



SAINT PATRICK PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

Ashley Beutler

By Mary Pat Finnegan

The ad was a little lengthy, but pretty standard: *Saint Patrick Parish, Hudson, WI, is seeking a Director of Youth Ministry/Director of High School Faith Formation. As Director of Youth Ministry the work will relate to fostering the spiritual growth of youth in our parish in grades 7- 12, by creating opportunities for the youth to be brought into the life, mission, and work of our parish and the greater Catholic Church. Along with planning and coordinating events, the parish seeks an individual who will be able to give direction to a process by which youth will develop a relationship with God, our Church, and adults who are able to serve as spiritual mentors. As Director of High School Faith Formation, the individual will be responsible for coordinating a High School Faith Formation program that leads to and includes preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, in conjunction with a Parish Director of Faith Formation.*



Whew! By those standards, qualified applicants would surely be a rare commodity. Miraculously, there were several qualified young men and women who answered our ad. Fortunately for all of us at Saint Patrick's, one of them was Ashley Beutler.

Ashley, the youngest child of Bill and Sandy Beutler, was born in Fargo and grew up in Moorhead, MN, in a strong Catholic household that included her parents, her brother, Jay, and her sister, Monica. It also included her maternal grandmother, Edna. Ashley may be separated by hundreds of miles from her grandmother, but the love between them is evident whenever Ashley speaks of her. The Beutler home was a devout household, where Catholicism was taught by example. Weekly attendance at Mass was a given, even if they were away from home. Regular family discussions about homilies and about faith in general were the norm as was gathering together to pray the rosary.

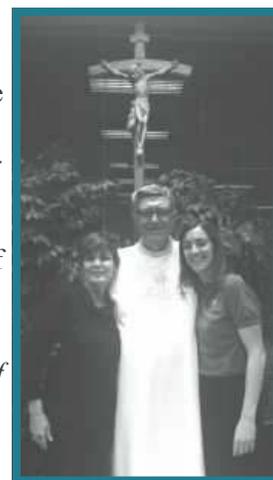


"My grandmother taught us [Ashley, Jay and Monica] how to lead the rosary, which is kind of cool, because now that she's 94, we lead for her."

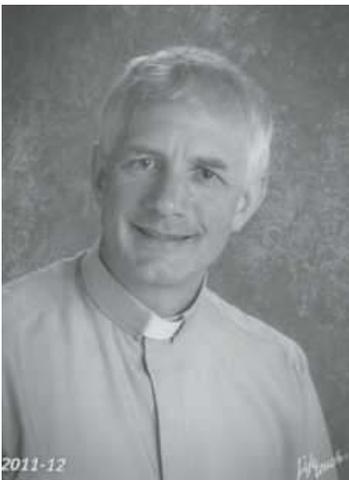
Ashley was like many busy high school students balancing school work with soccer, hockey, and basketball games. After high school she worked for NET (Net Evangelization Teams) Ministries, then spent a semester at NDSU, before going on to receive her degree from Saint Thomas where she majored in philosophy and Catholic studies. After college she worked for NET ministries once again.

Talk with Ashley for any length of time and you come away with a sense that being Catholic is indelibly woven into the fabric of her life. She feels blessed to have had her grandmother's and her parents' encouragement and example. An example that continues even now – her father was ordained a Deacon for the Diocese of Crookston just a few months ago.

"My parents continue to grow in their faith ... they have such a love of Christ and His Church – it's great to have their support; it has made an incredible difference in my life."



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From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to believe that one year ago we were just beginning the Foundation for Our Future Capital Campaign. As you will read in this newsletter, the campaign continues to be a great success, as it is allowing us to pay off our debt.

Since the campaign ended, many have commented that it is good to have that done and behind us. While it is good to have it behind us, now the really tough work begins. Doing the important follow-up work for a capital campaign is where campaigns often fall short. Thus, we are being vigilant in sending out reminders and continually confer with many of you to make sure our records accurately reflect your gifts and intentions.

