

## THE GOOD NEWS



### FATHER BRIAN UPDATE



Fr. Brian's letter for this newsletter will be sorely missed. But on that note, I would like to pass along an update. Fr. Brian is moving in the right direction since his initial admission on September 11th due to a massive bleed. On Saturday, September 28, Brian moved from Condell Hospital to in-patient Rehab at Lutheran General. So far away, right?? Brian is still receiving dialysis three times a week, so it was necessary that he be moved to a rehab that was able to provide that service. Doctors expect his kidney to resume functioning independently, but it will take time due to the trauma the kidney experienced

I spoke with him on Monday and they are really keeping him busy. He is undergoing physical

therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy (for vocal intensity), and dialysis three days a week. He is giving it his all in trying to work his way back to St. Ignatius.

Everyone wants to know what they can do for Brian and Terry. As to Fr. Brian, we all know the power of prayer so keep that up!! As he is very busy with therapy during the day and pretty exhausted by the end of the day, he would prefer no visitors at this time. I'm sure a card or a note would cheer him up. You can drop a card at church, and I will pass it along to Terry or you can drop it in the mail to their home: 41555 N. Pedersen Drive South, Antioch, IL 60002. Terry assures us that she, at this time, is not in need of anything but your prayers. When Brian does come home, there may be things we can do at that time. When that happens, an email will go out and we will all be there for them.

On Wednesdays, the church is open for morning prayer at noon. We have been blessed that Fr. James Caldwell is available for Sunday services.

Please keep Fr. Brian, Terry, and all Fr. Brian's doctors and caregivers in your prayers.

*Faye*

## PARISH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vestry is in the process of forming a nominating committee to replace retiring Vestry members (retiring in Jan. 2020). Per our by-laws, the committee shall consist of the Rector, two retiring Vestry members, and three non-Vestry parishioners, as selected by the Vestry.

At the September Vestry meeting, JoAnne Kriens and Jim Bletsch agreed to be part of that committee as retiring Vestry members. We are now looking for three non-Vestry parishioners to round out the committee. If you have an interest in being part of that committee, or have questions about such committee, feel free to contact any Vestry member or Fr. Brian.

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## FALL FEAST

It was a lovely day for the Fall Feast! We served 65 adults and 3 children. The basket raffle was a big hit and we sold \$380.00 in tickets. The winner of the 50/50 raffle took home \$100. As always Fitzgerald's served a great meal and as to the desserts – yummmmm!

I can't thank all the volunteers enough for their help. Those who made desserts, those who worked the event, and those who stayed and helped clean up. As always, a big thank you to Kathy & Ernie Kraak for putting this all together!

As an aside, folks were very generous in donating desserts this year. We actually had quite a few desserts remaining after the function. On Tuesday, I took those leftovers to Open Arms Mission for their use. They were very thankful for the donation and I'm sure the recipients will be also.

Waste not, want not.

*Faye*

## QUARTERLY PARISH MEETING

On September 17, the quarterly parish meeting was combined with the monthly Vestry meeting. As always, once the minutes of that meeting are approved at the October meeting, they will be posted on the bulletin board.

As a reminder, all approved Vestry minutes as well as all approved financial reports are posted on the "St. Ignatius Community News" bulletin board for your review.

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## CHUCK LARSON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



On 10/1, a check was presented to Mary Therese at Open Arms Mission in the amount of \$5,878.77, partial proceeds from the Golf Outing. Mary Therese advised that these funds will cover the entire cost of the meals given out at Thanksgiving. A check for the same amount was given to The Sharing Center on 10/2. Kudos to those who worked so hard for that function and those who attended and contributed!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 10/22 – GWRS Recognition Dinner @ Dockers beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 10/27 – Vestry Meeting following 10:00 service. As always, all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thursday 10/31 – Golden Gems Halloween Party/Social – 11:30 a.m.

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## STEWARDSHIP

We'll soon be discussing stewardship and pledging for 2020 (2020??!!!!). I recently ran across this quote and thought it food for thought.

“All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others.”—Murray J. Harris

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## KIDS CORNER



### **Sammy's Sound** By Nancy McConnell

On the day Sammy was born, a new sound came into the world.

Every morning, on the farm, Sammy's mother gathered eggs. From the chicken coup, she heard Sammy banging on his crib. The chickens bobbed their heads to the tapping. Sammy's father could hear the rickety-racket in the barn as he milked the cows. They mooed to the beat of Sammy's bop.

Sammy's Gramps heard the sound as he sat by the creek fishing. He smiled and thought, *“That boy will be a drummer one day.”*

As Sammy grew, his sound grew with him. He made drumsticks out of everything. His father and mother slept with cotton in their ears.

On his eighth birthday Sammy asked for a set of drums. No one was surprised. “Sammy, we're farmers, not drummers,” his dad said.

Gramps went down to the local music shop and bought Sammy two wooden drumsticks. “Here Sammy,” he said. “You make your own music with whatever God gives you. I can't see too well, but I can hear all right and your music makes me smile.” Sammy played his drumsticks on the walls, the faucets, and even the stairs. Sometimes Sammy's mother threw a pillow at him and said, “Here, play that.” And Sammy did.

After a while his rickety boom became rat-a-tat-tat, boom-chicka, boom- chicka, tappity-tap-tap. Sammy drummed day and night.

“Did you feed the chickens yet?” his father asked handing Sammy the feed bucket. Sammy groaned and put down his drumsticks. “Do I have too?” Dad pointed to the chicken coup. Sammy fed the chickens. When the feed was gone, he turned the empty bucket upside down and sat on it. He felt music inside of him. He took his drumsticks from his back pocket and gave the bucket a whack. Plunk! He did it again. Plunk, plunk! Then he hit it three times.

“Plunkety, plunk, plunk,” said the old bucket. “Rat-a-tat-tat, boom-chicka, boom-chicka, tappity-tap-tap.

From then on, Sammy played his bucket every day. Sammy's dad was not happy. “That boy is lazy,” he said to Gramps. “Not lazy,” Gramps said.

“He has to let his music out.” “But some times are work times,” Sammy’s dad grumbled.

On the day of the county fair, Sammy’s dad loaded the pickup truck with their prize chickens. Sammy and his bucket went along for the ride. While most people walked around and visited the fair, Sammy played his bucket. A crowd began to form. People were tapping their feet.

Soon everyone at the fair was talking about the boy and his bucket. People forgot the chickens, and they forgot the cows and they forgot the pigs. They wanted to see the boy who played drums on a bucket.

When Sammy’s mother and Gramps arrived at the fair, they were surprised to see so many people crowded around their chickens. “What’s going on?” Sammy’s mother asked Sammy’s father. Dad looked at the growing crowd. “Honey, did you bring some of your good fresh eggs to sell?” he asked. Quick as lightning Gramps and Mom sold every one of those good fresh eggs. The next day, while Sammy played, they sold even more.

From then on every Friday when the Farmers’ Market came to town Sammy’s mom sold eggs, and Sammy played his bucket. There was always a crowd wherever Sammy played.

When Sammy had grown very tall his dad said to him, “Son, you have helped us a lot with your drumming. I’ve been saving some of that extra egg money to send you to school to learn how to play real drums.”

So Sammy went to a college where they taught him how to drum, and how to strum and how to blow on all kinds of musical instruments. Sammy came home every summer and worked on the farm. He milked the cows, he fed the chickens and he cleaned the barn. On Fridays, Sammy polished up his old bucket, and played at the Farmers’ Market.

Sammy lives in the city now. He conducts a big orchestra full of all kinds of instruments. His family comes often to see him and to hear his music. Some warm summer night you may go by Sammy’s apartment in the city. If the windows are open, stand

there and listen. In the still air of the night you will hear, rat-a-tat-tat, boom-chicka, boom-chicka, tappity-tap-tap, as Sammy plays on his old bucket, I guarantee it.

### LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Fall is soup weather. This is an easy and hearty fall soup recipe. I make it a little “heartier” by using evaporated milk (2 cans) and whole milk to make up the rest of 7 cups. Not necessary but gives it depth.

### BAKED POTATO SOUP

12 slices bacon  
4 green onions, chopped  
2/3 cup margarine  
1-1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
2/3 cup flour  
1 cup sour cream  
7 cups milk  
1 tsp salt  
4 large baked potatoes, peeled & cubed  
1 tsp. pepper

Cook bacon until browned. Drain, crumble, set aside.

In stock pot, melt margarine. Whisk in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk, whisking until thickened. Stir in potatoes and onions. Bring to boil, stirring frequently.

Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add bacon, cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper. Stir until cheese is melted.

ENJOY! *Faye Nash*