

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC PARISHES

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(L) Sun. Aug. 2	8:30 a.m. Mass,
(C) Sun. Aug. 2	10:30 a.m. Mass, Steve Hawks
(C) Tue. Aug. 4	Noon Mass, Ramona Bell
(L) Wed. Aug. 5	8:30 a.m. Mass, Roger Moore
(C) Thu. Aug. 6	8:30 a.m. Mass, Dane West
(L) Fri. Aug. 7	8:30 a.m. Mass, Paul Boone
(L) Sun. Aug. 9	8:30 a.m. Mass, Kevin Eblen
(C) Sun. Aug. 9	10:30 a.m. Mass, Phyllis Laughlin

Birthdays August 2 – August 9

August 8	Carol Hardisty
August 8	Milena Ramsey

CONFESSION HEARD BEFORE ALL MASSES

CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Patrick parish community extends congratulations to Dane Gasparovic and Mary Fuller who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 1st in St. Patrick Corning Church. We wish you all the best on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.

WE LOVE OUR DIOCESE

Thank you to all who have made additional donations to our Diocesan Appeal. We are getting very, very close to our goal. St. Patrick Corning goal: \$15907.00

THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS

Joan Maeder	Liam Morstorf
Mike Cruise	Dave Pettinger
Wayne Moore	Catie Hunter
Carolyn Stormer	Debbie Hogan
Phyllis Brokaw	Jinx Amdor
Doug Hardisty	Isaac Peterson

WELCOME ; WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

St. Patrick catholic family extends warm welcome to the Nobis family to our community. Tim and Tricia Nobis they are blessed with four kids Garret, Austin, Blake and Veronica. They moved to Corning back in May. They are here to experience the beautiful and peaceful country life and so moved out of the Omaha area in Nebraska to a property in Corning out past the airport. They live at 1883 210th st. Hearty welcome Nobis family.

We also welcome Kirk Andrews and his family to our St. Patrick Catholic community Corning. Kirk Andrews was raised in Cerritos California, his wife Sylvia Andrews was born and raised in Redondo Beach CA. They have 7 children and five grandsons. Their 3 youngest children Amik Andrews, Dmitri Andrews and Christie Andrews together with Jessica, their family friend, live here in corning with them. They moved here a few weeks ago. They live at 2315, 150th Street. St. Patrick Catholic community welcomes both the families and we are here to help you.

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENT

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as sacristans for each mass. The sacristan prepares the altar for Holy Mass. There will be a training to make sure everyone knows how to set the Altar up. We would also like more Hospitality Ministers (Ushers), lectors and cantors to help with weekend masses. Please let Jane know if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.

THEY ARE WAITING TO RECEIVE JESUS

We have scheduled First Holy Communion for the following young ladies. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Ellie Amdor	Lyssa Anderson
October Edwards	Brinkley Venteicher

God blesses those who share their talents with loving commitment.

This Sunday we reflect Jesus performs the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes to feed a multitude (Mt 14: 13-21). God blesses those who share their talents with loving commitment. This is illustrated by Mother Teresa who went to serve the slum-dwellers of Calcutta, in India, with just twenty cents in her pocket. When she died forty-nine years later, God had turned her original twenty cents into eighty schools, three hundred mobile dispensaries, seventy leprosy clinics, thirty homes for the dying, thirty homes for abandoned children and forty thousand volunteers from all over the world to help her. We may say, "I do not have enough money or talent to make any difference." But we need to remember that the young boy in the gospel had only five loaves of bread and two fish.

