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April 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear friends,

Hope you are all well and trying to get through the weather. Though spring has started we need to wait for some more good weather. No harm in waiting. Let us do it patiently.

One day, all the disciples went to their master and said, "Master, Master, we are all going on a pilgrimage". The master asked them, "Why do you want to go on a pilgrimage? The disciples said to him, "So that we can improve our devotion". The master thought for a while and then said to them, "OK. Then do me a favor. Please take this bitter gourd along with you and wherever you go and whichever temple you visit, place it on the altar of the deity, take the blessings and bring it back". So, not only the disciples but the bitter gourd went on a pilgrimage, temple to temple.

And, finally when they came back, the master said to the disciples, "Okay my dear disciples. I am glad you are back after your holy trip. Now, cook that bitter gourd and serve it to me." The disciples cooked it and served it to the master. After having the first bite, the master said, "Surprising!" The disciples exclaimed back, "What's so surprising Master?" The master told them, "Even after the pilgrimage the bitter gourd is still bitter. How come this is possible? Even after being placed on the many altars of different deities and being washed with holy waters of different temples, this bitter gourd remains bitter and has not at all changed in its taste?" The disciples, with a grin, told the Master, "But that's the very nature of the bitter gourd, Master". The master, with a smile on his face, told the disciples: That's what I am saying. Unless you change your nature, a pilgrimage will not make any difference.

Most of the time we think that just by doing some external practices of faith we become holy or saintly. But that is not the fact. These external practices of faith should be a means for us to change our whole nature. If that can not be done or if that can not happen, we are wasting our time and energy in exercising all those faith practices. How we use the time that we spend in spiritual activities is something we need to deeply reflect on. If we can not use these times as opportunities of self-transformation, what is the use of doing it?

This season of lent, during which we indulge in more penitential charitable activities and prayer, is an apt time which we can use in a more practical useful way to transform ourselves and our nature. If only we could do this, the celebration of the forthcoming Easter would be meaningful and fruitful to us and also to others. God bless.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

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 April 2, 2017

Sat. Apr. 1	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Christopher Vinopal</i>
Sun. Apr. 2	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Natalie Steiner</i>
Tue. Apr. 4	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Bohlen</i>
Wed. Apr. 5	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Kaye Bunk</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>Marie & Andrew Lobenstein</i>
Thu. Apr. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>David Husting</i>
Fri. Apr. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
Sat. Apr. 8	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Apr. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>John & Peg Nicksic</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>James L. Babcock</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 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, 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.

Our last mid—week reflection and prayer service during Lent will be April 5th from 6:30—7:15 pm. All are invited to make use of this opportunity and prepare well for the Easter Celebration.

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic Adoration.

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.

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 25th & 26th, 2017
(537 Registered Families)**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,134.61	\$ 5,722.00
On-Line Giving		240.00
Lenten Envelopes		373.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	27.00
Loose Offering	615.39	443.90
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,778.84	\$ 6,805.90
Budget Contingency Fund		\$87.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$342,374.76
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$305,960.50

*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.

200 Envelopes....

**THANK YOU ~ YOUR RESPONSE
IS AMAZING!!!!**

Our parishioners are amazing!! Of the 200 envelopes, 148 have been taken and **106** have already been returned! We have collected **\$10,477.00** in the "PURPLE ENVELOPES" in just three short weeks! Can you help out by taking one of the remaining envelopes? Our goal is have all of the envelopes taken and returned before Easter.

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Apr 3	3:00 PM	Holy Hour
Tuesday	Apr 4	1:00 PM	Women's Study
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	Apr 5	6:30 PM	Lenten Reflection
Thursday	Apr 6	11—1	Rosary Makers at Joe's Diner in Lyndon Station
Friday	Apr 7	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Vacation Bible School ~Saint Patrick's will be offering VBS this year. This will be August 7th - 11th. Mark your calendars now and please watch the bulletin for more details. Any questions please contact Cassandra @ 608-847-6054 or email re@stpatricksmauston.com.

Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm) Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse Adam Janke, Program Director of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries, will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing parish evangelization teams. Complete info, brochure and registration at www.dioc.org/basic-evangelization. Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161.

Watch Chrim Mass LIVE! ~ Please join us from 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral for the annual Chrim Mass, celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan. If you are unable to attend in person, the Mass will be available to watch live at www.dioc.org/live.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: David Hoffmann
Extraordinary Ministers: David Hoffmann
Servers: Gabe, Lucy & Elliot Hines
Greeters: Therese Severson, Monica Niles, Marge Tremain
Musicians: Joyful Praise
Gift Bearers: Don & Ann Marie Vinopal
Scrip Seller: Mary Walsh
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman, Don Barr

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Shirley Buttner
Servers: Lucas & Emma Eilers, Christopher Fry
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Jeri Shore
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: The Fry Family
Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Howard Boppart
Extraordinary Ministers: Sue Hollenbeck
Servers: Christian & Alexis Brow, Grace Peil
Greeters: Jeanne Walsh, Kris & Janina Mazur
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla Brunner
Gift Bearers: Candi & Christian Brow
Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey
Ushers: Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby, Steve Powers, Terry Garrigan

