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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH & ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## Life at St. Patrick's Church



**CLOCKWISE FROM THE TOP LEFT** Fr. Pete Jankowski celebrates an outdoor quinceañera at the parish. This last year, a good number of baptisms, weddings and the like have taken place at your church - the parish has gone young!!! **CHERYL BREMER** digs for snacks on behalf of the new parish guard dog Gabby (if you are concerned about squirrels); Some of the children from our religious education program participate in a First Confession Service at the parish; The **POLKA MASS-TERS** offer the entertainment and liturgical music for our **PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER** on February 19th.

Thanks for supporting our parish life! Read on about what is happening at St. Patrick's!

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PLEASE CONSIDER ST. PAT'S IN  
YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!

The success of St. Patrick's Church depends on your support and prayers. Because of you, this "Old Bordertown Parish" in the Joliet Diocese has prospered over these last 100 years. Please consider supporting our parish and help us erase our \$300,000 school debt through your generous response. We are in the process of renovating our guest house and gymnasium. Anything you can do to help would be much appreciated.

### ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BY YOUR PASTOR, FR. PETE JANKOWSKI**

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO A POST- PANDEMIC ST. PATRICK'S**

When my mother died in an auto accident in 1988, I had decided to leave the seminary to take care of my father and to make sure the vocational path I was following was right for me. As a result, I served as a Youth Minister for four years (1988-1992). When my father remarried, I returned to the seminary to continue my vocational path and the travels have brought me to all of you good souls.

In my role as Youth Minister, I began leading teen retreats, which now have extended into its thirty-fourth year. I actually visited St. Anne's in my Youth Ministry days to lead one of these retreats. Kim Emerson has asked me to serve in that same capacity this year, which I will offer for the confirmation students at the Border Town parishes (including students from St. Patrick's) on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm., concluding with a Saturday Mass at St. Anne's (to which you are all invited).

I also wish to give thanks to Rafael Hernandez, a former parishioner of mine from the Joliet area. Rafael is a roofer by day and a former Spanish Choir member on the week-ends. When we started Hispanic Ministry at my last parish, the numbers were small as they were here; today, the Hispanic Community is the largest group Joliet, which also is happening in Momence; pictured here is our Ash Wednesday service in 2022.



As we often have discussed concerning the topic of "Stewardship," some folks have the financial resources to help us grow in that way – others have the gift of Time and Talent. In Rafael's case, he has

been working with maintenance guru Artemio Ojeda in upgrading our parish facility, so that our buildings might stick around for the long haul.

We have been addressing the dreading "winged bird" problem in our gymnasium for some time. The gymnasium also has suffered greatly – it is in desperate need of tuck-pointing; we installed gutters to our roof by our winter ice problem caused the gutters to fall off. We are in desperate need of first floor bathroom facilities in the gym as well.

For a little more than the price of gas money (and you know how much gas money costs nowadays!), Rafael and Artemio climbed our gym roof to reattach all the gutters and to install a screen over our gym's chimney, preventing our winged friends from entering our gym facility. If the gym has any chance of survival, we have to keep up with the maintenance... and getting folks to help us put bathroom facilities on the gym's first floor (hint hint). If we paid modern building costs for this project, this would cost us \$75,000 – at my last parish, we were able to do the same for just under \$10,000 due to a great deal of help from our parish community. (Pictured is Rafael Hernandez and





Artemio Ojeda putting the screen on the gym chimney - we still are in need of tuckpointing both the gym and the grotto rocks so that we can utilize their services in years to come).

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support as I joined members of our Hispanic Community during our **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** from February 8-17, 2022., Even during COVID, there are so many souls who wish to build a relationship with God by walking the steps that the Father's Son travelled throughout his life. You can view the videos and pictures of this experience with our community at [www.stpatrickmotence.org](http://www.stpatrickmotence.org).

I also wish to thank the **VOLUNTEERS OF ST. PATRICK'S** who joined us at our **POLKA MASS & APPRECIATION DINNER** on Saturday night. These are your parishes; those before you toiled a great deal to provide us these beautiful places of worship. So many folks in our community (namely... *YOU!*) have dedicated yourselves to keeping our parishes holy and thriving. I am honored to serve you and even more honored to learn from your example of love to your God and neighbor. Thank you for that!!!

In this edition of The Irish Review, we are promoting our **GOLF OUTING** on June 18, 2022. Much thanks to Rick Preston and Mary Jo Boicken for heading up this event. You can sign up for the event by mailing in your registration forms. We also are looking for Sponsors for the event and donation items for our raffles and silent auctions.