We all have something to share. We need to be generous in sharing God's blessings. God lavishly blesses the large-hearted, who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others. It is said that we all have three "**T**"s to share with others. **Time, Talent and Treasure.** As Catholics, **Time** needs to be understood as a commitment to spiritual growth and discipleship. Do you share your time with Jesus and others? Do you dedicate time for personal prayer, attending weekend Holy Masses, reading Holy Bible? Do you dedicate time to grow in your faith, by reading a small portion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church every day, by doing some spiritual readings? Do you share your time with others by visiting them, helping them or by making some phone calls to your neighbors? **Share your time.**

Then comes the sharing of the **Talent**. Talent is entirely about serving others. All of us have been blessed with various talents. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others and so that we can serve God better. "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others" (1 Pet: 4.10). We can begin our own humble efforts at "sharing Talent" right here in our parish by participating in various ministry groups of our parish like hospitality ministers(ushers), lectors, sacristans and cleaning group and by joining the works of charity done by organizations like the Knights of Columbus, Alter Society, Funeral luncheon group, Prayer chain group and other volunteer groups. As you know, Christ is not physically present to visit the sick and elderly, feed the hungry, teach those who want to learn, console the lonely and sorrowful, pray for their needs and to give a helping hand and a kind word. Christ depends upon each one of us to do these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in His name. That makes us co-workers with Christ in the Holy Works of Redemption. What a privilege! Think about it. Where can you contribute? How can you make a loving difference in our parish community? Where can

you invest your talents? If you are ready to take up some responsibilities, let us know. We will be glad to have you in our parish ministry groups. **Share your talents.**

Then come the **Treasure**. Treasure, of course is financial giving. There are over 2,300 verses in the Holy Bible about money, possessions and the right use of them. Why is this? Perhaps because God knows our propensity to misuse money or allow it to distract us from keeping our eyes on him. Sacred Scripture points out two ways we can show our gratitude to God for his gifts. First, because God is the Giver, some percentage of what is received must be returned to Him as an act of gratitude. Secondly, there should be some sharing of our money and material goods with those in need in our family, parish community, diocese and world. When it comes to financial support of our church family, the biblical ideal is a tithe of one's income. Your gift of treasure is a direct gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive." We would like to thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to our parish, especially during this tough time of covid 19. Many, who even couldn't come to church, have mailed their contributions to the parish. If anyone is interested in directly depositing their tithing please contact Jane. Thank you for your support. Please continue your tithing support so that we can continue our mission during these challenging times. Your offerings help support all that we do at our parish family. Our parish could do nothing without the faithful offerings of its members. Together, we are the Body of Christ. Share your treasures.

The Good Lord guarantees that every believer has at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. This is our one "tiny fish." Perhaps our "fish" is not money, but a talent or an ability that God has given us. We all have something. If we have never trusted God with our time, or our talent, or our treasure...all our resources...this is the time to start. Let us offer everything to God saying, "Here is what I am and what I have Lord; use me." And then He will bless and amplify everything beyond our expectations. When we give what we have to God, and we ask Him to bless it, it is then the miracle happens. Because God blesses those who share their talents with loving commitment.

We, the St. Patrick Catholic family Corning, thank you all especially Jane, our parish secretary, our parish council and finance council members, Alter Society, Knights of Columbus, Thrift shop group, Rosary for the nation prayer chain group, Catechists, Funeral luncheon group, those who take good care of our parish hall, all other ministry group leaders and members and all who dedicate their time, talent and treasure for the wellbeing of our parish family and for the Kingdom of God.

God bless you all and have a wonderful week ahead.

Fr. Litto Thomas
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Parish Council Minutes of July 7, 2020

St. Patrick's Corning Parish Council Minutes of Meeting July 7, 2020

Members of Parish Council in attendance were Ray Reynolds, Nancy Amdor, Kris Richey. Also in attendance were Finance Council members Tom Miller, Wayne Rychnovsky, and Barb Fuller; Trustee Rosie Bissell; church secretary/religious education director Jane Rychnovsky; and our new priest, Father Litto Thomas.

Prior to beginning the formal meeting, introductions were made of everyone in attendance. Father asked the following questions (followed by the answers generated):

What works best in our parish?

- coming together when there is a need
- working together well as a group
- Flexibility
- friendly atmosphere
- finance committee and parish council meeting together as one group
- children's ministry/religious education
- Altar Society (women)/Knights of Columbus (men) groups are supportive of parish needs
- Thrift Shop
- Funeral dinners/fund raisers
- Fish fries
- community involvement

What are the challenges for our parish?

