



The Angelus

August 2024

From the Rector's Desk

I've been asked recently about what the church service "Benediction".

The past couple of years I've tried to make sure we have Holy Hour and Benediction about once a quarter. It doesn't always work out that way, but it's still offered some times throughout the year.

Benediction—with Holy Hour along with it—is centered on Christ fully present to us in His Body, the bread of life in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ is put in a special vessel that looks like a fancy cross, and it has a circular glass opening in the cross so the round host, or communion bread, is visible. This special cross is sometimes called a "monstrance."

During Holy Hour, the only thing we "do" is gaze upon the presence of Christ as we know Him in the bread of life which He Himself calls His Body. No required emotions, no required insights, no required resolution to improve morally. Just beholding the One Who comes to us, in exactly the way He Himself has said he is with us.

Benediction is when the people in the pews are blessed as the priest lifts up the monstrance, makes the sign of the cross over the people, and blesses them with it. There are some traditional, brief hymns and psalms that are sung along with this blessing, too. But the point of it all is the blessing—the benediction—of those present with the full Presence of Christ Himself, in His full human flesh and soul and in His full divinity.

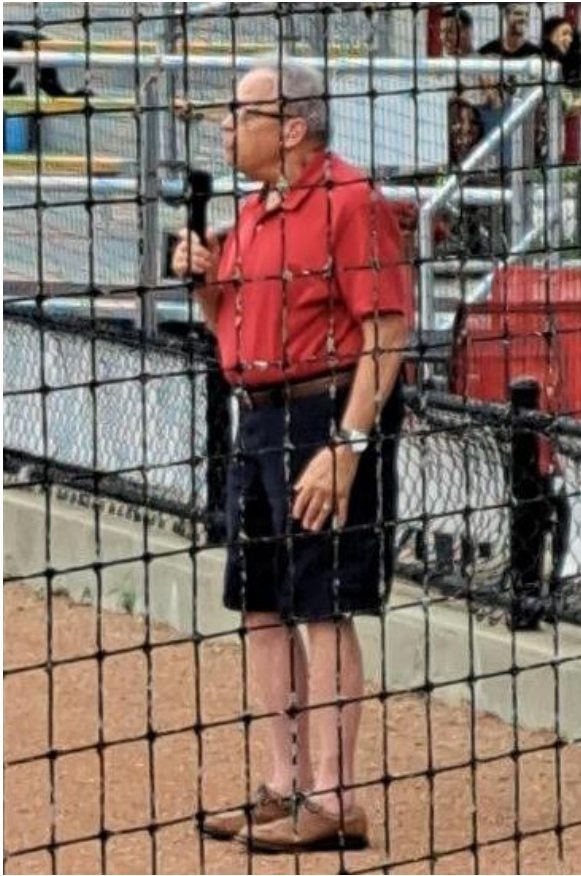
This brief explanation of what Benediction is can hardly communicate the full impact of gazing upon Christ Himself and being blessed by His presence is like. It's very easy to talk about being in love, but it's quite another thing to actually know Love by experiencing it. To know Christ more deeply through Benediction comes from making it a regular practice. You are humbly and sincerely invited.

Benediction will be offered next on Saturday, October 12, during our Walsingham pilgrimage. Bp Matt will be the officiant at Benediction.

Stay tuned for other opportunities to be with Christ and thereby transformed in love, through Benediction.

Peace,
WLB+

Father John Throop to sing the National Anthem



Father John Throop was selected by The Sheboygan A's baseball team to sing the National Anthem at their home game June 9th. Well done Fr. Throop and now you can cross this off your "Bucket List."



Grace Church and All Saints chapel Brat fry– August 12th



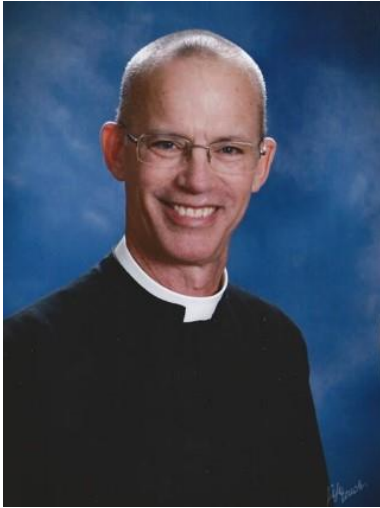
Grace Church brat fry's are back! Please plan to join us on Monday, August 12, 5:00 – 9:00p.m., as we serve bratwurst at the annual Elkhart Nights celebration. This time we will host a brat fry at the Downtown Night (on Lakestreet) in Elkhart Lake. Grace Church and All Saints Chapel are members of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce. Robert McMillan is a chair of this event, and he could use lots of volunteers.

