



# St. Patrick PARISH

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## February 19, 2017

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear friends,

Hope you are all doing well. We have variations in the weather and we adapt well with what we need to be. Good and look for an early spring!

I happened to read a story. Once a man went to a bank to draw some cash from his account. He drew a hundred thousand dollars. All the money was in bundles of ten dollar bills. On his way back one of the bundles fell down. The bundle had a hundred ten dollar bills. One of the ten dollar bills slipped and flew away on the road and sat somewhere. A man who was walking on the road saw the ten dollar bill and felt happy thinking that it was his lucky day. He took the ten dollar bill and went away happily and had a good meal on it.

After some time another man came along the way and found the bundle of money from which the one bill had slipped away. He took the bundle and counted it and found only 99 ten dollar bills. He was confused and thought, 'usually there should be a hundred bills in a bundle. Why is there only ninety nine? There is one missing'. So he counted it again. There were only ninety nine bills. He was sure that the missing currency should be there somewhere and started to search for it and he is still searching.

This may seem a funny story. But it has a strong lesson to teach us. Lot of times we look for something which we may not get at all in our life. When we do that we lose the time to enjoy what we own and even sometimes we lose what we have that we can enjoy with. This is the pity that we are in. We have little wealth and we lose it in the search for more wealth. We lose the time when we can enjoy even the little wealth we have, same thing with education. There is a man in Tamil Nadu, India who holds 145 (one hundred and forty five) academic degrees. (<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/50-year-old-chennai-professor-has-145-educational-degrees/1/758486.html>) He holds so many degrees and he is a professor. In securing all those degrees, he has missed a lot of time which he could have done something useful for society or at least for himself. I am not negative about him but what is the use of holding so many degrees without using them to benefit society, for the family or at least for him?

Human nature is like that. That is to search for or want what one does not have and spoil what we have. We look for happiness and peace without realizing that happiness lies within us not elsewhere. In the search for happiness which we assume to be somewhere, we lose the joy in us, the joy of being who we are. The wise way to enjoy our life is to have a content heart and be at peace. They say: A bird in hand is worth two in the bush. Let us be content with what we have and enjoy every bit of our life. And they also say: Greed is the root of all evil. Let us be rid of all greed and live peacefully. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. A. Antony

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

#### **HOLY HOUR**

Mondays at 3:00 PM

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

#### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM  
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

#### **ST. PATRICK GRADE SCHOOL**

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#### **St. Mary Parish ~ Lyndon Station**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 5:00—5:20 PM

**Mass Intentions for the week of February 19, 2017**

Sat. Feb. 18	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Feb. 19	7:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Rose Schaller</i>
	11:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Frank &amp; Bronislawa Figus</i>
Tues. Feb. 21	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Bohan</i>
Wed. Feb. 22	8:00 AM	For <i>Lois Lawton</i>
Thu. Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
Fri. Feb. 24	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
Sat. Feb. 25	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Feb. 26	7:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Carol Ruland</i>
	11:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Frances Schneider</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Jeri Delgado, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, John Kueppers, Shirley Mills, Ruth Clark, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Maxine Greffe, Mary Ann Witcraft, Denise Dean, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kevin L., Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Euclono, Rita Burdick, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Ruby Steiner, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Gale Ryczek, Sandy Sarazin, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, Mary Allaby, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Mary Jane Pfaff, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Judy Schoettler, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Connie Lechleiter, Jim Czajka, Skip Kuwitzky and the Moore Family.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland and Jessica Tremain.

**Ash Wednesday Masses ~ March 1, 2017**

**8:00 AM, 12 noon, and 5:30 PM**

Beginning with the weekend of March 4th and 5th, weekend Mass times will be:

**Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM**

A Mass honoring the Fourth Anniversary of the opening of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Father Joseph Walijewski will be celebrated at the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 10:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the cause and to join the guild, visit: [www.frjoesquild.org](http://www.frjoesquild.org).

**Stewardship Corner ~ February 11th & 12th, 2017  
(529 Registered Families)**

	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,134.61	\$ 5,396.00
On-Line Giving		460.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	42.00
Loose Offering	615.39	474.15
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,778.84	\$ 6,372.15
Budget Contingency Fund		203.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$289,701.72
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$260,359.71

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

**INTERESTED IN ON LINE GIVING?** There are post cards in the pews with instructions on setting up your On-Line Giving Account. Need more help? Just call the rectory. Or you can visit our website, [www.stpatrickismauston.com](http://www.stpatrickismauston.com) and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation.

