



A Message From Fr. Brian

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare,

Easter blessings to you! It truly is a time to celebrate newness of life . . . the birds are chirping away, the trees are budding, winter has finally lost its battle with spring, and the manure trucks are passing by the rectory again. These are all signs that newness of life is upon us here in the Spring of 2017!

And with this season of new birth comes a new pastoral plan for St. Clare Parish. It's fairly standard for a parish to have an ongoing five-year plan; our last one was from 2011, so it's time for a new one. A new 2017 Parish Planning Group has been assembled from parishioners who are active in the parish, well-respected, and yet are not serving on any other parish committees or groups. The Planning Group numbers 10 people, and their primary task is to assist me in drafting a new Pastoral Plan.

The 2017 Pastoral Plan is intended to reflect not the work of a small group but, rather, the results of years of input from the general parish population. To date, the Planning Group has met twice. Their starting draft was a rough draft drawn up by me over the course of a couple of months. The Group has been helping me work through and revise this rough draft into something that is both comprehensive yet adaptable, and both "of the flock" and "from the shepherd."

The intent is to have the proposed Pastoral Plan in the hands of parishioners by early June. There will be a formal presentation of the proposed Plan at a town hall meeting (yet to be scheduled), with opportunities for questions and answers. After a possible revision of the Plan, the final proposed Pastoral Plan will be submitted to the parish community for a final survey, asking simply: Do you accept or reject the plan?

It is hoped that the 2017 Pastoral Plan will be in effect by July, so we can all move forward in our call to love God and neighbor, and to spread the faith to those who so desperately need to hear the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Please Come Help us Honor
Gloria's Long Career at St. Clare Par-
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Where: Legends in DePere

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

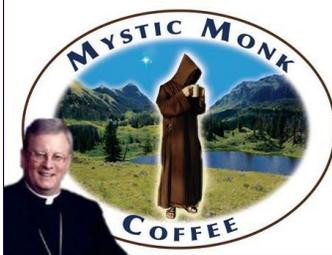
Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

June 17, 2017 - Parish Auction

Time: 9:00 a.m.

To be held in the Wrightstown
St. Clare School Parking Lot
Items from the convent and rectory
will be up for auction.

Parishioners are invited to **donate** any nicer,
larger items for the auction.
(NO rummage sale items please)



Be sure to place
your order for
Mystic Monk
Coffee from the
Parish or School!

Mystic Monk Coffee Sale

The Monks of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel were founded by Bishop David L. Ricken as a Public Association of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Cheyenne on October 15, 2003. Bishop Ricken established the monastery to live the fullness of the Carmelite tradition and way of life as is proper to monks.

In looking for a way to support their growing community, they have begun selling coffee and tea items. **Order forms are available at the back of each of the St. Clare locations.** Please be sure to fill in the form completely and mark the Parish location where you would like to pick up your order. **Include cash or a check made payable to St. Clare Parish with your order.** Orders can be dropped off at St. Clare Catholic School or at the Parish Office.

Orders will be placed on the first of the month as long as we have \$100 in total Parish orders for free shipping. If the \$100 Parish total is not reached, all orders will be held until the following month.



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Mission: A family of lifelong learners dedicated to the growth and development of each person by nurturing Catholic faith, talents, and stewardship.



Spring Concert

St. Clare School Spring Concert will be at
1:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 , 2017
at the Wrightstown Church
All are invited to attend an art show
presenting our students' talents,
following the 6:00 p.m. concert.



St. Clare Catholic School
\$10,000 Raffle May 5, 2017

Please join us in supporting the St. Clare Catholic School family!

The Marq
3177 French Road, De Pere

5:30 pm – Doors open
6:00 pm – Chicken dinner
FREE beer, non-alcoholic beer, & soda

\$100 per ticket
(entry for four people)

Purchase tickets:
• St. Clare scrip locations
• St. Clare parent
• Call 920-378-4397

Only 450 tickets sold!
\$16,000 in cash prizes!

\$10,000 grand prize | Instant raffles
Silent & live auctions
All proceeds benefit St. Clare Catholic School

Questions? Contact Wendy at 920-378-4397 or wschumacher@new.rn.com

What is Camp Invention?

Camp Invention is **one week in the summer** where your child's creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills are challenged and developed in fun and exciting ways. Our top priority is to inspire future innovators and build their confidence in the natural ability to dream and create.

Who is Camp Invention for:

Any child entering kindergarten through 6th grade. The curriculum is designed with each child in mind, featuring fun, age-appropriate activities.

Why should I consider Camp Invention?