Please call Robert McMillan at 920-918-8678



See you at the Brat Fry!!

Come to meet Fr. Twomey at All Saints Chapel through September.



A personal introduction and invitation to share in the life of All Saint's Chapel
Favorite Hymn: King of Glory, King of Peace, #382, 1982 Hymnal

My name is Fr. Patrick Twomey. I have been a priest of The Episcopal Church for thirty-seven years, twenty-nine of which I spent in full-time parish ministry. In semi-retirement, I serve three small missions: All Saint's in Elkhart Lake during the summer months, St. John's in Shawano during the fall, winter, and spring, and St. Olaf's in Amherst throughout the year on Saturday evenings. Additionally, I publish a weekly commentary on the Sunday Readings for The Living Church, a theological periodical covering matters relevant to The Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion, as well as general religious news. I have been married to Mary Catherine (Cathy) for forty-three years. We have raised two daughters, Allison and Hannah, both of whom are deceased. I am profoundly grateful to Fr. Bulson and the leadership of Grace Church for the invitation to preside at the All Saint's Chapel. Along with a group of dedicated volunteers, I do my small part in trying to make the Chapel a place of warmth and welcome. I try to celebrate the liturgy with appropriate care and reverence, and I give my full engagement to the task of preaching, trying, by God's grace, to reach people with a palpable sense of the presence of Christ. I am not, as if from a distance, talking "about" God. Rather, I am trying to invoke the Divine Presence through preaching.

I hope and pray that everyone leaves the Chapel knowing that, in Word and Sacrament, they have encountered the Living God. And so, I hope we all have reason once again to "lift up our hearts." Indeed, I believe that those who attend the Chapel experience what our patriarch Jacob experienced so long ago in the wilderness of Haran when he dreamt of a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven. When he awoke, he said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" I invite you to experience a taste of heaven at All Saint's Chapel!

Planting of the Ginkgo Tree

Allison Twomey, age 37, the beloved daughter of Fr. Patrick and Mrs. Catherine Twomey, passed away on October 7, 2023. In her memory the chapel community had a ginkgo tree planted on the chapel grounds in June



All Saints Chapel makes the news in *The Elkhart Lake Depot Dispatch*



All Saints Chapel experienced a very special visit on Sunday, June 16th when the Bishop of the Episcopal Church Diocese of Fond du Lac made a visit and conducted Mass. Bishop Matthew Gunter was ordained Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac in 2014. His first pastoral visit as bishop was to All Saints Chapel in Elkhart Lake. Recently, the Diocese of Fond du Lac and the other two dioceses of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin decided to merge into one Diocese of Wisconsin. Bishop Gunter was voted by the delegates of the state parishes to be the new Bishop of Wisconsin. His recent visit to All Saints was his last pastoral visit as the Bishop of Fond du Lac. Bishop Gunter stated that All Saints is such a special place within the state because of its beauty but also because of its ecumenical outreach nature. The chapel has a blend of people who attend including travelers, residents and area visitors. Many of the people who attend All Saints also belong to various denominations of the Christian faith. All

are welcome. This weekend, the Bishop also blessed a couple who were married at All Saints and were celebrating their anniversary.

All Saints Chapel is an outreach ministry for Grace Episcopal Church of Sheboygan and offers Mass every Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend at 9:00 am. Because of its growing attendance, the chapel will be offering masses this year through the end of September. The chapel also is available for Christian weddings.

Here is the Love INC update

Thank you for your contributions to the product drive held in June. As always, donations can be made either into the collection bin at church or into the collection bin in the front entrance at the Love INC office in Sheboygan Falls.

Sarah Payne is the new Case Manager for the Refugee Resettlement Ministry. She has previously worked with Love INC and is pursuing a Masters in Social Work.

