

St. Caspar's Calling

Ordinary Time

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Our Sympathy

May the angels and saints welcome into heaven:

Juan Martinez – 4/21/2023

Nancy Chavez – 5/4/2023

Brady Gigax – 5/19/23

Elvira Ramirez – 6/18/23

Juanita Uribe – 6/20/23

Please remember her family and friends in your thoughts, prayers, and action.

Congratulations to These Children Who Were Baptized!

Denisee Mendoza-Juarez

Parents: Josue Mendoza & Emilia Juarez

Baptized: 3/19/23

Harrison James Flory

Parents: Spencer & Hilarie Flory

Baptized: 3/26/23

Bennett Richard Flory

Parents: Spencer & Hilarie Flory

Baptized: 3/26/23

Nazli Noemi Gomez-Perez

Parents: Armando Gomez & Maria Perez

Baptized: 4/22/23

Yulissa Perez Chavez

Parents: Manuel Perez & Edoarda Chavez

Baptized: 5/7/23

Maren Tyler White

Parents: Tyler & Amy White

Baptized: 6/4/23

Blakely Rayne Dominique

Parents: Matt & Kaitlin Dominique

Baptized: 6/4/23

Callaghan James Snyder

Parents: Daniel & MeaChele Snyder

Baptized: 7/23/23

Daniel Tadeo Romero Loeza

Parents: Candido Romero & Daniela Loeza

Baptized: 7/23/23

Daniel Velasquez-Morales

Parents: Edvin Velasquez & Miriam Morales

Baptized: 7/30/23



Our Shrine Mass was on August 12th. Thank you for everyone that came and helped getting everything ready for the Mass!



Class Start Dates

Welcome back to another exciting year. We are so excited to get this year going and help your children grow on their faith journey!!

Classes for grades 1-4 start Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. All students and parents should meet in the Church at 9 a.m. for the introduction of the teachers and a parent meeting.

Pre-K and Kindergarten children will start back to classes on Sunday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. We will have a brief meeting before you pick your child up after Mass.

Classes for grades 5-12 will start on Wednesday, September 13 at 7p.m. All Students and Parents should meet in the Church at 7 p.m. for introduction of catechists and a parent meeting.

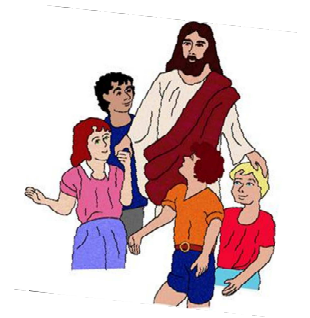


Bonfires

September 20th - 5th and 6th grade

September 27th - 7th and 8th grade

October 4th - Life Teen



Class Masses

Wednesday, October 4 - 5th & 6th grade

Wednesday, November 1 - 7th & 8th grade
(All Saints Holy Day Mass and all students will attend)

Sacramental Parent Meetings

Reconciliation: October 8 and
October 15 at 9 a.m.

Confirmation: November 8 and
November 15 at 7 p.m.

7th Grade Fun Run for Food

On October 25, our 7th grade students will participate in an amazing service project and one of our Corporal Works of Mercy, to help feed the hungry. They will be put into teams, given a list of items they need to choose from to purchase and given a certain amount of Money to spend to get as many items as they can. They have 1 hour to shop and get back to the church. Each item on their list has points that they earn. The team with the most points wins. All of the items are then donated to our St. Vincent De Paul pantry for people right here in our community. This event really helps our youth understand the value of a dollar and helps them learn the importance of helping those who fall on hard times.

Dear St. Caspar Family,

Here is some more information on the **Beautification of our Sanctuary Project**. I want to keep us all informed about the progress we are making.

As I said in my recent financial overview letter to the parish (June 16, 2023), we have established a *Beautification Committee* for beautifying our sanctuary. The committee was formed over two years ago. They even worked with Fr. Jeff when he was here while I was away. Our committee members are Suzy Osborne, Sue Creps, Sue Davis, Deb Spiles, Bert Derringer, and Steve Sekula. Allen Huelskamp served for a number of months before moving off the committee. Most everyone serves on the Liturgy Committee for the parish. I am grateful for all who have attended meetings for many hours to keep this project moving forward.

The *Beautification Committee* has been working to define the scope of the project. Defining the scope of the project begins by asking “what needs fixed?” Examples of items we have identified are: the sanctuary is dark. The above the tabernacle space is large, cavernous, and difficult to decorate. The wood paneling is dated. The crucifix needs to be the focus. Statues need a more prominent and permanent location. The tabernacle needs to be more permanent, with a distinct altar and highlighted. We need better sight-lines from the pews to the altar. Sanctuary needs defined and needs proportionality. Sanctuary flooring needs improved to have the space more distinguished.

Beyond question “what needs fixed?,” the committee members have been asked to think about *principles* we want to achieve when the project is completed. I have suggested that, when the sanctuary is finished, it should be inspiring and welcoming. It should help people feel at peace. It should seem timeless having a sense of permanence. The sanctuary should be better defined and accessible. It should be brighter/ lighter in general. It should have good proportionality – altar, tabernacle altar, ambo/pulpit, and furnishings. It might somehow celebrate our patron, St. Caspar. It should evoke the eternal and be an outstanding place for worship and liturgy. It should be a sign of our love for God as it is the place where we make offerings and sacrifices, where we come to worship our God.

Some of the hard work has been considering getting professional guidance. ***Groth Design Group*** out of Wisconsin has been identified as the firm to help work with us on our project. *Growth Design Group* specializes in mid-century, modern church designs like ours. They are architects and designers. *Groth Design Group* has worked with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Liturgical Architecture as well as Art and Environment Committees. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has given them a glowing review. We have engaged them in our project. We will be having further conversation with them. They will help with both *the process*

and providing a *proposed design*. I invite you to look them up on the internet to see some examples of their work: *Groth Design Group*.

Our lead person from *Groth Design Group* is Mr. Paul Barribeau. Mr. Barribeau made his first visit to St. Caspar on July 24th. He gave us a good looking over, made initial visits with the committee and a few others (like music ministers and maintenance) to listen to our thoughts and ideas. He has been very engaged with me and our Beautification Committee by telephone, email, and Zoom on-line face to face meetings. *Groth Design Group* is providing a multi-phased process. It is important to note: No specific decisions have been made. Mr. Barribeau will be having a number of meetings with us over the coming months to listen, to process our ideas, and help us come to a potential design.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the success of our project.



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