

MASS INTENTIONS—October 22nd—October 30th

Saturday—5pm Ed and Brant LaForge
(LaForge Family)

Sunday—8am +Cruz Perez (Family)

10am People of St. Patrick's Parish

Monday—7am Loretta Severt (Bill & Joan Pearson)

Tuesday—8am Father's Day Novena

Wednesday—6pm Vicki Sallee (Diane Salyers)

Thursday—Prison Mass +Ilean Turk (Turk Family)

Friday—8am Mother's Day Novena

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday—5pm +Garrett Parker

Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am Tony Munoz



PLEASE PRAY FOR: John Treiber, Mark and Kathy Avery, Jeff Brush

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Whew! The Johnny Cash song, "I've Been Everywhere" seems to sum up the last 20 days for me. On Thursday evening I returned from the clergy conference ready to just stay home for a while. That said, it has been a grace-filled 20 days for me. The pilgrimage of mercy to Ireland and Rome was amazing. We landed on the emerald Isle at 6:50 am on the October 3rd. Our tour guide met us and away we went. We pulled into a little town looking for a Catholic Church so we could have Holy Mass, and when we finally got there, they were just getting ready to have a holy hour before the Holy Mass, so we were able to pray with the local parishioners in adoring our Blessed Lord before joining with them in worship of Triune God. It was the perfect (and unplanned) way to start the pilgrimage.

The next day, we had the Holy Mass in Knock, at the site of the apparition. Here we joined with a high school group on retreat from the border of the Republic and Northern Ireland. The priest gave a beautiful explanation of the apparitions and the hope they gave to the people after the potato famine. Throughout the Holy Mass, they had several students who sang hymns at the appropriate times, but almost none of the other students joined in to sing. When they started the closing hymn, "Lady of Knock" all the students joined in the singing. It was truly beautiful to hear. It spoke to a shared culture that the Irish have, even in these days when they are less committed to the Faith than they were at one time.

Our next Holy Mass was offered in a little parish church called Immaculate Conception in Oughterard in Connemara, a quaint little village northwest of Galway. This was special for me because I offered the Holy Mass here when I visited Ireland years ago with a good friend of mine whose family is from this town. It also tied into part of our morning tour where we learned about Irish marble. The altar at Immaculate Conception was made of the black marble of Galway and the green marble of Connemara. It was also the feast of St. Faustina, so it tied perfectly into our pilgrimage of mercy.

On the October 6th, we headed for the Dingle Peninsula. I love this part of Ireland. The land juts out into the sea and many farmers have pastures that border the sea. You can look out and see dairy cows and sheep, and beef cattle with the sea as a backdrop. It is a place where the old ways are still lived by many. Here we went to St. Mary's. The sacristan was so kind as to meet us there, even though it was over the lunch hour. One of the things that is so special about visiting Ireland is how friendly almost everyone is. People were more than willing to help accommodate us to have the Holy Mass, even when it was an off-time for them.

As we got to the later part of the week, we made our way over to the East. On the way we stopped in Killarney. I had never been here, but would definitely return. It was a beautiful town. Here we had Holy Mass at the Franciscan Friary. This was a beautiful church, too, with a stunning high altar. I saw an image there that I have never seen in a church before: directly above the tabernacle was an image of the Lord and the two disciples at Emmaus. It was in this post-resurrection appearance that the Lord explained the Sacred Scriptures to them, then when they recognized Him, He disappeared because He was present in the Most Holy Eucharist. What a powerful image for a high altar!

The final church we visited for Holy Mass was in Dublin; St. Mary's on Haddington Road. It was about 160 year old church that was stunning. Again, the priest and the sacristan where so kind to allow us to have the Holy Mass. It was a great start to our last day in Ireland.

Churches in Ireland are an interesting topic because most of the old, even ancient ones, were stolen by the English when Henry VIII broke from the Catholic Church. Many people want to see St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, or Christ's Church, thinking them to be Catholic Churches, but both of those belong to the Church of Ireland (they are still architecturally interesting, though). In most of the towns and cities, the oldest church is not Catholic anymore because of Henry VIII. It wasn't until the 1800s that the Irish were allowed to build their own churches, so many of the churches are newer than our church. The flip side of this is that those old churches have hardly anyone who goes to them, because there are so few people who belong to the Church of Ireland (an offshoot of the Anglicans).

Next week, I will give a chronicle of the churches we visited in the Eternal City.

On a totally different note, CYM kids are getting ready for their yearly enchilada sale, so if you would like to buy some, make sure to sign up after the Masses, or come into the rectory office this week. They will make them next Saturday and they can be picked up after the Holy Masses next weekend.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of our diocese, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

PARISH NEWS

"IN THE BEGINNING..." (A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th). **Week 31**—I must be getting younger. The wrinkles I had everywhere are slowly disappearing as I gain more and more weight. I used to have a big head, but now my body is catching up. I can move my eyes but it is still pretty dark in here. I can hear my mom. I can't wait to see her. The baby takes mom's breath away as Chris kicks her lungs and ribs. Fatigue is her constant companion. *"I was a stranger and you made me welcome . . . in so far as you did this to one of the least of these bothers of mine, you did it to me."* Mt. 25:35, 40

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—"Thank you so much everyone that attended and helped with the Stewardship Fair last weekend. It was moving for me to see all of those apostolates represented in one place and to see all that our parish offers. People at times have asked how they could help out at school during the day and I haven't always had a good answer for them. The teachers and I have also been discussing some ways to utilize more volunteers and parishioners. Here are some ideas: First, we are hiring substitute teachers. Interested applicants need a KSDE Sub License and completed school application (available in the office). Second, it would be great to have a couple extra adults in the younger students' lunch period. Grades K-4 eat at 11:25 daily and volunteers could help younger students carry trays, open their milk, etc. Lastly, we have also tossed around ideas for volunteers to work directly with students in different ways, such as practicing reading one on one or in small groups. We are so appreciative of the support from our parish and ask that you please always keep us in your prayers. God Bless, *Emilio Aita*

NOVENA FOR OUR COUNTRY AND NATION—Sixth Friday—Friday, October 28th, 2016—*May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.* In addition to fasting on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and a *Gloria Be*.