It is the only nationally recognized, non-profit elementary enrichment program inspired by the brightest thinkers around, the National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees. We know how to tap into your child's national need to discover and we do it with certified local instructors.

Cost: \$225 **When:** July 21, 2017

More info: www.campinvention.org





Jerry & Donna Wall

If you attend the Mass or any special event at our Askeaton campus, chances are that you will see Donna and Jerry Wall there! Donna and Jerry are long time members of Askeaton; in fact Jerry was Baptized here and celebrated in his First Communion and Confirmation! Donna joined the church after they were married sixty years ago this month! Congratulations to Donna and Jerry on celebrating their Sixty-Year Wedding Anniversary. Donna said she knows the Lord has been with them during these sixty years.

Prior to joining St. Clare Parish, Donna belonged to St. John's Parish in Morrison. Donna and Jerry were married at St. John's Parish. That parish is no longer standing, but St. Clare's does maintain their cemetery, which the Wall's also help with!

Jerry and Donna had a wealth of memories regarding the early days of the Askeaton campus. Jerry remembered how the Catholic School always had five nuns living there at all times. Did you know that there was actually a convent stand-

ing right next to where the rectory is now? It was between the rectory and the driveway to the south. Jerry chuckled as he remembered that during the winter months, the whole school was heated with one pot-belly stove!

Jerry had quite a scare when he was only 6 years old. He was diagnosed with bone cancer. He needed surgery to graft some of his bones. Fortunately the surgery was successful and he hasn't had cancer since. Jerry revealed that it was his faith that brought him through that ordeal.

Donna, living just three miles west of Morrison, attended the Catholic School in Greenleaf. However, it wasn't the school that we currently think of. There was a different building behind the current school. That building was torn down quite some time ago.

The rectory in Askeaton was also a very busy place. Along with the main priest living there, the parish also hired a housekeeper that resided in the rectory. Many other priests would also call the rectory home

during the week. Each week Askeaton hosted a "40 Hours Devotion" (where continuous prayer is held for forty straight hours before the Blessed Sacrament) that the extra priests would help with.

Jerry and Donna met at Van Abel's where they enjoyed going to dances on Saturday nights. Jerry commented that the legal age to drink beer was 18 at the time, and seven bottles would only cost \$1.00! They liked the various bands that would play and also the dances.

The Wall's have rounded out their family with three sons: Mark, Gary and Allen, and three daughters: Carolyn, Valerie and Amy; however, one son, Gary, is deceased due to a car accident. Equal numbers seem to be popular with 14 grandchildren - seven being boys, and the other seven as girls, ranging in ages from 11 to 27 years.

Jerry told us that his dad died when he was 16 years old; his dad was only 56. His three brothers all were drafted into the army. Jerry was the only one left on the

sister and uncle helped out until his brothers returned safely from the service. Eventually Jerry and his oldest brother purchased the farm. His son, Mark then took over in 1978 and continues to run it today.

Donna was employed with Red Owl in the office in Ashwaubenon. Her time was also kept busy with raising the family. After Amy the youngest started school, she worked for the hot lunch program in Wrightstown.

When Donna and Jerry were asked what motivated them to be so active in the church, they stated that they really enjoyed seeing the place of God looking nice. Did you know that Jerry has cut the cemetery and church lawns for 25 years? Jerry mentioned that when he started cutting the lawn at church, he was paid \$1.50!

Jerry was employed by Brown County, starting in 1956, and the job lasted for 44 years. He remembers his pay was \$.68 per hour! He also did things like driving a gravel truck and working in the shipyards as a welder's helper.

lawn. Donna has been an involved parish member, being on the Worship Committee, making Prayer Shawls, and serving as a Sacristan, Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

When asked about a favorite Saint, Jerry replied that he liked St. Anthony. For Donna, the answer came as the Infant Jesus.

One of their strongest memories of St. Clare Parish was of the fire in the rectory at the Askeaton site. They also recalled when Sisters Kathy and Celine called the Rectory their home for a time.

In their personal lives, they remembered when their own house burned down in 1987. They thought it might have been the refrigerator that started the blaze, but thankfully no one was home at the time. Even though the house was gutted, they were able to save some pictures and other items from it.

Another memory that came to mind was the Picnics at Askeaton. They had been on the Picnic Committee for 25 years. There were a few years that the people at the parish didn't want to host a picnic, so they had

booyah.

Jerry and Donna both point out that the parish has a great community. The people here are friendly and easily work together. They are a true parish community.

