



August 7, 2017

Dear Residents:

The second annual Marian Procession took place on August 21<sup>st</sup>. This event focuses on giving thanks for the many blessing we have been granted here in Westphalia and asks that we continue to be blessed. Father Eric began with a short prayer consecrating our Village to Mary and her maternal care. He then guided a large procession of followers through the streets with a statue of the Mother and Patroness of our beloved town leading the way. It was a very inspirational evening and we thank Father Eric and all who pray for the success and welfare of our wonderful Village.

Mark your calendars! The Westphalia Historical Society will be sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cemetery Walk on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery. Local citizens, most often a relative of the person they are representing, will present fascinating historical information on some of our most memorable ancestors. This year's ancestors are Joanne Fuchs (Fox), Marie Bengel, Sister Bonifacia Gunther, Mathias Belen and Joseph P. Martin. Admission is free (donations are accepted) and refreshments will be served. As always, this promises to be an interesting, informative and fun event. There will also be a DVD from the 2016 Cemetery Walk available for purchase.

Speaking of the Westphalia Historical Society, if you haven't already visited their latest exhibit do yourself a favor and check it out. The theme is "A Stroll Down Main Street" which features the history of our downtown businesses and buildings. It is very interesting and you will likely learn something new about our Village and its history. Thank you to the WHS for once again educating us on our rich heritage. Check their web site for hours of operation, upcoming events and other interesting information - <http://westphaliahistory.weebly.com>.

Labor Day having come and gone means summer is winding down. It also means school is back in session and children will be crossing the streets more often. With this in mind, please drive with extra caution, especially during the times when the children are most present.

The fall colors are beginning to show their brilliance. Be sure to get outside and enjoy all the beauty the fall season has to offer!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia