

THE GOOD NEWS

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St. Ignatius of Antioch
Episcopal Church
Walking in love as Christ taught us



A LETTER FROM FR. BRIAN

Dear Ignatians ~

Every Thursday evening I send the week's *E*-Announcements to our members; and, as space permits, I include a spiritual thought or two. In the grand American tradition of *the summer rerun*, I'd like to up-date and share the following from a recent *E*-Announcement, sharing it now with the wider list receiving our Parish Newsletter:



Our Chicago White Sox beat the New York Yankees 9-8 in their historic August 12th "Field of Dreams" game in Dyersville, Iowa with 8,000 in the stands and 5,900,000 viewers on Fox!

Since some just about regard baseball with the same reverence as religion, this game has gotten me thinking about parallels between *playing baseball* and *living our faith* – parallels between Dyersville's "Field of Dream" and our own parish "Field." See what you think. I'd appreciate your feedback . . .

- Neither the "Field of Dreams" nor our buildings are about themselves. The "Field" is about those who would play on it and our buildings are about we who pray and serve in them.
- Jesus is our "owner/manager," and we're all "players" on His team's roster.
- Being a small congregation, in addition to being teammates and players, we're also all part of the front office, maintenance and grounds crews, etc.
- Our pulpit and altar are the "pitcher's mound" from which the Word of God and the Sacrament are delivered.

- While some coach and play a particular base, running *all* the bases is what the game is about – and, to do that, we each take our turns at bat.
- Getting to First base is coming to **Worship** on Sunday mornings – and perhaps joining us for a First Sunday Vespers or a summer evening Wednesday patio Eucharist.
- Second base is **Fellowship** – staying after church on First and Third Sunday mornings to chat and snack with one another, and attending our occasional Adult Formation gatherings.
- Third base is **Serving** God through our outreach ministry on behalf of others – through our Re-Sale Shop, our monthly Missions of the Month, and other opportunities as they come along.
- But getting to Fourth base (home) is the challenge that makes all the difference. We “score the run” by **Faith Sharing**.
- Sharing our faith with others doesn’t mean being pushy or “in your face” about it. We need to be “good sports” by living our Christian identity and values as members in our secular society. It means reflecting Jesus’ love and compassion in our daily lives. It means “leading others to Christ” (if not by word, then by example). It might even mean inviting a friend or neighbor who doesn’t have a church home to attend with us in *our* church home.
- If the object of baseball is to hit home runs to win the game, then we have to successfully run *all* the bases to score a home run for “Team Jesus,” scoring a big win for the honor and glory of God’s Kingdom.
- Baseball is taken very seriously by its fans, even though it tends not to affect one’s daily life very significantly. Our faith, on the other hand, doesn’t always seem to be taken all that seriously by us Christians, even though it impacts on our eternity.
- Baseball fans have a real sense of “team spirit” and loyalty to their team – they get along, support one another, and if nothing else look forward to “next year.” We, as members of our parish

family also share a “team spirit,” are supportive, and have the opportunity to pray for one another by name twice each month by using our Parish Family “Prayer List.”

- Baseball fans wear hats and jackets identifying them with their team. Wearing a cross is a nice Christian practice, yet living a life of integrity means even more.
- The Dyersville “Field” had limited seating and a vast TV audience. As we experienced during Covid, sporting events without “fans in the stands” just don’t seem right – and the same goes for “folks in the pews.” We have plenty of room in the church, and we will also continue to offer the zoom option for any who are for whatever reason housebound or otherwise unable to join us in-person.

Every Sunday,
Jesus is pitching at 8 & 10, and we’re all up to bat.
Will we run the bases and score any home runs
sharing Christ with others during the week?

~ **Fr. Brian**

PS: If you do not receive our Thursday *E*-Announcements and would like to, contact me at my e-mail: brian.beno51@gmail.com and I will cheerfully add you to our weekly list.



Prayers, please!

Please continue to hold Bishop-Elect Paula Clark in your prayers for the full recovery of her health. And please also add Bishop Chilton Knudsen in your prayers as she has been invited to join Paula as her Assisting Bishop when she begins her ministry to the Diocese.

Parish Family “Reunion Sunday”



**Sunday, October 17:
One Eucharist at 9am;
One grand dinner to follow.
Check the Thursday E-Announcements
for details!**

September Mission of the Month: PADS

PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter) is an organization in Lake County that is in desperate need of household and personal care items. They are currently hosting a “housewarming project” whereby needed items are collected in laundry baskets and delivered to clients upon moving into their new place of residence. We will be collecting items for PADS throughout September.