Finally, I wish to thank Lori Simpson for her work with the **DECEMBER DAILY RAFFLE DRAWING** (which netted the parish \$9,000) and Mary Tolmer for instituting a **50/50 RAFFLE** as part of our church envelope offering. Our latest winner of the raffle donated her \$1,400 prize back to the parish in an effort to promote stewardship at St. Patrick's. Thanks to everyone - I am blessed to serve and sacrifice for your parish!!! Please continue to serve each other by supporting our church and academy gym! - Fr. Pete

## Upcoming Church Projects to Debts to Address...

|                         |           |                        |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Parish Debt             | \$278,000 | Create Gym Parking Lot | \$150,000 |
| Parish Roof             | \$50,000  | Gym First Floor        |           |
| Renovate Gym Floor      | \$20,000  | Bathrooms & Kitchen    | \$150,000 |
| Pave Parish Parking Lot | \$75,000  | Tuckpointing Gym Walls | TBA       |



### AT ST. PATRICK'S OUTDOOR GROTTA

For \$100 a brick, you are invited to dedicate an outdoor brick on behalf of a loved one. For more information, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).



**Parish Hall  
Dedication -  
\$1,000,000 -  
Help Us Renovate  
Our Parishes and  
Secure Our  
Church's Futures!!!**





As the largest growing community in the Border Town area, Ana and Eileen Rivas and the **CAMINO Y ESPERANZA RETREAT GROUP** minister at our parishes through RCIA, marriage formation and a Sunday Choir that enlivens our Spanish Mass. Eileen and Ana asked Fr. Pete Jankowski to accompany them on a **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** from February 8-17, 2022; the group sailed the Sea of Galilee, renewed baptismal promises at the Jordan River and

venerated the places where Jesus was born and where Jesus died.

Fr. Pete Jankowski celebrated numerous Masses along the way, including Mt. Tabor (and the location of the Transfiguration), the Chapel of the Shepherd's Fields (where the angel announced to the shepherds the birth of the Messiah) and on top of Christ's tomb (where the faithful veneration the place of Jesus' burial).



The thirty-four pilgrims that journeyed through the Holy Land learned a great deal about the plight of

Christians who remain in Israel. Christians represent less than one percent of the population within the country and those who stay behind lead a

very difficult life. Shibly Kando and George-Sue Stephen offered painful stories about the Christians in the Holy Land and the pilgrims took a collection to aid those Christian families that suffer (churches throughout the United States take a similar collection every Good Friday for these same Christians who choose to live in Israel).



As he did for the faithful of St. Anne's upon his arrival in 2019, Fr. Pete gifted the faithful of St. Pat's in Mommence with **OLIVE WOOD ROSARIES**

**FROM THE HOLY LAND.** He also purchased an "Our Lady of Guadalupe" hand-carved olive wood statue (and also one of "Christ the Good Shepherd"), with the hopes of the faithful taking these statues home to dedicate themselves praying for Christians in the Holy Land, the growth of our parish communities, and the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.







Save the date for June 18, 2022!



## St. Patrick's Golf Outing

Minne Monesse Golf Club  
15944 Six Mile Grove Road  
Grant Park, IL 60940.

## St. Patrick's Golf Outing

**June 18, 2022 - \$100 per Golfer (Up to Teams of Four)**

**Price Includes 18 Holes of Golf and Dinner**

**Starting at 1:00 pm; Registration at 12:00 Noon**

Proceeds from this Golf Fundraiser will be dedicated to the Improvement of our Academy Gymnasium (Converting the Stage to Kitchen and Bathroom Facilities, Renovation of Gym Floor, etc.). This event is limited to 144 golfers, so reserve your foursome early!

We are looking for Hole Sponsors, Raffle Prizes, or Whatever You Can Offer

**Contact Rick Preston for Details at ☎ (815) 472-2878**

**Remember St. Patrick's Academy in Momence is now on...**  
**facebook**



**We also have an Academy Page on the Parish Website.**  
**Please send your photos to [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com)**



# St. Patrick's "Half Paddy" Golf Outing

**June 18, 2022 - \$100 per Golfer (Up to Teams of Four)**

**Make Checks Payable to  
"St. Patrick's Catholic Church"**

**Send Checks to Rick Preston - 11815 E 3500N Rd  
Mokenca, IL 60954 - you can call Rick at ☎ (815) 370-9617  
or call Mary Jo Boicken at ☎ (815) 592-0614**

☐ Add me (us) to a foursome

☐ I want to sponsor a hole (\$100)

☐ I want to contribute raffle prizes or donate cash for prizes

Name:  
(Captain)

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name:

Address:

Name:

Address:

Name:

Address:

2-Piece  
Fish Meal  
\$12

3-Piece  
Fish Meal  
\$14

## St. Patrick's Church Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fridays (March 4 - April 15) 5:00-7:00 pm

119 N. Market Street, Mokenca

Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

[No Fish Friday at Anne's this year].