10:00 PM Nursing Home Rosary:

Chitra & Elaine Garrigan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 8th & 9th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal, Jeri Kolba, Jaime Pouillie
Extraordinary Ministers: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Lydia Chapman, Haley Marini, Aedyn Lubinski
Greeters:
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: The Bill Powers Family
Scrip Seller:
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman, Don Barr

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Mary Ann Strack, Deacon Juan Delgado, Larry Moore
Servers: Marshal Skiles, Matthew Gunther, Dylan Demaske
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Barb Nicksic
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Bill Curran
Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran
Servers: Anna & Eli Boppart, Alli Roose
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Deanna Vieth & Vida Babcock
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan
Ushers: Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby, Steve Powers, Terry Garrigan

10:00 PM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

FISH FRY

St. Paul's Catholic Church ~ New Lisbon, WI

April 7

Tickets: Adults—\$9.00
11 yrs. & under \$4.00

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.

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!

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

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

"A Pencil In Our Lords Hand" Life of Fr. Joseph Walijewski to air in April. The film documenting the life of Father Joseph Walijewski, a priest of our diocese whose Cause for Canonization is in process, will air on EWTN on Saturday, April 8 at 9 p.m. CT. Catholic TV and Salt and Light times are yet to be announced.

The Mauston Area Ministerial Association invites the community to a "Good Friday Family Fun" event at Riverside Park on Friday, April 14, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be sidewalk chalk art, face painting, food and a puppet show, all focusing on the true meaning of Good Friday and Easter. There is no cost for the event.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Our schools students participate in **The Stations of the Cross** during Lent. Each

Friday, our students gather in the church at 9:00 AM and "walk" the steps of Jesus, in his final hours. We use a Children's Version of The Stations of the Cross, so the students can reflect on ways they can prepare their hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Easter. Please feel free to join us next Friday!

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

Palm Sunday: Saturday April 8th at 5 PM and Sunday, April 9th at 8 AM and 10 AM

Holy Thursday: April 13th at 7:30 PM

Good Friday: April 14th at 1:30 PM with Stations of the Cross at 1:00 PM

Holy Saturday: April 15th at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday: April 16th at 8 AM and 10 AM



April Birthdays!

April 11	Mary Ann Witcraft
April 13	Sharon Randall
April 14	Bill Smith
April 20	Bernice Petrowitz
April 25	Ruth Clark
April 25	Violet McGinley
April 25	John Walsh

April Anniversaries

51 years	April 16	Tom & Fran Watry
54 years	April 20	Marv & Jan Mullenberg
56 years	April 21	Frank & Donna Bollig
62 years	April 16	Leo & Genevieve Hamm



Thank you to all parishioners who completed and returned the recent school and church survey. We sent out 600 questionnaires and were very pleased that 230 were returned! The results have been shared with the heads of all parish committees. Also, there are copies available in the gathering area or at the rectory. It is our hope that the information gathered will help us improve the Mass, the sacraments, our church community and our school. We appreciate your interest.

The Parish Council

Catholic Charities Front Desk Receptionist Volunteers Needed ~ Catholic Charities is looking for more additions to their Front Desk Receptionist Volunteer team! Various shifts are available Monday-Thursday 9 am-12:30 pm & 12:30 pm-4 pm. Currently, they are looking for immediate coverage on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. They are also looking for anyone with a flexible schedule to be an "on-call" volunteer to cover others' shifts during the week. Main duties include answering incoming phone calls, greeting clients, answering questions about Catholic Charities programs, processing mail, receipting donations, and assisting staff with projects as needed. Must be able to work with a diverse group of people in a nonjudgmental manner and be able to understand and maintain confidentiality. Training is provided. If interested, please visit their website at www.cclse.org to fill out a volunteer application or call Alayna Stein, Volunteer Coordinator at 608.519.8043.

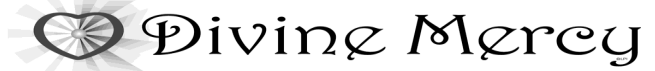
Please note the following ADDITION TO OUR CEMETERY POLICY:

St. Patrick's is not responsible for any damage to or disappearance of any ornaments / flowers placed on a grave either by a force of nature (wind or rain) or vandalism.

Such ornaments / flowers must be securely placed on either end of the monument so as not to interfere with the mowing of the lots. Ornaments placed in the path of the mower may be removed by cemetery personnel.

We are in need of musicians for Joyful Praise. We would welcome vocalists and instrumentalists. Please contact Ann Benz or the rectory if you are able to help out in any way.

ATTENTION LADIES ~ The April PCCW meeting will be on Thursday, April 13th at 8:30 AM in Reardon Hall. We are asking for a representative from each circle to attend.



Sunday, April 23rd

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. This year Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017. It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others. The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

At Saint Patrick's we will have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm**. Father will be in the Confessional starting at 3:00pm to hear Confessions. Please use this day as a time to invite others back to the church.

Jesus said "On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them".