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St. Patrick's / Anne's / Sacred Heart News & Notes - August 7, 2020

As I celebrate Gabby's Birthday (Gabby is the dog, BTW... three years old today!!!)...

I am off-site this week, trying to catch up with my university work in Joliet and trying to get some rest (with most all of the schools transitioning to online classes for the Fall, I had to spend a great deal of time reformatting the courses I teach - that takes a bit of time!). I also have been working on some research for the purposes of writing another book. As if I had all the time in the world...

That all said, we continue to produce the online Masses for your consideration, especially on behalf of those who still are not attending Mass in person, for whatever reason:

[Please CLICK HERE to watch the Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrated at St. Anne's Church!](#)

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

Next weekend, we will be celebrating the First Communion and Confirmation Masses for the kids at St. Anne's. Hopefully, John Rehmer will be recovered sufficiently from his hip replacement surgery for us to celebrate confirmation for the Motence students on September 6th.

John Rehmer and Kim Emerson diligently have been working on getting the students back into the First Communion and Confirmation Programs in the Fall. As for me, I will be heading up online classes for those adults desiring to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Wednesday evenings. These classes will run for about ninety minutes,

starting at 7:00 p.m. If you know anyone interested in participating, please have them contact any of the parish office.

I wish to publicly thank Sandra Riemenschneider for representing Momence and St. Anne at the diocesan Chrism Mass today, held at the Cathedral of St. Raymonds this morning. Sandra tells me that the Mass was wonderful, even though only 3-4 faithful were sitting in every other pew. Sandra brought the oils back from the Mass, which we will use this upcoming year for our sacraments. Thank you, Sandra!!!

We have been holding our own with the weekly collections at our parishes. This is good - as time passes, a good number of places in the diocese have struggled but, from what I am learning from those living “down south,” we seem to be holding our own. I have always learned that the Church (especially its building) is a symbol of faith that reminds us of our true purpose in life. To maintain what we have is to give honor and glory to God. Towards that end, I have asked folks from the parishes I serve to work on a project that will maintain the longevity of our church buildings. Much thanks go out to folks like David Wheeler, Beth Crouch, Jim LaMotte, Jim Sparenberg and the family of Dick Mossman (who passed away earlier this year); these folks have been a great blessing doing “behind the scenes” work for the well-being of our Church campuses.

Thanks to Jack Noonan, Mary Tolmer and Gail Hess, we have pretty much finished to convent renovations at Sacred Heart. Jack will be forcing me to get out a paint roller to finish up closet work at the convent. This might be easier than the bonfire work I conducted at the parish a few weeks ago (sitting in my car on a ninety degree day while watching scrap wood and such burn to a crisp was quite an experience for a priest who forgot to bring hotdogs, marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers (marshmallows + chocolate + graham crackers = ???). With the end of this project, we just renovated three houses in the border town parishes within the scope of a year... and we did it on a dime! We have a bunch of wonderful stewards in the parish who have really done their part in building the kingdom!!!

Please continue to consider including St. Patrick's/Anne's/Sacred Heart in your will or estate planning. This is very important – if you do so, make sure you specifically state that whatever monies you donate are to be used for a specific purchase at the parish you wish to donate (debt fund, cemetery, general fund) or else “someone” might reinterpret your gift as something that should be directed to a different institution than the one you intended. This little stunt committed by certain folks has setback a couple parishes which I have served – we certainly want our parishes to thrive, especially since dioceses throughout the country are consolidating and/or shutting down parishes left and right (I have asked folks from the parishes I serve to address this situation in a specific way – our parishes are too important, historically and otherwise, to close down!!!).

A reminder – we still need to pay our bills! If you are interested in helping us above and beyond our collections (which we need to maintain), there is information below about our “Pew Donation Program.” With the ominous situation that our parishes and dioceses are experiencing throughout the country and world (whether it be concerning faith or finances), we need to do what we can to keep our own ships afloat! Thanks in advance for understanding.

