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St. Patrick's / St. Anne's News & Notes April 16, 2021

Last week at a **ST. PATRICK'S FIRST COMMUNION EVENT**, I had the opportunity to hear the remaining First Confessions of the kids who were not able to celebrate this wonderful gift from the Lord during a rather bad winter snowstorm in February [BTW, we celebrate our First Communion Services for the kids on May 2nd (St. Patrick's at 10:30 a.m.) and May 9th (St. Anne's at 9:00 a.m.)]. After the confessions, one of our parishioners came forward and asked me to bless a restaurant in Beecher on behalf of her family.

While talking to this woman, I asked her why she is coming to St. Patrick's when Beecher is closer to other churches in her area. I felt humbled by her response - she told me that the Border Town area was extremely welcoming to her family and that she felt at home in our churches.

I pray and hope this is the case. Our Masses are starting to grow - folks are coming back "home," so to speak, to pray

with us again. There is a lot of good in our community and YOU are all the reason that those from the outside feel at home coming to us. Thanks for all you do at the parishes – we are a better family because of you.

Personally, this has been a crazy week. Between the university classes drawing towards the end of the semester and the wonderful, cloistered sisters at the Annunciation Monastery where I serve, many souls are being saved, which is the whole purpose of what we are all supposed to do.



Over at St. Patrick's, we have been gutting the rectory basement and garages from all the "junk" that has accumulated throughout the years. Jack Noonan's family is helping us clear out his house. Like last week, we will hold a **"ROB ME BLIND ST. PATRICK'S GARAGE SALE"** at the St. Patrick's Rectory garage after the weekend Masses – the

items belong to you anyway, so feel free to rob us blind, like you did last week! All are welcome.

(BTW, I salvaged one picture in the basement of the rectory – that of the Academy that was given to Fr. White in 1990 on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary to the priesthood. The rest of the pictures were saturated in black mold, so I was told.)

Thanks to Mary Tolmer's help and the good folks at St. Pat's, we were able to buy a **PARISH TRUCK** for the border town parishes. With the help of D'Arcy Motors in Joliet (they have helped me before), we continue finalizing the maintenance man situation at the border town parishes and getting this truck will go a long way in hiring the person we have in mind. I also took it upon myself to buy a manual lawnmower to cut the grass in front of the property. Joe Mencotte saw me cutting the grass yesterday, took pity on me and helped me with cutting the grass on the church side of the campus. Thanks to Gene Rademacher, David Wheeler and the gang for working on repairing-cleaning up the crop of lawnmowers we have for summer use. Thanks to Bones Hess for helping me get the truck on Saturday. Thanks, also, for the folks at the Diocese of Joliet for their support and direction on the purchase of the truck as well.

Ardis Wardynski and the gang at Pat's will be holding a **ST. PATRICK'S GROTTA CLEAN UP PARTY** this Saturday, starting at 9:00 a.m. Ardis asked me to lead a Rosary on Behalf of the Momence Police Department, in front of the station at 8:30 a.m., followed by the clean up party. *Perhaps folks can bring*

their lawnmowers to help cut the grass on the grotto and gym side of the campus until the maintenance issue is resolved.

Speaking of the St. Patrick's Grotto...

St. Patrick's Church will hold a **GARAGE SALE** on June 18-19 and 25-26. All proceeds will go towards beautifying the grotto. More to come.

I will put out a parish newsletter to advertise both **GOLF OUTINGS**, hosted by both parishes. More to come on this.

We received a good number of donations for the **ST. ANNE'S CONCRETE WALKWAY** that we can now complete. Thanks to all who donated for the project. This walkway will come in handy for our summer Masses. Speaking of which...

I plan to start **OUTDOOR MASSES IN MAY** (weather permitting); At the **ST. ANNE'S**, I spoke to Cheryl King and worked out an arrangement that, on the first Sunday of each month, we will hold the Mass the **INDOORS** (with Cheryl playing) or the sake of those folks who prefer to celebrate Mass in the church – the rest of the Sunday Masses will be celebrated outside. At **ST. PATRICK'S**, we will hold Saturday evening Masses indoors and Sunday Masses in English outdoors, for the sake of the faithful. Knowing that no solution is perfect, we pray that this arrangement will be alright for the folks in our communities.

SECRETARIA BILINGÜE / BILINGUAL SECRETARY

Las parroquias de San Patricio y Santa Ana están buscando una recepcionista bilingüe para contestar llamadas en la rectoría de Sta.



Ana de lunes a jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 del mediodía. Si está interesado en solicitar este puesto (como voluntario o por cualquier pago que podamos ofrecer, comuníquese con el Padre Pedro por el teléfono al ☎ (815) 685-1359.

St. Patrick's & St. Anne's are looking for a bilingual receptionist to answer phones at St. Anne's Church from Monday- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you are interested in applying for This position (as a volunteer or for whatever pay we can offer, please contact Fr. Pete by phone at ☎ (815) 685-1359.

Note: I may have a lead on a bilingual receptionist for both parishes. More to come.

Finally, please remember both of our parish secretaries who have been under the weather. Thanks also to those in the community who have assisted us in the secretarial duties at both parishes.

Have a blessed week!!! – Fr. Pete

We continue to offer **ONLINE MASSES** for those who wish to stay at home. If you wish to remain at home and still receive

the sacraments, we can come to you – just contact the parish offices for more information.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MASS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER](#)

Note: All Online Masses from the Third Sunday of Lent through this weekend's Mass can be found at

www.stpatrickmotence.org or
www.stannestanne.org

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NOTICE THAT ALL HOMILIES, ALL BULLETINS AND ALL RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH'S WEBSITES AND AT THE LINKS BELOW!

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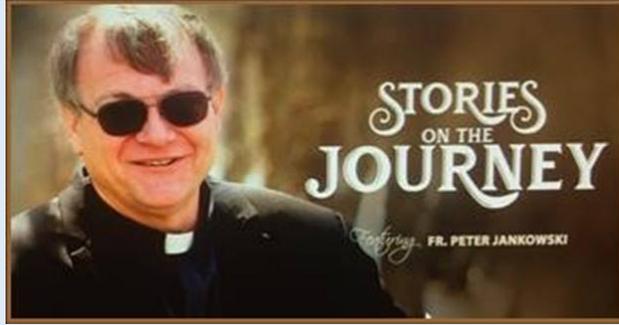
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Help support our parishes by purchasing copies of Fr. Pete's Homiletic Books! You can purchase them at the parishes or online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)!

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At St. Patrick's, we still have to address a debt at St.

Patrick's just over \$300,000; we wish to keep up with the bills at St. Anne's as well. We need to keep up with our renovations as well. If you can help with a pew donation (\$2,500), help with renovating our gym floor at St. Pat's (\$15,000), or helping us pave the parking lot at Pat's (\$70,000), that would be great! For \$1,000,000, you can have one of our gyms named for a loved one - this one time gift would take care of all problems at our parishes and would go a long way in preserving what we have for generations to come!!!



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