Dear Parishioners, when I took over administering the parish, back in December, our parish was just beginning to form a parish council (Unfortunately there had not been a parish council here for some years). Deacon Jerry had invited all interested parish leaders to participate, and there were about 20 people who met several times over the last year. I want to single out Dr. Henry Russell, Sean Bingham, and Eric Restuccia who served in positions on this transitional council and to whom we are grateful! Dcn. Jerry’s original idea was to invite as many as possible in the hope of breaking off some members to other apostolates or ministries which the parish needs. According to Diocesan guidelines, parish councils should consist of 8-10 members, so this group was much too large. With prayer, I have decided to rebuild the council by starting over. I invited Sister Rita Wenzlick, from the Diocese, to come and give the existing council a presentation on the purpose and work of parish councils. Sister Rita came Wed., May 31st, and gave an enlightening presentation. That night we decided to “begin anew” by selecting 6 members from the existing 20+ group and 2 members from the parish at-large. In the next two weeks, members from the existing group will be discerning and praying whether the Holy Spirit is calling them to serve on the new council. Also I am asking all parishioners to prayerfully consider serving on the new council in the next 4 weeks for the 2 at-large positions available. Some time in July, I plan to select our new council members from those who have indicated to me their desire to serve.

I would like to share with you some insights from Sr. Rita’s presentation and the Diocesan manual. The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity of the Second Vatican Council states: “in dioceses…there should be councils which assist the apostolic work of the Church either in the field of making the Gospel known and men holy, or in the charitable, social, or other spheres.” (Apostolicam Actuositatem #26) The document called on clergy to cooperate with laity in setting up these councils. The Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1983 by Pope St. John Paul II states: “...a pastoral council is to be established in each parish. In this council, which is presided over by the parish priest, Christ’s faithful, together with those who by virtue of their office are engaged in pastoral care in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral action” (Can 536 #1) And: “The pastoral council has only a consultative vote...” meaning it functions as an advisory body for the pastor who has the final decision. It seems, in general, that the Council fathers envisioned a greater cooperation between the clergy and laity in determining pastoral direction in parishes than was the norm in years past.

So each parish is to have a functioning parish council, by Canon and Diocesan law. Sr. Rita told us that the work of the parish council is threefold: to guide the parish, determine its direction, and oversee temporal and pastoral affairs (such as building needs or formation initiatives, other major decisions). The council is supposed to provide a vision for the parish and then help plan to bring it about. I think this kind of work could be very exciting for our parish! I am interested in working together with leaders of the parish to determine the direction we’ll go, the formation initiatives we’d like to take, the apostolates we’d like to promote, the material needs we need to address. I look forward to more candidates to come forth and volunteer for our new council. Membership terms on the council will be staggered so that every year we’ll welcome 2 or so new members. The goal is to eventually have 3 year terms of service. In the next few weeks, I hope to write more on the work of parish councils and on the process of achieving that work... namely the concept of “collaboration” among council members and the qualities needed to do so. God bless all of you, what a gift we have in this beautiful parish which tries so hard to be faithful to the Lord and the Church’s teachings.

TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Tony DeLellis, Ian and Joe Spurr, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Brandon Fletcher, Noah Kranz, Chas Carter

• Please pray for those in the military, including: Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark

“...I shall rejoice. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out for my deliverance... with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body...” – Philippians 1:19, 20
Parish Play Days 2017  noon-2:30

Join our parish as we celebrate Sundays, following the 10:30am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. Play days will begin June 25th, followed by July 23rd, August 27th and September 24th. A hearty brunch open to the whole parish begins at 12:00pm with sports and games following. Bring a change of clothes. Come join your parish family as we celebrate God’s gift of Sunday rest. Parishioners of all ages are welcome.

Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, the traveling Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue will make a visit to Old St. Patrick parish on Sept. 1st. This statue was blessed by Pope Francis. Please check the bulletin in August for more details.

Librarian Needed

After 10 years of service, Carole Carrara is stepping down as our Librarian. Thank you for serving our parish Carole!

At this time we are in need of a new Librarian. Do you love books and are enthusiastic about sharing great literature with others, we need you! Call the parish office for more information.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Teachers and helpers ages 13 and older are needed for our VBS program the week of July 10th. If you’d like to volunteer contact Diane at 248 767-9138 or diane@eriksen-email.com.

Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue

2017 Old St. Patrick’s Vacation Bible School!

Mary, Queen of Heaven

To Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

July 10–14, 2017

Librarian Needed

To register visit stpatricka2.org, click on the Register Now tab, print form and mail it in or drop it off in the parish office.