As always one may donate money to purchase the needed items or may donate the actual requested supplies. A full wish list is available on the table in the church lobby. The partial list includes:

- Hangers/ Light Bulbs
- Pens/ Calendars
- Sponges/ Rubber Gloves
- Storage/ Trash Bags
- Tissues/ Toilet Paper
- Paper/ Kitchen & Bath Towels
- Cutting Boards/ Silverware
- Laundry/ Dishwasher Detergent
- Food Storage Containers
- Mugs/ Glasses/ Dishes
- Surface/ Toilet Cleaner
- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Combs/ Brushes/ Nail Clippers
- Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes
- Deodorant/ Soap/ Lotions
- Razors/ Shaving Gel or Cream

-Outreach Committee



Outreach Summary

August Book Sale Success!

Our 12th Mission of the Month, since its inception in September of 2020, was our neighbor across the street: Hillcrest Elementary School Booster Club. Thanks to the generous outpouring of donated books, greeting cards and games, we raised \$450.00.

The funds will be used to assist teachers in their purchase of classroom supplies that are needed, but not covered in the school budget. Not only were a phenomenal amount of books sold, but we provided the community an opportunity to walk through our doors, learn a bit about our St. Ignatius family, and our ongoing outreach efforts. Thanks to all who made donations, helped with the sale, and purchased books, cards and games.



ZOOM UPDATE

We at St. Ignatius are on the cusp of a new chapter in our communication abilities.

New wireless microphone equipment and audio electronic gear, along with new in-house Wi-Fi electronics, are being installed. Additionally, a new laptop computer has been purchased and will be dedicated to mass communication via Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, or other potential social media platforms. Much of this made possible by a \$5,000 grant from the Diocese of Chicago.

As I think you all know, a year-and-a-half ago, we started using Fr. Brian's personal laptop computer to access Zoom as a social medium to broadcast church services and church meetings to you. Although not a pristine presentation, this did keep us together spiritually!

A major improvement in the video quality was achieved when a dedicated video camera, the Mevo, was purchased and used in place of the laptop's built-in camera. That left the audio component and the live streaming stability in need of refinement.

These last two quality issues are being addressed by electronics that will receive an audio signal directly from the church's sound system and combine it with the video content. Together, the combined video and audio contents will be wirelessly transmitted to the up-graded in-house Wi-Fi system for broadcast via the Zoom program.

It should go without saying that to make these refinements truly effective, people are needed to monitor the equipment when in-use. Monitors are necessary to catch and correct any hiccups that may occur.

Please, consider joining the St. Ignatius "Zoom Team"! Together, the Zoom Team can make our imprint via social media and even develop more ways of using social media to the advantage of St. Ignatius.

Say "yes," and call Roger Van Patten at (262) 308-4608, or Fr. Brian at (920) 904-7025.

-Roger Van Patten

A Prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God,
You have so linked our lives one with another
that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives:
So guide us in the work we do,
that we may do it not for self alone,
but for the common good; and
as we seek a proper return for our own labor,
make us mindful
of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and
arouse our concern
for those who are out of work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
on God,
for ever and ever. Amen.
(BCP-261)

GOD'S WILL RESALE SHOP

September Special:
50% off **BLUE** sticker items!

Congratulations to Joan Larson and all involved with the 6th Annual Chuck Larson Memorial Golf Outing & BBQ for Charity. All proceeds were donated to Open Arms Mission (Antioch) and The Sharing Center (Trevor).



Any questions call the shop at 224-321-4475

Let's Celebrate!

Prayful Congratulations!

Recent Wedding

8/28 Thomas Guerrero & Rebecca McConnell

September Birthdays

9/04 - Michael Ehlers
9/04 - Abigail Nelson
9/06 - Ken Ward
9/08 - Gary Kriens, Sr.
9/15 - Lisa Wernli
9/22 - Warren Cinnick
9/28 - Carolyn Van Patten
9/30 - Karen Donahue

"Heavenly Father, look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life." (BCP, p830, #50)

September Wedding Anniversaries

9/08 - Jim & Heidi George
9/11- Bill & Donna McElligott
9/17- Jim & Sue Hallwas
9/25- Mike & Cathy Ehlers

"O God, send your blessing upon your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in

faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may witness to your love, and their home be a haven of blessing and peace." (BCP, p431)

Upcoming Baptism

9/26- Zara Antoinette Fields
Daughter of Michael & Tanya Fields
Jack Fields (GF) & Marta McNab (GM)

COMEDY CORNER

