



The Bridge Newsletter

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A Message From Fr. Brian

The Lord be with you!

Saint Paul gives us the image of the "many parts of the one body." We might think of the human body and see that an eye is different from a big toe, an elbow is different than the brain, and the liver is different than the lungs. There are lots of very different parts—but they all contribute to the functioning of the whole.

I mention this "body with many parts" because in September, an important component of the 2017 Pastoral Plan will begin to take shape: a host of new groups in the parish, and a new Stewardship Council. To prepare for this, I'd ask you to consider what contribution you already make—or might be able to make—to the overall life of Saint Clare Parish. This is really a three-pronged question.

The first prong is about prayer and accepting God's invitation to know him. The second prong is about giving of the talents, skills, abilities, and interests we each have for the good of the whole. And the third prong is about financial giving and support. However, in this newsletter, and in September we'll be speaking specifically of the "second prong."

Are you a carpenter? Are you a plumber, or an electrician? Perhaps a stone mason, or painter? Are you a gardener of vegetables or flowers? Do you have a passion for taking care of those who need help? Do you love to read books? Are you a social butterfly? Is history an interest of yours? Or genealogy? What about music and the arts? Do you love to spend time in quiet prayer? Are you a "techy" sort of person? Whatever your gifts, talents, interests, hobbies, and abilities are, they can be of service to the enrichment and well-functioning of the local "body" we're all a part of: Saint Clare Parish.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ need you, and they need those gifts God has entrusted to you. As we look ahead to new groups and the Stewardship Council forming, consider what you yourself love to do, and what gives you life and meaning. The parish, the Church, and God need whatever it is you're willing to share.

Blessings to you in these last weeks of summer,

Fr. Brian



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times: Tuesday, August 15th

8:00am L/D Members of St. Clare Parish WR
6:00pm L/D Members of St. Clare Parish GR
**L/D - Living and Deceased Members*

St. Clare of Assisi Feast Day



Friday, August 11th, is the Feast Day of our patroness, St. Clare. We will have a small reception of coffee and doughnuts after after the 8:00am Mass at Greenleaf.

To continue the celebration of St. Clare, on the following Sunday, August 13th, we will have a complimentary ice cream social and blessing of the new land at 11:15am, across from Wrightstown High School. Please join us for these weekend celebrations!

1st ANNUAL PARISH RUMMAGE SALE



When: Friday and Saturday, August 11 & 12

Where: Greenleaf School Building

Cleaning closets or de-cluttering your home? The Rummage Sale is in need of clothing, books, toys, jewelry, crafts, housewares, etc.

Items must be dropped off at the Greenleaf school by **Wednesday, August 9th**.

Drop off hours are:

- Mondays thru Thursdays, 8am to 4:30pm

Volunteers are needed to help set-up and work during the Rummage Sale. Please call the Parish Office at 864-2550 to sign-up or for more information.



2017 Bishop's Appeal

After 26 weeks, we are about \$5,000 short of our 2017 Bishop's Appeal Goal.

To aid in helping us meet our goal of \$67,987, we are challenging all parishioners to give

\$27 on August 27th.

Envelopes will be in the pews at all Masses until that weekend.

Thank you to all who have contributed thus far to this year's Bishop's Appeal. Helping us realize our goal will save the parish from making up the difference if we are unable to reach that amount.

ST CLARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



A new council of the Knights of Columbus is forming at St. Clare Parish.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will speak briefly at all Masses on August 5th and 6th; and an informational meeting will be held on

**Wednesday, August 16th
7:00pm in Greenleaf**

If you are a male, 18 years or older, and would like more information, please contact Fr. Brian at:

(920) 864-2550 ext. 12

bwideman@stclareagw.org

Thank you.



St Clare School News

Welcome to Mrs. Lisa Gruber, Principal



“My name is Lisa Gruber and I am very excited to be the new Principal at St. Clare School! Everyone has been very helpful and welcoming, and I look forward to meeting the students and families soon. I am very blessed to be part of St. Clare School and look forward to a great year!”

Mrs. Gruber has been in Catholic education her entire career, teaching all grades from 4-8, including 6-8 grade math, at St. John the Baptist in Howard (Green Bay). For the past three years, she was the Supportive Consultant, overseeing the student services program. She recently earned her Master’s degree in Administrative Leadership through Silver Lake College.

Lisa’s husband, Gene, grew up in Howard, and they have three children. Their daughters, Kara and Emily, are nurses, and their son, Gene, just earned a business degree and is working for her husband in the family business, Custom Cabinet Company.