Further, now we need to build our sustaining financial support. This is not simply adding fundraisers, but rather involves communicating needs and successes, transparency in decision-making, building relationships, helping people feel like they want to and do belong, as well as adherence to our mission. I, along with Fr. Patrick, and the entire staff are dedicated to serving our parishioners.

Even more important than building our financial base, the really tough work begins of assisting people to grow in faith and build community. In many ways, running a capital campaign is rather easy. Other parishes and organizations have done it successfully. There are methods to running a campaign successfully, and if one follows the pathway of proven success, all is good.

However, there is no simple manual to plot out how a parish can best assist members to grow in faith or to strengthen a community. We can turn to our traditions, scripture, lives of the Saints, Church documents, models, and books, but all we will find is that there is no single path and no path fits every community.

We do know such efforts take prayer, commitment, volunteers, and opportunities. That is exactly what you will read about and see in our newsletter: the chance to pray together during a parish mission and pilgrimage, new staff committing to work for our parish, a beloved sister who dedicated her life to teaching and serving others, and the dramatic financial change one year makes when many pledge their support. You will also read about volunteers traveling to Kentucky and bringing Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus to our parish. This is just a sampling of the variety of opportunities provided by your parish this summer and coming this fall.

Thus, we move forward with the words of Saint Paul in our hearts: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6, NAB)

Fr. John

Sr. Bernadette Kalscheur 1921—2013



1/1921 - 8/6/2013
A truly great lady has joined the Church Triumphant!

"Well done, good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:21

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, Sr. Bernadette Kalscheur SSSF died peacefully. She was born on January 1, 1921, in Pine

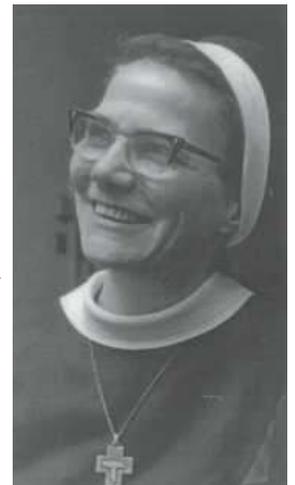
Bluff, Wisconsin, the fifteenth (of sixteen) child of Helen and Herman Kalscheur. In 1937 she became Sr. Herman after taking her first vows to become a School Sister of Saint Francis. Sr. Bernadette served as the Pastoral Minister at Saint Patrick's from 1992 - 2008. Her title here may have been Pastoral Minister, but to many she was a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration.

As noted in the Fall 2005 issue of the Saint Patrick Parish Olive Branch newsletter, "Sr. Bernadette was a study in

contradictions: at once quiet and unassuming, yet strong, focused and determined. It was exactly that combination of traits that enabled her to enrich the lives of many. She was humble, yet if she chose to be pretentious, we would have addressed her not only as Sr. Bernadette, but also as Dr. Kalscheur (She received her PhD in Education from St. Louis University.) Gifted with enthusiasm and boundless energy, her journey took her from a small family farm in Wisconsin to cities and remote villages all over the world."

Father John Parr, pastor during part of her service here, says:
"The Lord has welcomed her home. She lived for Him and for others and her life always looked to service. I am blessed to have known her."

At the School Sisters of Saint Francis request, a memorial fund has been set up in Sr. Bernadette's honor at Saint Patrick Church. Donations will be used to help our Sister Parish (a relationship Sr. Bernadette forged with her SSSF friend, Sr. Joannes Klas) in Guatemala.



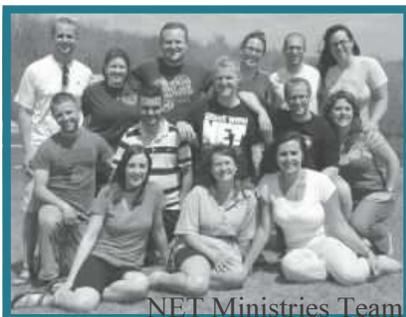
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When our parish conducted the feasibility study prior to our capital campaign last year, hiring a youth minister was a top priority for many parishioners after we got our financial house in order. Ashley's official starting date was August fifteenth, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, a fitting date for a young woman who has so keenly felt Mary's intercession in her life. She literally dove in when she accompanied twenty-three high school students and four chaperones from our parish on the mission trip early in July. She worked shoulder to shoulder with Catholic youth from all over the country as they rehabilitated homes and classrooms in Betsy Lane, Kentucky, then navigated the rapids on the New River before returning home.