From what I have come to find out, even though my pay was decreased, my *workload* has increased significantly with all the video work. I couldn't care less about the money – I care very much about saving souls... *starting with my own!!!* Everything mentioned above can be accessed at the parish websites or the John Jones Channel on YouTube.

	CLICK HERE to watch Fr. Pete's Videos that Walk through the Liturgy, produced for the University of Dayton
CLICK HERE to watch Fr. Pete's Twelve Part Series "Stories on the Journey," Broadcast on Shalom World TV!	
	Help support our parishes buy purchasing copies of Fr. Pete's Homiletic Books! You can purchase them at the parishes or online at Amazon.com! Cycle A Homilies Cycle B Homilies Cycle C Homilies

... starting in May, the bishop is allowing us to pay our staff members their full salaries. Just for the record, *we never stopped* paying our staff members their full salaries (except for me) – there is no way we were going to deprive our folks of a decent living, especially after what they all do for our parish (for the record, Jack Noonan at St. Pat's chooses to do all the maintenance work for no cost, in the spirit of what John Hermann used to do when he served as our maintenance guru at St. Pat's). In

the process, I have tried to do my part – I have donated from savings and such about \$25,000 the last twelve months for the benefit of this community. As I have stated on numerous times, I am trying to do my part to help you out, retirement be darned – I’m more concerned about my afterlife than retirement life (the way I’m going, good luck on me getting to retirement, anyway!). All we ask you to do is your part in this cause (just so you know, Sacred Heart has received *nothing* over the last few weeks and I have had to deplete whatever I have left to keep that ship afloat). We already have a link set up so that you can help support the Sacred Heart Mission, which is the poorest community in the diocese. Here is the link for the Online Giving Link for all three of the parishes I serve (this gives you the ability to donate directly from your bank account to the parish’s)...

<p><u>Support St. Patrick’s Church by Giving Online!!!</u></p>	<p>St. Patrick’s Church 119 N. Market St. Momence, IL 60954 (815) 472-2864 Website: www.stpatrickmomence.org</p> <p>Office Hours: Mon, Wed & Thu 8:00 - 3:00 p.m. Email Rectory</p>
<p><u>Support St. Anne’s Church by Giving Online!!!</u></p>	<p>St. Anne’s Church 230 N. 6th Ave, PO Box 470 St. Anne, IL 60954 (815) 427-8265 Website: www.stannestanne.org</p> <p>Office Hours: Mon-Thu 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Email Rectory</p>
<p><u>Support Sacred Heart Mission by Giving Online!!!</u></p>	<p>Sacred Heart Mission 43765 S. Walnut St. Pembroke Township, IL 60958 (815) 370-9791 Website: www.sacredheartpembroke.org</p> <p>Office Hours: By Appointment Email Rectory</p>
<p>We still are trying to help our parishes out during this time – Wally Martin is in the process of installing a new floor at the Sacred Heart convent, which was</p>	

in desperate need of repair. We still have to address an almost \$350,000 debt at St. Patrick'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), help with offsetting the cost of the Sacred Heart convent renovation (\$7,000) 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!!!

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

Parish Bulletins:

To access the Parish Bulletin for St. Patrick's Church (August 8-9, 2020), [**CLICK HERE!!!**](#)

To access the Parish Bulletin for St. Anne's Church (August 8-9, 2020), [**CLICK HERE!!!**](#)

For all parish bulletins, [**CLICK HERE!!!**](#)

Fr. Pete's Homilies:

To access Fr. Pete's Homily for this weekend, [**CLICK HERE!!!**](#)

To access all of Fr. Pete's homilies, [**CLICK HERE!!!**](#)

Have a Blessed Week! Stay Safe, Stay Prudent and know that God is with you always!!!

God Bless,

Rev. Peter G. Jankowski

Gloria Dei Vivens Homo (The Glory of God is Living in Man)

- *St. Irenaeus of Lyons*