- aging congregation
- dwindling population
- many Catholics that are inactive
- having enough people to volunteer to do ministries in the church
- lack of skilled personnel

What are your expectations of the pastor?

- short and sweet sermons.
- leadership in the church/visibility in the community (ex., Chamber coffees, etc.).
- participation in Ministerial association.
- clarity of language (has been a barrier for former pastors).

Father Litto discussed his ideas:

We need to move from Maintenance to Mission. And to focus on the 3 Pillars of faith life (personal Prayer, family Prayer and community Prayer)

Council then asked Father what his expectations of us as a Council were:

- our support & love: the congregation is his family while he is here.
- start thinking to develop a mission in partnership: we need to set long term goals for the future of our Parish

Consensus of the group was to return to having regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The regular meeting followed introductions and opening conversation.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ray Reynolds.

An opening prayer was led by Father Litto.

Financial Report:

- Tithing is down for the year to date.
- An \$11,000 Federal Protection Loan (COVID-19) was applied for and received. It is expected it will be forgiven and will not need to be re-paid if criteria are met.
- Roof project is essentially completed. Bill has not yet been received. Estimate was \$30,000. Total cost is \$32,358. A final walk-through with the contractor and Wayne, John B. and Fr. Litto will take place before the final bill is paid. Interior work will now need to be considered to repair water damage. Item for future consideration: Is a capital campaign needed?

Old Business:

- First Communion which was postponed from May, will be rescheduled. Possible date is Sunday, September 13. COVID precautions will be taken which will limit the number of extra people invited by the students and the breakfast offering.
- Three bank accounts have been moved from ISSB (closing local branch) and TS Bank to PCSB [Building Fund, Special Projects, PC clearing account]. St. Patrick checking account will be moved to PCSB after checks have cleared/reconciliation.
- No rentals of the Parish Center until further notice, due to COVID precautions.

New Business:

- Diocesan offices will be closed due to employees on furlough from July 13-24.
- Parish picnic will not be held this year.
- Mass schedules will be determined as time progresses. Father is open to listen to our needs. For now Corning will have 1 weekend Mass on Sunday at 10:30am; Lenox will have 1 Mass on Sunday at 8:30 am. Father will be starting to offer a Mass in Spanish at a time/frequency yet to be determined.
- Kris moved/Rosie seconded a motion to invite Jane R., as secretary to attend future Parish Council meetings as a non-voting member of the group. Motion passed.

Father Litto's Update:

- We will be following all the Diocesan directives concerning COVID-19 (social distancing, empty pews between family groups, hand sanitizers, masking, Communion modifications) and they will be posted and announced prior to the beginning of Masses until further notice. We are now in Phase III of Diocese reopening plans.
- Mary Fuller will be married in the church on August 1, 2020.

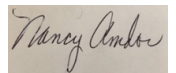
Adjournment:

Group decided to have a potluck meal before the next meeting.

Everyone is asked to let Nancy know what you are bringing to avoid duplication. Meeting was adjourned.

Father Litto led us in a closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 11.



Nancy Amdor
Secretary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUG 2, 2020

Aug 2 SUN: *Is 55: 1-3/ Ps 145: 8-9. 15-16. 17-18/ Rom 8: 35. 37-39/ Mt 14: 13-21*

Aug 3 Mon: *Jer 28: 1-17/ Ps 119: 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102/ Mt 14: 22-36*

Aug 4 Tue: *Jer 30: 1-2. 12-15. 18-22/ Ps 102: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ Mt 15: 1-2. 10-14*

Aug 5 Wed: *Jer 31: 1-7/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12ab. 13/ Mt 15: 21-28*

Aug 6 Thu: *Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9/ 2 Pt 1: 16-19/ Mt 17: 1-9*

Aug 7 Fri: *Na 2: 1. 3; 3: 1-3. 6-7/ Dt 32: 35cd-36ab. 39abcd. 41/ Mt 16: 24-28*

Aug 8 Sat: *Hab 1: 12 - 2: 4/ Ps 9: 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/ Mt 17: 14-20*

Aug 9 SUN: *1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-13a/ Ps 85: 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Rom 9: 1-5/ Mt 14: 22-33*