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March 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Hi dear friends,

Hope you are well and you are enjoying the season of lent.

Once there was a simple farmer. He was tending a good number of sheep. There was a hunter in a house next to him. He had a dog that helped him hunt. The dog used to go to the farmer's house and bite the sheep and hurt them badly. The sheep would suffer wounds because of the bite. The farmer informed the hunter about it. The hunter paid no attention to what he said. The farmer was becoming more worried and frustrated. So he decided to take it to justice.

So the farmer took the matter to one of the elders of the village. That particular elder of the village had a high regard for this particular farmer, because he had saved the elder's daughter from an accident. The elder listened to the matter. Then he said to the farmer, "See. I understand the situation fully and I understand that you are right. If I punished the hunter and make him tie the dog in his house that would be right. But the hunter will become your enemy. That would be more trouble for you. I would suggest another thing for you. You offer two baby sheep to his little daughters. Everything will be alright. You may have to lose two sheep but your peace of mind is more important than those lambs". The hunter went home satisfactorily.

After coming home, the farmer took two baby sheep and went to the hunter and gave them to him. He received them and gave them to his daughters. Those daughters of the hunter were so happy that they were always playing with the baby sheep and loved them so much that they would never part with them. Seeing this, the hunter had to keep the dog tied to a log for fear that the dog would bite and wound the baby sheep and the daughters would be sad at that.

Though the farmer was right in safeguarding his rights and fighting for those rights, the elder had to suggest to him something else. The suggestion cost two baby sheep for the farmer but he retained his other sheep unhurt and he stayed at peace. Even when we are right and just, we need to be wise enough to deal with situations which may hurt us and make us unhappy. We may incur a little loss in this process sometimes. But the end result will be enormous and good.

This season of lent is a time when we try to give up things and do penance. This kind of penance is the small sacrifice that we do in order to gain something great; forgiveness for our sins, salvation to our souls. Let us make use of this period of lent in a proper way to gain the fruits of this season of lent. God bless.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr. A. Antony.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 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

Mass Intentions for the week of March 19, 2017

Sat. Mar. 18	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Mar. 19	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Mike, Marie & Michael Bader</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Tom & Colette Curran</i>
Mon. Mar. 20	5:30 PM	For <i>the Fathers of our Parish</i>
Tue. Mar. 21	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jason Schluter</i>
Wed. Mar. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
Thu. Mar. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Jack & Irene Doyle</i>
Fri. Mar. 24	8:00 AM	For <i>Father Antony</i>
Sat. Mar. 25	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Bohan</i>
Sun. Mar. 26	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bill Rhyner</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 Grefe, Mary Ann Witcraft, Denise Dean, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kevin L., Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, 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.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays following the 8 AM Mass and one half hour before each weekend Mass.

As part of our Lenten preparation, we will be having a special mid-week reflection and prayer service during Lent on the Wednesdays through April 5th from 6:30—7:15 pm. All are invited to make use of this opportunity and prepare well for the Easter Celebration.

Making a good confession is the best way to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Easter. Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be Monday, April 10th at 6:30 PM.

We welcome Giovanna Josephine Becker, daughter of Mark and Cristina (Nigrelli) Becker, who is being baptized this weekend.



**Stewardship Corner ~ March 11th & 12th, 2017
(537 Registered Families)**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,134.61	\$ 7,272.00
On-Line Giving		698.00
Lenten Envelopes		226.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	29.85
<u>Loose Offering</u>	<u>615.39</u>	<u>360.53</u>
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,778.84	\$ 8,586.38

Budget Contingency Fund

Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$324,817.08
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$290,234.10

*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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Mar 20	3:00 PM	Holy Hour
Tuesday	Mar 21	1:00 PM	Women's Study
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	KC's Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Mar 22		CCD Classes
		6:30 PM	Lenten Reflection
Thursday	Mar 23	11—1	Rosary Makers
Friday	Mar 24	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

200 Envelopes....

WOW!! THANK YOU!!!!

Our parishioners are amazing!! Of the 200 envelopes, 109 have been taken and 53 have already been returned! We have collected \$4,358.00 in the "PURPLE ENVELOPES" in just two short weeks! Can you help out by taking one of the remaining 91 envelopes? Our goal is have all of envelopes taken and returned before Easter.