We wish you a warm welcome, Mrs. Gruber, and are excited to have you as our new principal!



Brown County Fair Parking Fundraiser August 16th-20th

We are still in need of approximately 15 volunteers to park cars at the Brown County Fair. Shifts are between 2 to 6 hour time frames.

Anyone sixteen and older is encouraged to volunteer; children 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent.

Keep in mind that all volunteers receive a free Fair Pass for the day they park cars, which is good for all entertainment at the Fair, except carnival rides.

To sign up, please go to the Parish website and click on the tab for Fair Parking to see a listing of dates and hourly shifts that are still available. Or call the Parish Office for assistance. A listing of these dates and times are also available in back of each Church.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! Please consider signing up today to help with this Parish Fundraiser.



School dates to remember

Tuesday, August 29th

4:00—7:00pm

Open House at School

for all students and parents
to meet the teachers and
bring in their school supplies.

Tuesday, September 5th

First day of school for Pre-K— 8



NEW BOILERS NEEDED!

Our Askeaton church is in need of two new boilers before winter. One is entirely non-working, and the other won’t be enough to handle the job. We will need about \$20,000 to replace them. This is a major repair not in the parish budget, so we are looking for donations. **If you’d like to make a donation, please either bring it to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket, with a clear indication that it is to be used “for the boilers.”** Thank you for your generosity in the upkeep of our churches. We have \$3,050 donated already.

Meet the Parish



Did you know that this is God's country? At least that's how **Rita Koltz** refers to the Rock K Ranch on Hwy 96 that she calls home.

Rita grew up in Greenleaf, and has lived here all her life. In her younger days, she went to a movie along with her three sisters, and saw a nice fellow, so she jumped over the seats to sit with him! They ended up giving him a ride home because the friends that he had come to the movie with had to leave. That was the beginning of a lifelong romance for Rita Kersten and Dick Koltz.

Together they had 11 children, and then proceeded to become Grandparents to 29 more kids, with a "tie-breaker in the oven!" The legacy continued on to make them Great-Grandparents to 9 children, with a 10th one on the way.

Rita spent her grade school years at St. Mary School in Greenleaf, and her high school was located in De Pere. After graduation, she became a cosmetologist. After marriage, Rita and Dick raised their large family, and she worked in the family business.

She stated that she is motivated to become active in church because of the good feelings that result, and she "always gets her battery charged." Her husband reminded her that "you have to go to church on Sunday so you can charge your battery for the work ahead in the following week."

Rita's has relied on St. Gerard, who is the Patron Saint of Mothers. "He always helped me in raising my children." She also has a favorite memory of St. Clare and her great faith in the power of the Eucharist. She wishes that all would understand the good feelings she

possesses after attending Mass at St. Clare Parish and taking the message to heart.

Rita's now deceased husband, Dick, was a well-known member of St. Mary's and eventually St. Clare Parish. In fact, he had been attending a Parish Council meeting in May of 2015, and when it ended, he drove the short distance to their farm. He never did make it into the house however, and Rita discovered him deceased, outside a short time later. His passing was a tremendous loss for all of us.

Rita said one of her favorite pastimes was horse riding in the woods "when all the kids or anything else got the best of me." Dick always knew when she needed to go for a ride! "God knew, and so did Dick, how great you could feel just moving along on a trail thinking and praying." She still goes down to her woods - only now she takes her golf cart!

Her personal philosophy for life is "Smile! If it doesn't get better after that, smile again!" She stated that Dick always said "Have you been hugged today?" and he gave lots of hugs and got LOTS of smiles!

Rita and Dick chaired St. Mary's picnic for years and had a lot of fun doing it. "It was good to see people come together and be so charitable." She says that volunteering and helping with things in the Parish has always given her a good feeling.

One other tidbit that Rita offered is that St. Clare is the Patron Saint of television! When St. Clare was too ill to attend Mass during the first half of the 13th century, she was able to see and hear the Mass that was taking place across the field - just as if she were watching it on television. She was declared the Patron Saint of television by Pope Pius XII in 1958. Rita also fondly states that she has a granddaughter who is named after St. Clare.

Thank you, Rita, for sharing pieces of your life with us. All of us can learn by your examples!

