

THE GOOD NEWS

June 2019



A LETTER FROM FATHER BRIAN

Dear Ignatians ~

Here we are at the beginning of summer and the beginning of the Weeks after Pentecost. Both are times for new life and new beginnings.

Gone now are the purple of Lent, the white of Easter, and the red of Pentecost. New season: the liturgical color is green, the color of life and growth, a color of hope. For us in the Northern Hemisphere, it's a time of watching fields turn green and a time of harvesting. Watching nature at work makes it easy to connect liturgical time with nature's time – growth and fruitfulness in our Christian lives and in the world around us.

- Our worship planners will continue to meet on **First Mondays**. In addition to the fine job they did planning / executing the details of Holy Week, they also planned Mothers' and Fathers' Days, our mini Ascension Fest, multiple languages on Pentecost, etc. Summer's scripture readings may offer us an opportunity or two for something special. We'll see.
- Weekly **Wednesday** noontime Eucharists continue. There is talk of adding a Wednesday evening Eucharist. (Ideal as a mid-week opportunity if you'll be out of town or otherwise occupied Sunday mornings during summer.) Your thoughts? Interest?
- Terry and I hosted the first "Patio Mass" of the summer on Wed., **June 19**. Let me know if you'd like to host one on a weekday evening – outdoor or indoor.
- During the weeks ahead I look forward to the activities the Vestry is planning for the week of July Fourth – on Thursday, **July 4** and Sunday, **July 7**. Stay tuned for their announcements.
- Our summer discussion group on the Letters of St. Ignatius began Wed., June 12. Most of us knew little or nothing about our parish patron, so we're off to a good experience of group learning. We meet next on Wed., **July 10**, 6:30-7:30pm. You are invited to join us. Bring a laptop if you

have one. If you'd like to peruse the evening's optional reading assignment, let me know and I'll forward the link to you.

- Our Mom's Group is continuing their Story Time series. The next will be Wed., **June 26**, 6-7pm. Fire Fighter Mike will read this month's story. Please spread the word: A story, a snack, and a craft. Free. The community is invited and welcome. (The Mom's Group is also considering a "Children's Theatre Party" at PM&L's youth theatre presentation of "Frozen, Jr.")
- And our 9am **First Saturday** men's breakfasts at Mauri's Famous Restaurant continue. All Ignatian men are invited. Good food. Great conversation.

These weeks between Trinity Sunday (June 16) and Christ King Sunday (November 24) make up nearly half of the Church Year. These numbered weeks are referred to as "Ordinary Time," not because they are "ordinary," instead the name comes from the counting, using "ordinal" numbers (first, second, etc.) to identify each of the Sundays in the season. (Similarly, our Book of Common Prayer is so named, not because its prayers are "common," instead the name refers to its being the one "common" prayer book uniting all of our members.)

While we celebrate special events and moments in the life of Christ during Advent through Pentecost, this summer and fall we'll journey with Christ through a chapter-by-chapter reading from the Gospel of Luke – no "ordinary" Gospel! Stories like: Jesus sending out disciples in pairs, the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the Rich Man and the Beggar, and Zaccheus who climbs a tree to see Jesus.

Worship wise: The vestments are green. All the Gospels are from Luke. The sermon *could* feasibly be a bit shorter. The Confession of Sin is back (following the Prayers of the People). And the double "Alleluia" at the end of Mass (associated with the Easter Season) is out. Summer attendance, I'm told, may be down a bit, but please gather with us when you are able.

These next weeks will also present times when I will be uncharacteristically absent. Contractually, as a priest serving in the Chicago Diocese, I am required to attend the following continuing education programs:

- The College for Congregational Development at the Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock, June 24-29. (This summer and next.)
- Anti-Racism Training at the Chicago High School for the Arts, July 25-27.
- Fresh Start Seminars at the Diocesan Offices, one Thursday per quarter for six quarters.
- And Diocesan meetings within our Lake County Deanery: August 15, September 21, and November 9.

I can always be reached at **(920) 904-7025** or brian.beno51@gmail.com. I'm never farther than your phone or computer. I'm your priest, and I'm here for you!

Looking forward to experiencing the Church's "growing season" with you! Praying for you, please pray for me!

Fr. Brian

A NOTE FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

St. Ignatius should be proud of their impact on the community. With over 30 families worshipping weekly, several community members using the counseling center, and over 150 families taking advantage of GWRS – over 200 families, each week, benefit from our little church and missions.

Be mindful of others in the community who would benefit from St. Ignatius. Keep ACCS in mind if you see a need for counseling. Reach out to Father Brian for pastoral issues. Offer the resources of GWRS: maybe someone you know would benefit as a volunteer for a sense of

community or someone would benefit from the low cost of essentials available at GWRS.

Folks who just may just need worship in their life, ask them to join you in worship.

Leadership Team

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE

The Diocese requires that all who provide pastoral services and/or work with children or youth or vulnerable adults, and all vestry members complete level one, Protecting God's People, of the on-line training. Here at St. Ignatius, that would include all Sunday school/nursery leaders, Story Time leaders, and all vestry members. Of course, this training is available to anyone who would like to participate. At the end of the training, a certificate is issued which is valid for five years. This training/certificate must be renewed every five years.

There are three modules to complete for the Level One Certification: Meet Sam, It Happened to Me, and Keeping Your Church Safe. I understand that each module takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. A quick start guide is available on the table in the narthex. Once completed, kindly provide the church with a copy of your certification.

If you have previously completed this training within the last five years, please contact the office so we can obtain a copy of your certificate from the diocese for our records.

Feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



We have a great view of the fireworks from surrounding communities here on the hill at St. Ignatius. Bring your snacks, lawn chairs, and bug spray and we'll ooooh - aaaah together. As an added bonus, GWRS will be open from 5:00 – 9:00 for your shopping pleasure. Pass the word! Bring your family, friends & neighbors.

BIRD TECHS NEEDED



The WISILL Hunting Retriever Club, of which Bill McElligott and Bill Malinow are members, is looking for help this year at its 2019 Fall International Grand Hunt Test at Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kansasville, WI from **9/9 – 9/13/19**. A bird tech operates a "bird winger" which is a big slingshot that launches a duck into the air which the dogs will retrieve. A fun day outdoors watching the best retrievers in the world.

Mark your calendars now – more info to come as the event gets closer.

For more information contact Bill McElligott

STORY TIME



The guest reader, Firefighter Mike, will read the featured story this month.

Wednesday, **June 26**, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Includes story, small snack and activity.

Free for all kids in the community! Spread the word!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Support the Antioch First Fire District and enjoy a pancake breakfast and tour of the facility.

Sunday, **June 30** – 7:00 a.m. – noon

Adults - \$8.00

Children 6-12 - \$6.00

Seniors 62+ - \$6.00

Children under 5 – free

DISCUSSION GROUP – *Letters of St. Ignatius*



The first meeting of this group was held last week. A lot of interesting information was shared. The next meeting has been postponed until **July 10** @ 6:30 p.m. Not too late to join this group. Hope to see you then.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 7

On Sunday, July 7, at both services, we are inviting the community to come and worship with us and see what St. Ignatius of Antioch is all about. Please invite your friends and neighbors. After the 10:00 service, we will host a picnic lunch for all. We will share information about our missions, including God's Will Resale Shop, Antioch Community Counseling Services, and Story Time.