



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints it is the perfect opportunity to turn our gaze and attention to the Queen of all the saints, because there is not one saint in heaven, even among the least, who has come to enjoy the blessedness of eternal life without her assistance and constant prayer on our behalf. The Blessed Virgin Mary is *queen*, in part, because this royal dignity is the expression of her prerogatives, her rights over us as our *mother*.

Jesus Christ, when He took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, made real, so to speak, His own consecration to His Blessed Mother, and ours, when on the cross He would declare to all the Christian faithful through the Apostle St. John, "behold, your mother." (Jn 19:27) I say *real* because it would not be until the Lord became flesh that He would submit Himself to the authority of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk 2:51) and permit her to exercise over Him her natural rights as His mother. ("They have no wine." Jn 2:3)

The motherhood and the queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary are not simply an accident of history or merely an after thought; quite the contrary. When The Blessed Trinity began to act and bring forth all creation, it was decreed that the Word through Whom all things were made should Himself take flesh so that heaven and earth might be united in His Person, making Him king and ruler over all. To the glory of God the Father, of course.

However, according to the natural order of things established by God, the Lord would need a human mother, and what this means is that the motherhood and the queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the incarnation of Jesus Christ, were part of one and the same divine decree. The implications are tremendous.

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Solemnity of All Saints

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions each day at 11:30 and after the Wednesday Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, November 5th

Confessions at 11:30 am
Mass at 12:10 pm - Votive Mass of Jesus Christ High Priest
Holy Hour of Reparation at 7:00 pm
Confessions are heard during this time.

Friday (First Friday), November 6th

Confessions at 11:30 am
Mass at 12:10 pm - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday (First Saturday), November 7th

Confessions at 9:00 am
Mass at 10:00 am - Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (after Mass)

During the period of Eucharistic Adoration the 5 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed, followed by a further 15 minutes of silent meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested at Fatima.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

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Our personal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a mere act of devotedness, a pious exercise; it is in a certain sense a profound act of faith that embraces and deeply interiorizes the truth about our creation, redemption and our hope of eternal life. It is a great *Amen!* that glorifies God in praise of His wisdom and power.

Ok. That was a bit theological, and I know that most folks just want something practical. Most folks are wanting and looking for some kind of connection, an experience of the nearness, the tenderness and the love of God. People want consolation, and while a theological explanation of the glories of the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary might be good and fine, they would rather experience her closeness. Our weakness begs for it.

I bring all of this up because two more opportunities to consecrate yourself to the Blessed Virgin are presenting themselves soon. The first is November 5th for those wishing to consecrate themselves on December 8th (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) and November 9th for those looking toward December 12th (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe). To prepare for these dates I do have a few booklets to assist you but I do recommend that you buy a book that you can use to renew your consecration each year, or even twice or three times a year. I personally enjoy *33 Days To Morning Glory* by Fr. Gaitley, and of course there is the manual on consecration written by St. Louis de Montfort.

Let me know if I can be of any assistance and point you in the right direction. And as one final note, there is never any regret to be had, or disappointment, when we choose to enter into and live the truth as deeply as it is possible.

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



The Polson Council of the Knights of Columbus will be resuming their monthly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 12th** at 6:00 pm.



Endow study group for women on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please call Sheila LeBrun for more information at 406-208-5788.



That Man Is You!
Thursdays at 6:00 am. Meetings start with hot premium roast coffee and breakfast.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oullette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for November

Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

St. Charles Borromeo
November 4th

Behold Jesus Christ crucified, Who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our Mediator and Advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart.



If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out.... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter.... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself.

The best way not to find the bed too cold is to go to bed colder than the bed is.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31st

Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints

The Intention of the Donor

Sunday, November 1st

Solemnity of All Saints

The Intentions of the Parish Faithful/The Repose of the Soul of Ken Avison

Tuesday, November 3rd

Votive Mass in Honor of the Holy Angels

The Repose of the Soul of Mike Money rb Tony Money

Wednesday, November 4th

Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo

The Intention of the Donor

Thursday, November 5th

Votive Mass in Honor of Jesus Christ the High Priest

Reparation for the Sins of the Clergy

Friday, November 6th

Votive Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Reparation to the Sacred Heart for the Sins of the World

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney





Each week we will begin featuring a guest column in the Sunday bulletin in order to give our lead volunteers and ministry coordinators an opportunity to communicate directly to you regarding the life of our parish. Topics will include religious education, parish finances, ministry to the sick and the homebound, and health and wellness notes from one of the nurses in our parish. I hope you enjoy this feature!