ST. CLARE PARISH PRESENTS
“WEAR AND SHARE”
 JUST IN TIME TO
 STOCK UP FOR THE
 NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



Drop off washed and gently used children’s clothing, Pre-K through grade 12, at all St. Clare Parish Masses:

August 12-13

OR

**St. Clare Parish Church Hall
 (Wrightstown campus)**

Monday, August 14th, from 3-7 pm

WEAR & SHARE DISTRIBUTION

Come select *free* gently used clothing at St. Clare Parish Church Hall (Wrightstown campus)

Wednesday, August 16, from 8-10 am / 5-7 pm

Thursday, August 17, from 8-10 am / 5-7 pm

**ST. CLARE PARISH CHURCH HALL - WRIGHTSTOWN
 437 Main St., Wrightstown**

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

Penny Barta @ (920) 609-9135

E-mail: penbarta@yahoo.com



**Welcome to our new
 Coordinator of
 Music & Liturgy**

Noelle Veverka is a recent graduate from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in Sacred Music (Voice). She recently moved to Green Bay from Wisconsin Rapids where her parents and four of her eight siblings still reside.

She is passionate about music and the liturgy, and she is thrilled to share this love with St. Clare’s parish.

When you cannot find her in a choir loft, she will most likely be at a coffee shop or petting any cat she can find. Noelle’s other hobbies of Literature, creative writing, and sketching realistic portraits fill her free time.

**PARISH PICNIC
 INFORMATION**



St. Clare Parish Picnic
just five weeks away on
Sunday, September 3, 2017,
at our Askeaton Campus.

If you have questions regarding the ORAL AUCTION please contact:

Rick Rotzenberg at 864-7959

Dennis and Sharon Farrell at 920-819-6269

or 920-819-3113

- * Mass starts at 10:00am
- * Silent Auction begins after the 10:00am Mass
- * Oral Auction begins at 1:00pm
- * Cash Raffle Prizes include:
 (1) \$2,500, (1) \$1,000 and (1) \$500.
- * Great Booyah, Hamburgers, Brats, Ice Cream and Popcorn served throughout the day
- * Check out the Picnic Work Schedule on the Parish Website. Click to select a time to work. Many work shifts are still available.
- * **Remember to turn in your sold tickets, along with your donation cards,** to the boxes located in back of each church. Additional **PICNIC TICKETS and INFORMATION** envelopes are also available in back of each Church.
- * Baked items, crafts and produce are needed. Items can be dropped off Saturday, September 2nd, at the Askeaton campus or the day of the picnic.
- ** **Kitchen donations of carrots, paper or Styrofoam plates and hamburger dill pickles are needed.**
- * **NEW PRIZES** are needed for the Kids Games. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

If you have questions regarding the Parish Picnic, contact:

Peggy Fritsch - 532-6213

Donna Wall - 532-4723

The St. Hildegard von Bingen Choir

St. Hildegard was a doctor of the church known for composing chants and music to praise the Lord. When Noelle suggested using her name as the title of our new Choir, Fr. Brian readily agreed.



Anyone from the parish is invited to audition for this quality choir that will be doing harmonies and descants. The audition is to see if your voice will blend with all others in the choir and what your range is - Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass.

What will the “audition” include? Noelle wants to meet with you to determine your range. She does this by playing a simple melody that you can sing. This allows her to hear the tone of your voice. She also listens for proper pitch and ability to stay in tune. Noelle may ask you to do a simple exercise that will explore your range. She will ask you about your comfort level with being a cantor. Working to follow a director and blending with the others will be a very important quality of this choir.

This choir will be shared by all three campuses, rotating locations each weekend. **The musicians will meet from 6:30pm until 8:00pm on Monday nights at the church in Wrightstown, and for an hour before the Mass they will sing at.**

The first rehearsal is **Monday, August 21st, at 6:30 p.m.**

The group will sing harmonies, descants, and a repertoire from both the Church’s beautiful treasury of music and from the ever-growing collection of contemporary liturgical music.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to schedule an audition, please contact Noelle Veverka at 920-864-2550 ext. 17 or via E-mail: musiclit@stclareagw.org.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 7:00-8:00pm @ Askeaton
Wednesday 8:00-9:00pm @ Greenleaf
Thursdays 6:30-7:30am @ Wrightstown
and Every 1st Friday of the month
8:30-5:00pm @ Greenleaf

Additional Sunday Mass

Saturdays 4:00pm @ Askeaton
6:00pm @ Wrightstown*
Sundays 8:00am @ Greenleaf
10:00am @ Wrightstown

**This new Mass time begins on Saturday, Sept 2nd. It will be on a trial basis, with an evaluation done after Pentecost 2018.*

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

St. Maximilian Kolbe said, “The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but Communion.”