"KNIGHTLY" NEWS—I want to thank everyone that donated to the Knights of Columbus (K of C) Tootsie Roll Drive this year. I can't thank those 48 members enough for their time and hard work collecting donations totaling over \$3,800. After expenses, 80% of the profit will go to help support the Parsons Sunbelt Rodeo and 20% to support the Kansas State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. Mark your calendars for October 30th and November 6th! The K of C will be holding their 65th Annual Turkey Shoot at Marvel Park. Shoots will begin at 9am on both dates. This year we will be giving away a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun AND a Hafffield 20-gauge single shot shotgun. Drawing will be held on November 6th at 2pm. You do not have to be present to win. For a \$2.50 donation you get one opportunity at the drawings and one shot at the turkey shoot, if you choose to participate. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact a member of the K of C. If you do not know a member, please contact me at 423-4417. Thank you for all your support. Thank you K of C members for all of your hard work. May God Bless all of you. Vivat Jesus, Rick Goodyear, Worthy Grand Knight.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENT GROUP—Students, join us Catholic College Students as we delve into our faith and how we need to form it to face daily challenges. All this while having fun forming friendship. We meet Thursdays in H211 at 6pm on the LCC campus.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY—Starting this Monday, October 24th through Election Day, November 8th, the St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee will pray the Rosary in the church 30 minutes before the Daily Mass. Our intention will coincide with that USCCB's Novena for Our Country. Please join us as in this urgent plea for God's mercy!

"Stewarding our Gifts..."

GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
With a realization of the bountiful love God shows to us we become grateful and humble servants. The reading from Sirach tells us that God hears the prayers of the lowly. Jesus repeats the message in his parable, proclaiming that the tax collector exemplified the correct understanding of his relationship to God. When we receive the Lord's blessings with humility, we are able to joyfully share our gifts with the less fortunate. May we humbly accept God's love and share that love with one another.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

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| Sun Oct 23 | *CYM Selling Enchiladas after Mass | 9am |
| | *RCIA Class—Freedom in Christ | 9:15am-12pm |
| | *CYM Selling Enchiladas after Mass | 11am |
| | *Men's Basketball | 8:30pm |
| Mon Oct 24 | *Rosary in the Church | 6:30am |
| | *Women's Bible Study—Parish Hall | 7pm |
| | —“Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant With You”; week two of this 8-week study; bring a friend! | |
| Tue Oct 25 | *Rosary in the Church | 7:30am |
| | *Cursillo Group Meets | 5:30pm |
| | *Parish Library Work Evening | 6:30pm |
| | *Knights of Columbus Meeting | 7pm |
| Wed Oct 26 | *Cursillo Group Meets | 5:15pm |
| | *Rosary in the Church | 5:30pm |
| | *K-5 PSR | 5:30pm |
| | *Jr. High EDGE | 6pm |
| | *CYM—Living Rosary Outside | 7pm |
| Thur Oct 27 | *Rosary in the Church | 8am |
| | *Catholic College Group—LCC H211 | 6pm |
| | *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass | 6:30pm |
| | *Marquette Model (MM) II Intro Class | 7pm |
| | —Presented by Jackie Gorman; Parish Hall | |
| | *MM II Group Session II | 8:15pm |
| | —Presented by Jackie Gorman; Parish Hall | |
| Fri Oct 28 | *Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall | 5:30am |
| | *Rosary in the Church | 7:30am |
| | *Day of Penance; abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church | |
| Sat Oct 29 | *Rosary | 6:30am |
| | *Latin Mass | 7am |
| | *Cursillo Group Meets | 7:40am |
| | *Confessions | 3:30pm |
| | *Pick-Up Your Enchiladas!!! | 6pm |
| Sun Oct 30 | *RCIA Class—Communion of Saints | 9:15am-12pm |
| | *Pick-Up Your Enchiladas!!! | 9 & 11am |
| | *Men's Basketball | 8:30pm |

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

Wed 3-4am, Thur 1-2pm, Sat 2-3am,

Sat 5-7pm (every other weekend),

Sat 10-11pm, Sun 5-6am.

Call the Rectory to reserve an hour.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your Gifts to God & Parish:

October 15th—October 16th

Needed: \$17,081.46 Received: \$10,940.00

Altar Servers:

Oct 29—5pm B Chavez/Ky Waun/Ka Waun
Oct 30—8am A Nibarger/C Buller/C Westhoff
10am L Wolgamott/Dylan G/Z Johnston/O Feess

Extraordinary Ministers:

Oct 29—5pm Bill Wheat
Oct 30—8am Phyllis Pracht
10am Mark Martin

Lector:

Oct 29—5pm Mike Carson
Oct 30—8am John Schibi
10am Lupe Ponce

Offertory Gifts:

Oct 29—5pm Joe and Laura Stringer
Oct 30—8am Jack and Therese Flynn
10am Gary and Kim Beachner

Ushers:

Oct 29—5pm VanMieghem/McKinney/Moreno/Cupp
Oct 30—8am R & E Montee/J Simon/M Crabtree
10am Vincent and Mary Schibi

Money Counters:

Oct 29 & 30—Ray and Becky Jacquinot
Steve and Ruth Farrell