Jerry and Donna both have stated that as they realize more years passing by, traveling by themselves has become harder to do, but they did take the Amtrak train once and enjoyed it. Other favorite pastimes include vacationing in North Carolina, to OBX—outer banks, and fish fries on Friday nights. They also love having family get-togethers for Christmas, Easter and special occasions. Other hobbies for Donna include sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Donna and Jerry both stated that they feel their personal philosophy is to help others, have faith and to trust in the Lord. They both also really like to volunteer and help out where they can.

When asked what they would tell someone who is considering becoming more active with the church or school, they both stated that they would be sure to let it be

involved in. They have been given the chance to meet new people because of the committees they have become involved in.

Would you like to share your message with the Parish?

We are looking for parishioners willing to be interviewed for the "Meet the Parish" interview in *The Bridge Newsletter!*

If you would consider being interviewed for a future newsletter, or would like to suggest a family to be interviewed, please contact:

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Is now available at our Askeaton site after 4:00

Diocese of Green Bay
Saint Clare Parish Corporation
 March 31, 2017

	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date Variance
Parish - Revenue	\$ 508,520	\$ 566,563	- \$ 58,043
School - Revenue	\$ 256,399	\$ 248,194	\$ 8,205
Religious Ed - Revenue	\$ 38,664	\$ 28,103	\$ 10,561
Total Revenue	\$ 803,583	\$ 842,860	- \$ 39,277
Parish - Expense	\$ 333,112	\$ 333,755	\$ 643
School - Expense	\$ 475,707	\$ 425,432	- \$ 50,275
Rel Ed - Expense	\$ 98,696	\$ 103,912	\$ 5,216
Total Expense	\$ 907,515	\$ 863,099	- \$ 44,416
TOTALS FOR ALL	- \$ 103,932		

**St. Clare Parish
Finance Council**

Fr. Brian Wideman, Council President
Karmen Lemke, Council Secretary
Carolyn Green, Treasurer Trustee
Rick Roundy, Council Chair
Tom Gerrits, Council Vice-Chair
Bob Brick, Council Member
George Buttke, Council Member

High School and Youth Ministry Facilitator

St. Clare Catholic Church of Askeaton, Greenleaf and Wrightstown WI is seeking an enthusiastic person to join our Religious Education Dept. This High School and Youth Ministry Facilitator position plays a key role in our vibrant Faith Formation team.

The job title for this position is: Discipleship Formation Facilitator.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate discipleship formation for grades 9 – 12 year round
- Assist the Discipleship Formation Coordinator in family ministry
- Develop a positive relationship with all volunteer catechists

Qualifications/Education:

- Understanding of child and adult development learning styles required
- Familiarity with Theology of the Body
- A degree (or certificate) in religious studies and/or theology is preferred but not required

This is a part-time position with very flexible hours.

Please send your resume and cover letter by May 12, 2017 to:

Kay Arndt, Business Manager
 St. Clare Catholic Parish

bizmgr@stclareagw.org

May 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 8:45a & 6:30p Bible Study WR	2 4:00 Mass 4:30 Conf. WR WR	3 7:00 Conf. 8:00 Mass WR WR	4 8:05 Mass AS AS	5 8:00 Mass 5:30 \$10,000 Raffle @ The Marq, De Pere WR	6 4:00 Mass GR
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GR GR WR Father's Day	15 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 8:45a & 6:30p Bible Study WR 6:30 Bible Study GR	16 4:00 Mass 4:30 Conf. 6:30 Holy Hour 6:30 Pastoral/Finance WR WR WR WR GR	17 7:00 Conf. 8:00 Mass WR WR WR	18 8:05 Mass 1:00 & 6:00 School Spring Concert AS AS	19 8:00 Mass WR WR	20 2:00 Diny/Seiver Wedding 4:00 Mass GR
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GR GR WR	29 Parish Office Closed 9:00 Memorial Day Mass WR 6:30 Bible Study WR  Memorial Day	30 4:00 Mass 4:30 Conf. WR WR	31 7:00 Conf. 8:00 Mass AS AS			



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A pastor waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but many cars were ahead of the pastor at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

“Sorry about the delay,” said the young man. “Everyone seems to wait until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The pastor chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”



Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day is a day of remembering those who died while serving in any branch of the armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Let us be thankful for the tremendous sacrifice these men and women provided to allow us the freedoms we all possess.



The Ebert Family

This month’s *The Bridge Newsletter*, sponsored by **Gary and Myrna Ebert**, is in memory of Monsignor Roy Klister, and for the members of the Ebert Family. Please keep them in your thoughts.