Communion with God takes the form of eating His Flesh and Blood, and mingling his Flesh and Blood with our own. Communion also happens when we simply sit in God’s presence to ponder and enjoy the wondrous love God has for his people.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to sit and adore God’s unspeakable love, present in the consecrated Host. It is a time of spiritual communion with God, like sitting with a dear friend and enjoying each other’s company.

In short, Adoration is Communion with God.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Gr 7/8 Religion GR 9:00 Gr 10 Religion GR Noon Gr 9 Religion GR 4:00 Mass WR 4:30 Confession WR 6:00 Pastoral Council GR	2 7:00 Confession AS 8:00 Mass AS 9:00 Gr 7/8 Religion GR 9:00 Gr 10 Religion GR Noon Gr 9 Religion GR	3 8:05 Mass WR 9:00 Gr 10 Religion GR Noon Gr 9 Religion GR	4 8:00 Mass GR 9:00 Gr 10 Religion GR Noon Gr 9 Religion GR	5 4:00 Mass AS Knights of Columbus "Church Drive" after all Masses this weekend
6 Transfiguration of The Lord GR 7:00 Confession GR 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR 11:30 Spanish Mass	7 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 6:00 Bible Study WR	8 4:00 Mass WR (NO Confessions) 7:00 Stock Holders Meeting WR	9 (NO Confessions) 8:00 Mass AS 6:30 SVDP WR (Server's Sacristy)	10 8:05 Mass WR	11 Feast Day of St. Clare 7:30a-4:30p Parish Rummage Sale GR 8:00 Mass AS Coffee & Donuts after GR	12 7:30a-4:30p Parish Rummage Sale GR 4:00 Mass AS Wear & Share Drop-Off After Mass
13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time GR 7:00 Confession GR 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR Wear & Share Drop-Off After Both Masses 11:15 Ice Cream Social	14 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 6:00 Bible Study WR 6:30p Holy Hour WR 3-7p Wear & Share Drop Off WR	15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 am Mass WR No 4:00 pm Mass GR 6:00 pm Mass GR 8-Noon Wear & Share Sorting WR	16 7:00 Confession AS 8:00 Mass AS 8-10am & 5-7pm Wear & Share Open WR 7:00 KC Information Meeting GR	17 8:05 Mass WR 8-10am & 5-7pm Wear & Share Open WR	18 8:00 Mass GR 8:00 SVDP Pick-Up WR	19 4:00 Mass AS
20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time GR 7:00 Confession GR 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR	21 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 6:00 Bible Study WR	22 4:00 Mass WR 4:30 Confession WR	23 7:00 Confession AS 8:00 Mass AS 7:00 KC 1st Degree WR	24 8:05 Mass WR 5:00 Finance Council GR 6:30 Adult Faith Formation GR	25 8:00 Mass GR	26 4:00 Mass AS
27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time GR 7:00 Confession GR 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR BA: "\$27 on the 27th"	28 8:15 Liturgy of the Word WR 6:00 Bible Study WR	29 4:00 Mass WR 4:30 Confession WR 4:00 School Open House WR	30 7:00 Confession AS 8:00 Mass AS	31 8:05 Mass WR		



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2218 Day Street
Greenleaf, WI 54126

Return Service Requested

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NEW MASS TIME

6:00pm Saturday evenings
Wrightstown
Beginning Saturday, September 2nd



Farewell Dcn. José Lopéz

After a busy Summer assisting at St. Clare Parish, Dcn. José left this past weekend for his final year of priesthood formation. In addition to his participation in celebrating Mass and giving homilies, Dcn. José

traveled with our group of students to Steubenville, presided at Baptisms and taught Summer RE classes.

Blessings to you, Dcn. José, from St. Clare Parish and best wishes with your studies on the path to priesthood.

New *Gather* Hymnal Dedications

To donate towards or dedicate one or more of the “*Gather*” Hymnals, please pick up a “*Gather*” Hymnal Dedication envelope found in back of church. Return the completed form with payment to the Parish Office or place in the weekend collection basket by **Sunday, October 1st**. To date 116 Hymnals have been purchased. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



For questions on the Hymnal Dedications, please contact the Parish Office at 864-2550.

The Coenen Family

This month’s *The Bridge Newsletter* is sponsored by **Jim and Marlene Coenen**, and is in memory of all the living and deceased members of their families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

