraak*

HELP WANTED

As the new Technology commission liaison for the vestry, I am looking for individuals who might be interested in joining together to find ways to effectively use technology in our parish life. If you are social media savvy, or love to delve into the latest tech or have an in-depth knowledge of the new apps out there, your expertise is needed. Please talk to, text or email, Nancy McConnell (262)716-5252, nancyemcc@wi.rr.com.

~ *Nancy McConnell*

EGG CARTONS NEEDED

For the next Community Fun Day (May 2), we are in need of egg cartons – preferably the ones made from recycled paper/cardboard and not Styrofoam.

~ Terry Hansen-Beno

KID'S CORNER

February 14

By Nancy McConnell

Long ago, in a village called Tine, lived Lord and Lady Lovington and their daughter, Rose. Rose liked to climb trees, sing loudly and tell jokes about underwear. Her favorite songs were about spaghetti and stinky cheese. She was not a fan of keeping tidy or combing her hair. Lord Lovington thought she was perfect. Lady Lovington thought there was room for improvement.

One February 14th Lady Lovington was spending her day looking out her window and worrying about Rose. She saw two sparrows building a nest in the old birch tree.

“Something has to be done,” she muttered. “Get me a pen and paper, I must write a letter.”

Her loyal servant, Hastings, bowed stiffly and presented her with a pink feather pen and a sheet of lacey paper

Dear Sir Matchmaker, (she wrote)

My daughter has no suitable suitor. Please find one right away.

Lady Lovington

When the royal matchmaker read the letter, he frowned. He knew his task would be a hard one. In the past, whenever a knight, or a lord, or even a butcher got near enough to Rose to see her, they left quickly. This was not because she didn't much care for brushing her teeth, it was because Rose threw things at them.

To tell the honest truth, Rose didn't want a suitable suitor, or an unsuitable one. She wanted to sing loudly, climb trees and tell jokes about underwear.

One day a new knight came to town. The matchmaker had the newcomer brought to him at once.

“What is your name?” asked the matchmaker.

“Sir Val,” said the knight.

“Are you married?”

Sir Val hung his head. “Sadly, I am not.”

“Good, you're perfect.”

The matchmaker told Sir Val about Rose; he might have left some parts out. Val fell madly in love with Rose on the spot.

In those days, all knights had their own coat of arms painted on their shield. Some had lions, some had dragons, and some had crosses. Sir Val had a large red heart.

Sir Val guessed that it was going to be difficult to win Rose's heart. He thought he must have a plan. He sent a letter.

*Dear Rose,
Find the red hearts. All will be revealed.
Guess Who*

Rose loved a mystery. What could the message mean? Who sent it?

In town that day, Rose saw a red heart on the grocers' cart. She saw one on the door of the post office. She saw a lady carrying a big heart under her arm. For days, she saw red hearts everywhere. She even found a red heart on her pillow.

Rose asked her father, "Daddy, have you noticed red hearts around town?"

"Not really, dear," her father said, rubbing a spot off his robe.

She asked her mother.

"Hearts? Don't be silly dear." Her mother smiled at herself in the mirror.

Rose asked Hastings.

"No, Miss," he said, bowing stiffly. (Good old Hastings!)

Rose looked out of the window and saw two robins in a tree touching wings. Were their red breasts shaped like hearts?

As you have probably guessed, Sir Val was behind all the hearts and now it was time for the next part of his plan. He put on his best suit of armor, polished his shield and rode to Lovington Manor.

Rose answered the door.

"Who are you?" she asked, wiping her nose on her sleeve. Val stared at his new love with wide eyes. The matchmaker hiding in the bushes held his breath. Two song thrushes sitting in a tree twittered.

"I- I- I am Sir Val of Tine." Val held up his shield. Rose took one look at the red heart on his shield and all *was* revealed. She fell madly in love with Val, on the spot. Moss fell out of Rose's hair and landed on Sir Val's well-polished boots. He didn't notice.

"Want to hear a song about spaghetti?" Rose asked, blushing.

"Yes," he answered taking Rose's hand. "Then maybe we can climb a tree."

Rose smiled and they walked off together hand in hand.

The matchmaker came out of the bushes. On the ground next to a pair of doves, he saw a paper heart. Written on it were the words, "Sir Val of Tine." He looked at it for a long time then he picked it up and put it into his pocket.

The origins of Valentine's day are shadowed in mystery. Some say it commemorates the martyrdom of St. Valentine who secretly wed couples when Emperor Claudius II banned marriage. Others believe the festival is linked with the ancient Roman's celebration of spring and fertility in mid-February. Or some say that February 14th is the day that birds choose their mates. Whatever the origin, be sure to spread some love on Valentine's day.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Everyone has a favorite mac and cheese recipe. Well here's mine. Always nice to try a new one, right? Especially this time of year.

Mac and Cheese

1 lb. cavatappi pasta (or macaroni)
4 tbsp. butter
1/3 cup flour
4 cups milk, heated
3 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
3 cups chopped American cheese
1 T. salt
Up to 1 T. pepper
Sprinkle of hot sauce
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Boil pasta in salted water according to package directions.

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Sprinkle in flour and whisk and cook 2-3 minutes. Add salt and pepper. Slowly pour in 4 cups warmed milk, whisking until smooth and heating to a low boil until thickened. Remove from heat. Add 1 cup of cheddar and 1 cup of American cheese and hot sauce.

Grease a 9x13 pan. Place 1/3 pasta in pan, top with 1/2 cheese mixture and 1/3 milk mixture. Repeat. Finish with remaining pasta and sauce. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top.

Bake in preheated 350° oven for 30 mins.

Enjoy! ~ *Faye Nash*