## Lenten Mission at St. Pat's and Anne's



In keeping with the Viatorian presence within the Border Town area, St. Patrick's and St. Anne's Church welcome Brother John Eustice, CSV to speak at all the Masses on March 26-27 as part of a Lenten Reflection at our parishes.

Brother John will then present a talk (in English & Spanish) on Sunday, March 27 at St. Patrick's Church at 6:00 p.m. and at St. Anne's Church on Wednesday, March 30 as part of the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Br. John grew up attending St. Thomas More Catholic Community in suburban Las Vegas — a Viatorian parish founded more than 30 years ago — where he participated in its vibrant Life Teen program.

As is the tradition at St. Anne's Church (and now St. Patrick's!), the Service Commission at St. Anne's is collecting new towels, hand towels and wash cloths for Harbor House. New toiletries are also appreciated. The collection will take place from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. Harbor House is always grateful for your donations.



## St. Patrick's Golf Outing

### Sponsor Registration

**\$100 per hole sponsorship. Make & Mail Checks Payable to "St. Patrick's Catholic"**

### Sponsor Registration

For more info, contact Rick Preston at ☎ (815) 370-9617 or Mary Jo Boicken ☎ (815) 592-0614. If you are a new sponsor and have a business card or company logo you would like printed on the hole signage, please include a copy with your registration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I want to contribute raffle prizes or donate cash for prizes





## IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR FUTURE

### AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH!

For over 100 years, the faithful of St. Patrick's Church have dedicated themselves to serving the folks of our community in God's name. We ask you to consider the ways listed below that can help our parish. If you would like to discuss how **ESTATE PLANNING** can be used to make a gift to the parish, please contact us at ☎ (815) 472-2864.

- ♣ **BEQUESTS** - Through your will you can bequeath to St. Patrick's a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after other choices have been made. Example language might be: "To St. Patrick's Church of Mokence, I leave the sum of \$XXX to be used at the discretion of the recipient." Any bequest to St. Patrick's you make will reduce the size of your estate and could reduce the estate taxes that may be due.
- ♣ **LIFE INSURANCE** - By naming St. Patrick's as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy your premiums may be tax deductible and it will help ensure the future of St. Patrick's Church.
- ♣ **TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN** - Money in an IRA or other similar plan is subject to income tax when withdrawn. If left in your estate, they may be subject to estate taxes. If you make St. Patrick's the remainder beneficiary, neither of those taxes may be paid.
- ♣ A variety of **CHARITABLE TRUSTS & ANNUITIES** - There are a variety of giving options that can provide you or future generations' income, rights to property or assets with tax savings and generous support to St. Patrick's.



## ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WISHES TO NAME ONE OF OUR FOUR BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY (\$1 MILLION EACH), ST. PATRICK'S ELIMINATES HER DEBT AND PAVES THE WAY TO SERVE THE KANKAKEE BORDERTOWN CITIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!!!**

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

### PEWS MOST RECENTLY DEDICATED TO THE FOLLOWING...

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Sr. & Anne Andruch  | Jake & Joan Munyon        |
| Sr. Mary Veronica        | Delmar & Evelyn           |
| Blanchette               | Provost Family            |
| Jim & Jeanette           | Dr. Hermila Ramirez       |
| Bukowski Family          | Frank & Marcy Siwicki     |
| Rodney & Rose Keen       | Frank & Josephine         |
| Eldon & Loraine Marcotte | Wardynski                 |
| The Marcotte Family      | Richard & Ardis Wardynski |
| The Meyer Family         |                           |

## Check out the NEW St. Patrick's Website!

We now have a three parish website at [www.stpatrickmokence.org](http://www.stpatrickmokence.org) (which also serves St. Anne's Church) find out what is happening at the parish, read Fr. Pete's homilies and much more! Fr. Pete's educational materials (from his television show to classroom lessons) are also accessible from the parish website.