**Weekly Calendar**

Monday	Feb 20	3:00 PM	Holy Hour
Tuesday	Feb 21	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	KC's Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Feb 22		CCD CLASSES
Thursday	Feb 23	11—1	Rosary Makers
		6:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg—RH
Friday	Feb 24	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

**Thank you to all who have returned their parish surveys so quickly!** We appreciate your response. If you are still planning to complete and return a survey, please return this week to the rectory. Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
SUNDAY MARCH 12TH  
ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF  
AND CABBAGE DINNER**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ~ SUNDAY MARCH 19TH  
ST. MARY PARISH, LYNDON STATION  
ANNUAL HAM DINNER**

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Our goal for this year is \$42,209.**

**Our Pledges to Date—\$29,348.00 (124 Families)**

You may return your pledge cards by dropping them in the weekend collection or by mailing them to: St. Patrick Parish, 401 Mansion Street, Mauston WI 53948. Thank you to all who have already returned their pledge cards!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 18th & 19th  
Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Gracie Footit  
Extraordinary Ministers:  
Servers: Annah, Zach & Logan Lund  
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz  
Gift Bearers: The Heath Thayer Family  
Scrip Seller: Kris Footit  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Lectors: Mary Ann Strack, Lois Lawton  
Servers: Braeden & Haley Heath, Noah Fry  
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Dee Powers  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary  
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller  
Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,  
Arris Sullivan

**Sunday, 11:00 AM**

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Jaime Pouillie  
Extraordinary Ministers: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Ethan & Olivia Lulich, Naome Pouillie  
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray  
Musicians: Ann Benz  
Gift Bearers: Don & Ann Marie Vinopal  
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan  
Ushers: Terry Garrigan, Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,  
Steve Powers

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:**

Deacon Juan Delgado

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 25th & 26th  
Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann  
Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Hamm  
Servers: Maddy & Carter Scully, Makenna Pouillie  
Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker  
Musicians: Ann Benz  
Gift Bearers: Adam & Jaime Pouillie  
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Shirley Buttner  
Servers: Brie, Sadie & Josh Eckerman  
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary  
Gift Bearers:  
Scrip Seller: Bobbi Eckerman  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,  
Arris Sullivan

**Sunday, 11:00 AM**

Lectors: Paul Curran, Bill Curran  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran  
Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Claire Fischbach  
Greeters: Barb & Shannon Cowan, Jeanne Walsh  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Gift Bearers: The Frances Schneider Family  
Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey  
Ushers: Terry Garrigan, Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,  
Steve Powers

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:**

Harry & Shirley Buttner

**Attention Knights of Columbus**—Just a reminder that the KC meeting is this Tuesday, January 21st at 7 PM.

**On the table in the back of church are packets for a “stay at home” Marriage Retreat.** You and your spouse can go through this 7-day retreat, in the comfort of your home. Each day includes a Theme, Reflection, Questions for you and your spouse to answer, and a prayer. Please feel free to take a copy or two.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA annual collection for the Elevator Maintenance Contract and Repairs THIS WEEK-END—February 18th & 19th. Please be generous.**

**Due to the response that I have received about the Women's Prayer group** we will be meeting on TUESDAY'S @ 1pm. The first meeting will be on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28th @1pm. At this meeting we will hand out the books and schedule. The book that we will be studying is called Unleashed: A Catholic Woman's Guide to Scripture By Sonja Corbitt.. Please contact me with any questions or to get signed up 608-847-6054. Books are \$16 OR feel free to order it off of Amazon and bring it with you to the first class. If there is enough excitement and interest, I wouldn't mind also holding a night class....

**Bishops Grant Dispensation in Honor of the Feast of St. Patrick** ~ The bishops of Wisconsin announce a special dispensation for Catholics statewide from adhering to the law of abstinence for Friday, March 17, 2017. This Lenten dispensation will allow the faithful to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Those who utilize the dispensation should perform another act of penance (self-denial, charity, prayer, etc.) in observance of the day.

**NEW Class Begins in Fall of 2017~** Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and “catch the spirit”? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekends of March 3-4 or March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 to discuss your options. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. For more information on the LFI, visit [www.diolc.org/lay-formation](http://www.diolc.org/lay-formation).



**ST. PATRICK  
SCHOOL NEWS**

Several times a year, our parents attend Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents are the primary educators of their children, and PT conferences are just one of the opportunities for parents and teachers to work together, for the education of their children. We are proud of the fact that we have 100% participation in Parent Teacher Conferences.

Several years ago, Mrs. Finger, our school librarian, started to provide fun activities in the gym during PT conferences. These events encourage literacy, and allow the parents to have important discussions with teacher, while the students are engaged and supervised. Thank you to the Mauston Kiwanis Club for providing books for these events!