Congratulations to the Newly Ordained Priests of the Diocese of Lansing

Rev Joseph Campbell and Rev Anthony Smela were ordained on June 10, at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. Father Campbell will be the Parochial Vicar of St Patrick Parish, Brighton and Fr. Smela will be the Parochial Vicar of St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Ann Arbor.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Dear Congregation Members,

First you help organize the start of our first motorcycle ride fundraiser and bike blessing. Then you make a donation to help us with our work to help combat PTS warriors and their families to their new “normal” life. We promise your donation will be put to good use with our work. We sincerely thank you all for supporting this event.

With a Sincere Thank You,

John Kinzinger, President of Warriors and Caregivers United

June 3, 2017

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SATURDAY 4:00/JUN 17
B. Cesar
L. Cesar

SUNDAY 8:00/JUN 18
J.P. DeJak
L. DeLellis

SUNDAY 10:30/JUN 18
B. Eriksen
S. Holody
N. Holody
M. Lizzio
M. Lizzio
P. Schloss
J. Schloss

What do baseball players use to bake a cake?
Oven MITTS, BUNT pans and BATTER.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Family of the Month
Our Family of the Month for June is the Brcic Family. Michael and Marcie have eight children (one daughter is missing from the photo). The family is always helping out at our Fish Fry’s, Pancake Breakfast’s, Vacation Bible School and Cemetery Clean up. Michael attends the Knights Monthly Rosary and Marcie has assisted in counting the Sunday Collections. Marcie and her daughters donated their time to help with the Motorcycle Ride that benefitted Veterans & Caregivers. Congratulations and thank you Brcic Family for your excellent service to our Church.

Ink Cartridge Recycling
The Knights will be collecting empty ink cartridges as a fundraiser. A box will be in the Parish Center to accept any type of ink and toner cartridges.

Knight of the Month
Our Knight of the Month for June is Matt Wierrzac. He is part of the Color Corp as seen in the photo, District Deputy for fiveCouncils and was our delegate to the State Convention. Matt has helped at Pancake Breakfast’s, our Soccer Challenge, Tootsie Roll Drives and the Delonis Center. He is our representative to the Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative, belongs to Young professional for Life and Students for Life. Congratulations Matt for your dedicated service to our Church and Community.

Join the Knights
Become a better Catholic, husband, father, brother and man by joining the Knights of Columbus to serve our Church. Please contact Brian Heldt at (734)426-0857 or GK10963@mikofc.org

Reconciliation
Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; don’t hesitate to call for an appointment!

Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass
Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass
First Saturday of the month 9:00AM
Tues. 7:00PM
Wed. Thur. & Fri. 8:30AM

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord
Tues. 5:30PM – 6:45PM
First Friday 7:00PM – Saturday 8:00AM

Baptisms
Baptism Preparation classes as required by the Diocese of Lansing may be scheduled to accommodate your family’s needs. Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjapp@umich.edu to arrange date, time and location. Godparents are encouraged to attend. There is no fee for the class.

Marriages
Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Funerals
Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

Parish Registration
Contact the office for a registration form.

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Weekend of June 4, 2017: $8090.65

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Join us to honor God’s greatest gift! It is one of the biggest Feasts of the year. The Corpus Christi procession literally shows Christ’s Presence in the world. Jesus passes through the world.

We invite all the First Communicants from this year to have a special place in the procession after the 10:30am Mass on June 18th and we pray together publicly for our salvation, for our loved ones and for the whole world! Imagine God looking down on us. Pray for good weather!

Procession Next Sunday!

Thank You Dcn. Jerry TODAY!

Join us after both Sunday morning Masses in the parish hall, to thank Dcn. Jerry for all of his hard work, love and support he has given us during Fr. Tom’s transition. God bless you Deacon!

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Join us this Tuesday June 13th

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady appeared 6 times, on the 13th of every Month from May to October of 1917. Pope Francis has granted a Jubilee year of Fatima with a plenary indulgence for any faithful who visit, with devotion, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima exposed for public veneration on each of these days. Please join us this Tuesday June 13th 7pm for Mass, prayers and hymns in front of the statute.

Old St. Patrick Youth

Cedar Point Trip:
Any youth finishing 8th-12th grade is welcome to join our trip to Cedar Point on Wednesday, June 28. Cost is $70 which includes ticket to theme park, bus ride, and dinner. We will leave Old St. Patrick at 6:30am and return around 11:15pm.

Pictures from Water’s Edge Retreat