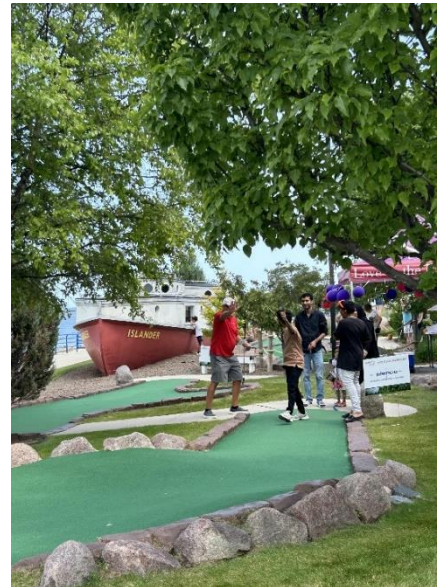
She will be working with our welcomed families from Columbia, Venezuela and Myanmar(Burma)

Love INC is creating Support Teams of 6-10 people who will walk beside our arriving families to help with community integration. To get involved you can contact Love INC directly for more information. Deacon Paul Aparicio is also directing the Guild of St Albans in our parish to assist our incoming families.

Love INC is continuing to look for Connection Center Volunteers to connect with neighbors in need either as an Intake Specialist on the phones or as a Neighbor Liaison. Openness and compassion, listening skills and a measure of your time are all that are needed for this ministry.

All proceeds benefit Love INC ministries.

Putts Fore Love. Some young people sported special headgear. Moms and Dads wanted to play too. Celebrating a hole-in-one!



Gala Summer Time Coffee Hour Celebration

On July 28th Grace Church celebrated Tomomi's 50th birthday with a surprise Gala Summertime Coffee hour. Delicious food, punch, and laughter were abundant. Many thanks to all those who contributed and helped and made it a joyful



June Financial Focus

<u>June Income</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2024</u>
\$ 15,136	\$ 183,712	\$ 309,921
<u>June Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2024</u>
\$ 8,617	\$ 153,351	\$ 332,298

May-June Vestry Highlights

- Fr Throop asked to use St Like's Room to store materials for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. A volunteer would come in once a week to fulfill orders which would be packaged and delivered for mailing, no Grace staff or equipment is required. A motion by the vestry offered the use of St Luke's Room to AFP rent free for a two year period with the stipulation that Grace Church be added as additional insured on their insurance policy.
- Dcn Paul Aparicio reported on the activities of the Guild of St Alban, the refugee ministry of Grace in coordination with Love, INC. To date 16 people representing 3 families have been welcomed. Thirteen parishioners have agreed to assist the refugees.
- Connie Schneider and Brian Heck will work on format of the Restricted Funds Ledger.
- John Davis to obtain bids to refinish Ontario Street doors.
- There will not be an additional security door installed in the lower level.
- Motion passed to authorize grant request to GWF of \$4,330 for three year elevator maintenance contract.
- The goal of the Walsingham Guardians in 2024 is to enhance the proto shrine pilgrimage, named Walsingham Way. The pilgrimage will include a route from Nashotah to the Grace shrine. A group is in process of formation to take vows and to commit to observance of daily office and intercessory prayers in the shrine.
- There was discussion on Fr. Bulson taking a sabbatical in year 6 of his ministry. He will have completed five years in 2025.

Mark Your Calendars

- August 12th Brat Fry, Elkhart Lake
- October 12th Holy Hour & Benediction at 2:00pm
- October 4th Diocesan Convention, Stevens Point
- October 11th&12th 73rd Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage

August Birthdays

Steve Weinert 8/6
Ben Crouse 8/8
Mary Tasche 8/12
Mary Massey 8/15
Jeff Lynas 8/16
Danie Wilson 8/17
Connie Schneider 8/19
Kevin Norwick 8/19
Bev Evans 8/24
Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech 8/28
Wayne Sather 8/29

August Anniversaries

Hank & Polly Boherstengel 8/4
Karl Mueller &
Shannon Luckey-Mueller 8/8
Michael Boland &
Susan McIntosh 8/10
James & JoAnn Sorenson 8/18
Paul & Andrea Aparicio 8/23

Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A Gunter, *Bishop*
The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Rector*
The Reverend Paul D. Aparicio, *Deacon*
Clayton Logue, *Interim Organist-
Choirmaster*
Crystal Lopez, *Parish Administrator*
Wally Martinez, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Chair*
Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
John Davis, *Junior Warden*
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech,
Jack Britton, Fr. Jack Connelly, Tasha
Crouse, Jane Hanson, Mary Gallimore,
Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Connie
Schneider, and Steve Weinert

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