On the New River

Being a youth minister in this era of tech-savvy teens can be fraught with challenges. Recent studies point to an alarming trend in how typical teens spend their days (smart phones, gaming consoles, TV, the internet, MP3 players), consuming up to eleven hours of media every day. Ashley comes prepared with an arsenal to cut through all that clutter and noise. She is faithful, energetic, fun, intelligent, prayerful, and articulate. All of that is tempered with a dose of realism – she is quick to point out that she cannot do this alone, but she has a strong hunch that there are valuable human resources within our parish; people that may not know they possess the gifts that will allow them to help in tangible ways and with their prayers. All of this is coupled with her uncanny knack for recognizing people's gifts and her eagerness to share what she has learned from others along her faith journey.

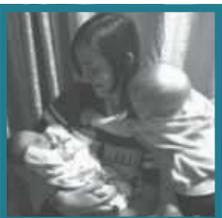


NET Ministries Team

When asked how she would measure success in her ministry here, she replied, "In the end, it's really about being disciples. I want youth that are on fire and ready to go after high school to carry on their faith and pass it on to others. that would be a huge measure of success in my mind."

We wish Ashley all the best as she embarks on her new ministry!

Doting Aunt Ashley with niece, Cora and nephew, Peter



A New Model for High School Faith Formation

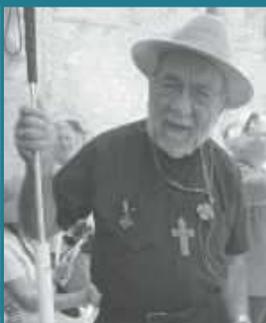
This year the High School Formation process is being redesigned to engage incoming freshmen with a comprehensive exposition of the Catholic Faith, while still utilizing our successful small faith sharing groups to form community and inspire spiritual growth.

The new curriculum features short and intense subject-based modules (6 modules each 6 weeks long) that explore the Catholic doctrine comprehensively as outlined for high school age youth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This allows for schedule flexibility with the young people able to take the required modules in the summer if they need to lighten their course load during the traditional school year from September to May.

Most importantly, the young people are still members of a small faith sharing group, where they will synthesize their learnings, pray, perform Christian service, and finally prepare to celebrate Confirmation in their junior year.

This is not a small undertaking, and its success is completely dependent on the Holy Spirit, both for us and in the hearts of the young people, parents, and people of Saint Patrick parish. So please keep those involved with this new process in your prayers!

PARISH MISSION



Fr. Patrick Martin

Saint Patrick Parish is pleased to welcome Father Patrick Martin September 14-17.

Fr. Martin will be celebrating Mass with us at all the weekend Masses, as well the 7 pm Masses on Monday and Tuesday evening (his homily will be the mission talk.).

He will also be hearing confessions, and sharing his amazing story of God's love, bringing

healing and peace while sharing his story "God's Love in Our Broken Lives".

While all missions seek to proclaim the message of God's love, Fr. Martin brings his own unique perspective, having lost his sight at the age of nine.

"Not only did I lose my sight," he said, "meningitis took away my memory of having seen at all."

Since the fall of 1980, over 1000 parishes all over North America and Europe have benefitted from his Mission Program. Father Pat's faith and ministry are a source of hope and consolation to all that he serves in the Lord's name.