THE HEALTH OF OUR PARISH

By Pete Ridgeway

As we come into the Fall/Winter season and we have spent almost a half a year reading and hearing about Covid-19, it is probably a great time to talk about our Parish and its Health.

Your Finance Council has just met to review our last six months as well. In this period, we regrettably had no choice but to cut expenses, and that include our staff. Although that put more burden on our Pastor, I am delighted to tell you that he rose to the occasion and has helped beyond measure to reshape many of the procedures. Always being mindful of the future we cannot have any one person carry the full load and so at this time procedures are coming into place to utilize parish volunteers.

I cannot express to each of you how much everyone has risen to this crisis even though at first, we could not come together weekly at Mass. Each of us were left to attend Mass in a way that we just never imagined. Even though we spent almost the first eight weeks of Covid isolated at home always from friends and relatives your generosity continues. Our greatest concern was that our Offertory Income would stop, and our expenses would continue, but that was not true.

At our last meeting this past week it was revealed that our income was only off slightly from our budget, with expenses the same, so the net effect was that we have not dipped into reserves and seem to have ourselves in a position to enter our high expense months with some cash reserves. All I can say is Thank You for your generosity during this time period.

So, we are a healthy parish amid this most difficult time and look forward to an ongoing good health reports to you our Parish Faithful. May God continue to watch over each of us, and give us Personal good health as our new life pattern continues to form before our eyes daily.



This past week Cindy Roberston graciously agreed to serve as our parish liaison with the *Loaves and Fishes* food pantry here in Polson. At the present time peanut butter remains a need; as well as oats, flour and rice. As the holidays approach please consider contributing canned pumpkin, cranberries, gravy and desert mixes. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church. **Please note that we need a similar volunteer from Sacred Heart to help with the food bank in Ronan.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Sage and Lindsey Dorrington of Sacred Heart Parish in Ronan and another local couple are combining resources to begin a Catholic home school cooperative. Their initiative has generated some interest among other families who are interested and might want to join in helping to realize this project. A home school cooperative is a free association of families (Catholic and non-Catholic) who wish to provide their children with a classical education in the Catholic tradition. These cooperatives are often times begun with a view (a hope) of growing and developing into an academy. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about this project, there will be a meeting at Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 pm**. The meeting is open to all; parents, expectant parents, supporters and potential benefactors.

Holiday Planning

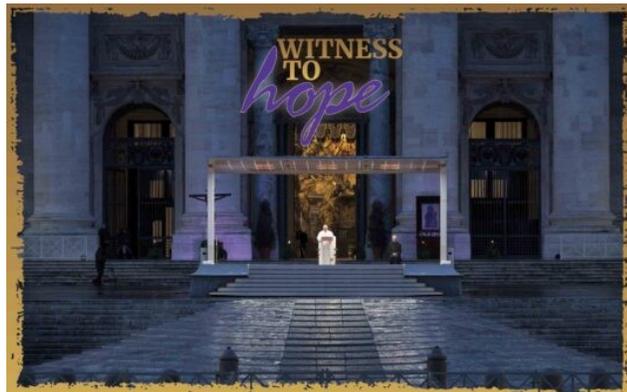
The holiday season is only 25 days away. Time to start planning.

- The Polson Council of Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after the 10:30 am Mass beginning on Sunday, November 8th. Tootsie Rolls will also be available for sale at the entrance of the church and the proceeds will go to support *Helping Hands*.
- A limited quantity of Advent wreaths will be available for sale in about two weeks. The wreaths are a brass ring with four candle holders. *You need to supply the holly or evergreen of your choice*. The wreaths come with 4 candles and the cost is \$15. Please place your order in a well marked envelope and your wreath will be delivered at one of the weekend Masses once they arrive.

Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

The projected offertory income for each year is set by the Pastor and the Chairman of the Finance Council and submitted to the Council for approval. The projected offertory income does not include other sources of income such as grants, invested income, gifts, Mass stipends and stole fees.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph \$2,025 of \$11,200 (18%)
Immaculate Conception \$6,620 of \$29,900 (22%)

Immaculate Conception
 \$46,187 of \$170,000 (27%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
 \$13,534 of \$44,500 (30%)

Thank you for your generosity!