This Monday, March 20 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. There will be Holy Mass in the evening at 5.30 PM. The faithful are requested to attend Mass and receive the blessings of God through St. Joseph.

24 Hours for the Lord ~ March 24-25, 2017: Pope Francis invites people around the world to focus on God's mercy and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during a Lenten "24 Hours for the Lord," March 24-25, 2017. Join us here at Saint Patrick's for Mass at 8am on March 24th. Father will then be in the confessional from 9:30am till 10:30am to hear confessions. If you can't make it then, he will also be in the confessional starting at 3:30pm in the afternoon. All Catholics are welcomed to partake in the wonderful sacrament during this Lenten season.

Rex Teodosio, representing America Needs Fatima, will be making a presentation at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Necedah, on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7 pm. The presentation, which will focus on the message of Our Lady of Fatima and our need to make reparation for our sins, will be followed by recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the veneration of the image of Our Lady of Fatima. In this 100th year since the apparitions of our Lady to the children of Fatima, this presentation provides the faithful with an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2001 S Main Street, Necedah WI 54646.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 18th & 19th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Gracie Footit
Extraordinary Ministers: Dorothy Gorski
Servers: Annah, Zach & Logan Lund
Greeters: Joan Potter, Marge Tremain
Musicians: Peg Schmitz
Gift Bearers: The Lund Family
Scrip Seller: Volunteer
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Veronica Sustar
Servers: Maddy & Carter Scully, Noah Fry
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Jeri Shore
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: Betty Kryka
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Millie Hovde
Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Eloch
Servers: Ethan & Olivia Lulich, Naome Pouillie
Greeters: Barb & Shannon Cowan, Jeanne Walsh
Musicians: Ann Benz
Gift Bearers: The Paul Curran Family
Scrip Seller: Amy Goodman
Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
Greg Cowan

2:00 PM Nursing Home Prayer Service

Deacon Juan Delgado

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 25th & 26th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal
Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Hamm
Servers: Braeden & Haley Heath, Makenna Pouillie
Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker
Musicians:
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Mary Ann Strack, Lois Lawton
Servers: Brie, Sadie & Josh Eckerman
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
Musicians:
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Bobbi Eckerman
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Howard Boppart
Extraordinary Ministers: Howard Boppart
Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Claire Fischbach
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Fred & Sue Hollenbeck
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field
Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
Greg Cowan

10:00 PM Nursing Home Rosary:

Larry & Tina Moore

There is an opening at our Grade School for the post of principal. Applications are welcome. If interested, please submit your resume along with certificates, transcripts, and references. Experience in school administration and teaching is desirable. Send your applications to the parish rectory.

SUNDAY MARCH 19TH
ST. MARY PARISH, LYNDON STATION
ANNUAL HAM DINNER
Serving from 11 AM—1:30 PM

FISH FRY
St. Paul's Catholic Church ~ New Lisbon, WI
March 24, 21 & April 7
Tickets: Adults—\$9.00
11 yrs. & under \$4.00

WANT TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH FINANCES?? Use Scrip and you support our parish. How many of you are going to buy groceries from Festival Foods this week? They give us 5% back. Buy a \$100 Festival Gift Card and you have given \$5 to the church! It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Attend Catholics at the Capitol March 28 ~ Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) hosts Catholics at the Capitol. Hundreds of Catholics from around the state come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. This year's keynote speaker will be Colleen Stratton, a survivor of human trafficking who will share her painful but inspiring story. Time and place: March 28, 8:45 am-4:00 pm at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, just 2 blocks from the Capitol, where participants are invited to meet with their legislators. Visit www.wisconsinatholic.org for more information and to register, or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

Easter Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by April 10 in time for the names to be published for Easter.

The Mauston United Methodist Church will be hosting their Annual Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 25th at 9 AM. Please join them for breakfast, games and a program on prayer. Please RSVP to Angie at 548-3145.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

Our Pledges to Date—\$30,258.00 (129 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!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

The STATE FAIR is coming to St. Pat's! Our big Spring Event this year is a STATE FAIR! Please join us on March 21, (4:00-7:00 PM) and peruse the spectacular displays the students have put together that celebrate our nation's 50 states. There will be student displays, food samplings and plenty of proud students to show you around. Come and see what St. Patrick School is all about!