To learn more about this amazing man, please visit www.awildcanary.com

Fiscal Report July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

	Jul '12-June 13	Jul '11-Jun 12	\$ Change	% Change
Collections	1,277,469.27	1,392,955.78	-115,486.51	-8.29%
Special Collections	10,039.00	15,817.66	-5,778.66	-36.53%
Other Income	48,236.69	40,476.89	7,759.80	16.09%
Tuition	629,234.91	733,256.52	-104,021.61	-14.20%
Fees	63,518.42	71,959.26	-8,440.84	-11.73%
Gifts/Grants	184,476.09	175,423.32	9,052.77	5.16%
Investments	8,201.95	5,857.55	2,344.40	40.02%
Fundraising	252,486.14	210,140.92	42,345.22	20.15%
Scrip	410,479.09	396,470.77	14,008.32	3.50%
Food/Hot Lunch	63,288.56	71,044.11	-7,755.55	-10.90%
Total Income	2,947,430.12	3,113,402.78	-165,972.66	-5.33%
Wages/Benefits	1,705,328.81	1,695,648.98	9,679.83	0.57%
Business Expense	154,295.96	193,602.95	-39,306.99	-20.30%
Pastoral/Liturgy	152,338.95	113,526.84	38,812.11	34.19%
Maintenance/Utilities	192,773.58	198,368.70	-5,595.12	-2.82%
Fundraising	49,656.21	45,373.30	4,282.91	9.44%
School Supplies/Activities	64,928.85	76,292.14	-11,363.29	-14.89%
Diocesan Paper Expense	24,120.18	22,694.58	1,425.60	6.28%
Charity	12,446.70	11,993.44	453.26	3.78%
DSA Assessment	50,379.05		50,379.05	100.00%
Interest Expense	86,738.43	103,729.51	-16,991.08	-16.38%
Loss on Investments	898.92	3,434.07	-2,535.15	-73.82%
Miscellaneous Expense	6,891.79	5,490.93	1,400.86	25.51%
Scrip	391,778.82	395,109.32	-3,330.50	-0.80%
Food/Hot Lunch	49,771.72	54,829.07	-5,057.35	-9.20%
Total Expense	2,942,347.97	2,920,093.83	22,254.14	0.76%
Net Income (Loss)	5,082.15	193,308.95	-188,266.80	-97.37%



As pledges continue to trickle in, our new pledge total is \$2,364,824.05. What is not trickling in, but rather flowing generously, are payments on the pledges. To date we have received \$948,851.08 in payments on our pledges. In fact, during the month of July, we took in \$33,061.21 in payments. With the generosity of payments, we continue to make our monthly loan payment of \$27,594.03. Our Parish Finance Council has also put in place the policy that when our balance in our capital campaign account reaches \$175,000, we make an additional payment. We have already done that once. With these monthly payments and our additional payment, we now owe \$1,087,903.94 on our mortgage. If payments continue to come in strongly, we could look at being under \$1 million by the end of the year! "Catch up on your promise" statements were mailed July 1 to offer a gentle reminder to those that may be a little behind on their pledge, so that we can continue to meet our needs as projected. Statements will continue to be mailed monthly.

You may still choose to make payments via electronic giving. Funds are drawn on the 1st, 15th or 20th of each month. Forms are available in the church office as well as on our church web site:

www.stpatrickofhudson.org.

THANK YOU for your continued commitment to the Foundation for Our Future at St. Patrick Parish.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kaiser

FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY

Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2013. We are pleased to provide for you the Profit and Loss Statement for the year just finished and the one from the year prior to it for comparison. We have also included the budget for the coming fiscal year, 2013-14.

Revenue for the past fiscal year was down from the previous year. The collection revenues were down in part because we had asked donors to make a special effort to help us through a rough financial period the previous year. It was understood that these were one-time gifts, though we would be following them up with a capital campaign. Also, with the success of our capital campaign, some may have made pledges and, as a result, lowered their regular offerings. Our Finance Council will monitor this closely. (Interestingly for July, the first month of our new fiscal year, nearly every collection category was up from last July.) The other category that was down significantly was tuition. This is related to having fewer students in our school last year. Fortunately revenue from our fundraising efforts and gifts/grants were up from the previous year.

Expenses also rose. Most significant was that we had to pay \$50,000 from our operations to meet our Diocesan Services Appeal obligation from the previous year. Unfortunately, we will be doing that again, though we now have the foresight to budget for it. Wages and benefits were slightly higher from the previous year, as we provided our

staff with a 2% increase. Also, pastoral/ liturgy expenses were higher because we paid in advance for the youth mission trip to Kentucky, welcomed several speakers, including Steve Angrisano, to our parish, and there were some additional programs offered at our school. Finally, it is great to see a reduction in our interest expenses that will continue to drop rather significantly in the coming years.

Thus, in the end, we showed a modest net income of \$5,082.15. This amount will be carried over to the next year with the hope that we can start building some cash reserves.

For the coming fiscal year, we have again been conservative in budgeting for our income and expenses. We have given the staff an approximately 2% pay increase. The reason it is approximate is we overhauled our teacher salary schedule, making it more equitable using an equation that reflects base pay while acknowledging years of service and level of education.

After much work by our Finance Director, Barb Kaiser, and our Finance Council, we were able to finalize a balanced budget for the coming year.

If you wish to see the full financial report, you are invited to contact Barb Kaiser at our Parish Office (715-381-5120, ext. 103) and set a time to meet with her to review our statements.

St. Patrick Parish , Approved Budget July 2013 — June 2014

Income		Expenses	
Collections	1,387,420	Wages/Benefits	1,792,817
Special Collections	16,660	Business Expense	170,692
Other Income	39,400	Pastoral/Liturgy	127,210
Tuition	659,226	Maintenance/Utilities	232,312
Fees	99,260	School Supplies/Activities	69,100
Gifts/Grants	90,200	Diocesan Paper Expense	24,000
Investments	6,185	Charity	10,000
Fundraising	253,700	Fundraising	41,200
Food/Hot Lunch	81,100	Food/Hot Lunch	56,500
Scrip	400,000	Scrip	390,000
		Interest Expense	36,827
		Miscellaneous Expense	1,300
		DSA Assessment	65,000
Total Income	3,033,151	Total Expense	3,016,958
	Net Income		
	16,193		

SCENES FROM SUMMER



Vacation Bible School



All Staff
Gathering



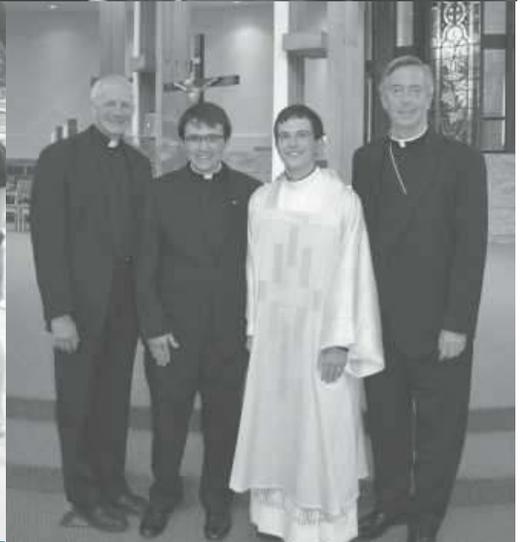
Totus Tuus



Summer Stretch



Mission Trip



David Neuschwander's Ordination to
the Transitional Diaconate



Carmelites Commemorate
50 years in Hudson



Volunteer Appreciation
Picnic

New Teachers at Saint Patrick School



Katherine Bates
Position: Spanish 3—8
Education: B.A. Spanish & Business, UW-LaCrosse, Post-Baccalaureate program in elementary education, U of M.
Previous Experience: Minnesota Schools; Saint Anne School; Saint Croix Catholic.



Kari McMahon
Position: Kindergarten
Education: B.A. Early Childhood Education, UM. E.D.S.. Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education, UM
Previous Experience: YMCA Preschool



Tammy Boman
Position: Kindergarten
Education: B.S. Elementary Education, College of Saint Catherine.
Previous Experience: Boston Central Catholic, St. Paul Public Schools.



Jenn Miller
Position: Kindergarten-Prep
Education: B.S. Early Childhood Education, UW-Stout. Currently working on M.A. in education, Saint Mary's University.
Previous Experience: McDonell Catholic Schools Chippewa Falls.



Beth Juranek
Position: 2nd Grade
Education: B.S. Elementary Education, UW-River Falls.
Previous Experience: Kindergarten teacher, Harvest Prep. Academy, Minneapolis .



Cheryl Solberg
Position: Extended Day Preschool Teacher
Education: A.A Early Childhood Education, Arapahoe Comm. College.
Previous Experience: 25+ years of pre-school teaching experience. Most recently at Bethel Highlands Preschool.

For more in-depth information about Saint Patrick School, please check out our website: stpatrickofhudson.org/school

Saint Patrick School News

As we open our doors for our 139th year, we continue our commitment to the learning process. Students will have numerous opportunities to develop their physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, and artistic selves. At our core is that connection between faith learned and faith lived.

We welcome six new members of our teaching staff. Mrs. Jenn Miller will teach in our 4-year-old-kindergarten prep program. She comes to us from McDonell Area Catholic Schools in Chippewa Falls where she has taught kindergarten prep for the past three years and pre-school before that. She joins Mrs. Carow who will teach afternoon kindergarten prep. Mrs. Palesh will teach our three-year-olds. New kindergarten teachers will be Mrs. Kari McMahon and Mrs. Tammy Boman. Mrs. McMahon is from Hudson and holds a masters' degree in early childhood education and early childhood special education. She will be in her first full-year of teaching after completing a long-term sub position last spring. She also spent two years as a lead pre-school teacher at the YMCA in Woodbury. Mrs. Boman has kindergarten experience teaching in East Boston Catholic Schools. Most recently, she has been a reading acceleration teacher in St. Paul Public Schools. Mrs. Bethany Juranek joins our staff as a second grade teacher. She comes to us from Harvest Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Minneapolis. Last year, she helped to organize the children's games at Fall Fest. Ms. Peterson and Ms. Prasnicky will move to first grade. Mrs. Bates came on board in January of 2013—she has brought a wealth of expertise and experience. Mrs. Solberg's experience for the last 25+ years as a preschool teacher makes her a very welcome addition to our teaching staff. I am excited to introduce our new teachers to our school and church communities. They come with great experience, training, and a commitment to Catholic education.

Several construction projects occurred this summer: New security upgrades for the entrance of the school, a new office door and upgrades to many of the lock mechanisms on existing doors, and the addition of new cameras to our existing surveillance system. In addition, funds raised at our annual golf outing will be used to upgrade our locker rooms. Finally, our library was re-configured and remodeled. Part of the library space was renovated into a new room for our second all-day kindergarten. I am excited for everyone to see our new look.

This fall we will be expanding our early childhood offerings. We have space left in our Tuesday/Thursday 3-year-old program and in our 4-year-old kindergarten prep afternoon program. Also new for the 2013-2014 school year is our before and after school care program. Before school care will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 each morning. After school care will be held from 3:30 – 6:00 each day.

Discipleship is at the root of everything we do: How do we live the word as Disciples of Christ? Our goals are for students to achieve personal excellence, be responsible, be respectful and be safe. You will hear those words over and over this year as we continue our "Living the Word as Disciples of Christ" program.



Principal,
Mary Piasecki



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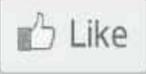
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Editor's Note: This issue of our parish newsletter was mailed on Monday, September 9, 2013. With a bulk mailing like this, our non-profit status allows us a substantial savings in mailing costs. The folks at the Hudson Post Office do a fantastic job getting our mailings out quickly; however, the actual date it gets processed and mailed is dependent on many factors, including the volume of mail the post office has to process at any given time. We apologize if you have received this newsletter after some of the events listed have occurred. Please know that you always have the option of receiving parish news electronically. It's quick and easy to sign-up to receive parish newsletters (and our weekly bulletin) on our parish website: www.stpatrickofhudson.org.

FALL FEST 2013

Be sure to check inside for a full round – up of all the events at our annual fall festival, September 20-22.