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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear friends,

Hope you are all well. The weather had been not so good. But we need to accept anything we can't change.

Once there was a sage who went from town to town preaching good things to the people. A man once came to him and said, "Master, you are preaching all good things and they are good means to live a good life. But the people don't seem to realize this and they keep living a wanton life. What is the use of preaching to people like this?" The sage told the man, "I will stay here a few days and I will give you the answer after that. By the way bring a goat and tie it here in this temple and feed it while it is here". The man accepted what the sage said.

He brought the goat and tied it to the pillar in the temple and started feeding it. Every day he used to come and clean the place and give food to the goat. The days passed by and one day the sage asked the man, "Friend I see you feeding the goat everyday as I told you. That is okay. But why do you clean the place every day? What is the need?" The man became curious and said, Master what do you say? The goat keeps dirtying the place and I need to clean it. Otherwise the place will be stinking. Don't you know that?". The sage with a smile said to the man, "Yes. You are right. As long as the goat is there, it will keep dirtying the place. Only when the goat is moved away from there, the place will not be dirtied and you will not have the need to clean the place as you do now".

The sage continued, "as long as the evil thought lingers in the mind of people, we need to keep trying to get rid of it. Unless and until the evil thought and the evil mind is removed from a person, we need to keep working on it. Once it is done there will be no need for such people like me to preach to people as I do now. That is why the sages and gurus keep preaching even after knowing the fact that not all the people will accept their teaching and not all people will live a good life taking the preaching in to their minds and hearts. This is the answer for your question". The man went away satisfied.

spirituality is this; an effort to keep all the people on a good path of life. That is what religions try to teach people and that is what religious leaders, the elders are for. We need to take their preaching into our lives and mend our lives.

One more thing, schools are closed for summer vacation. This summer vacation should be the time for kids to enhance their practical knowledge of the life's realities. The parents are to guide them and advise the kids in this process. It is only a holiday for the school, not for learning. Guide them in a good way, though at times it may seem hard to do that as parents and hard to accept as kids. Kids, have a good summer! God bless.

Yours sincerely,

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 May 28, 2017

Sat. May 27 5:00 PM For our Parishioners

Sun. May 28 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Phillis Burns

10:00 AM For *Persecuted Christians*
Throughout the World

Mon. May 29 8:00 AM For *Those Who have Given*
Their Lives Serving Others

Tue. May 30 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Donald P. Janeczek

Wed. May 31 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Alyce Doyle

Thu. June 1 8:00 AM For *Father Antony*

Fri. June 2 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Andy Petrowitz

Sat. June 3 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jeri Delgado

5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Jack Koca

Sun. June 4 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Bernice Bohlen

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, 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, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Connie Lechleiter, Jim Czajka, Skip Kuwitzky, RM, Darlene Skalak 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.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8:00 AM ON MONDAY, MAY 29th (MEMORIAL DAY) HERE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH.

There will be a Memorial Day Service at St. Patrick Cemetery at 11 AM on Monday, May 29th. Let us remember those who have sacrificed to keep us safe.

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

**Stewardship Corner ~ May 21st & 22nd, 2017
(543 Registered Families)**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,134.61	\$ 5,121.50
On-Line Giving		353.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	22.42
Loose Offering	615.39	521.32
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,778.84	\$ 6,018.24

Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 73.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$412,605.48
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$368,953.51

*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.stpatricksmauston.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	May 29	3:00 PM	Holy Hour
Thursday	June 1	11—1	Rosary Makers at Joe's Diner in Lyndon Station
Friday	June 2	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

WE WILL BE HAVING A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE HONORING THE GRADUATING SENIORS of Saint Patrick's Mauston on Sunday June 4th at the 8:00am Mass. If you plan to attend, please contact Cassandra to get signed up: 608-847-6054.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Attention Ladies of the PCCW—The June PCCW meeting will be Thursday, June 8th at 8:30 AM.

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.

Banns of Marriage

June 10 Michael Barreau & Crystal Clark

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of May 27th & 28th

Lectors: David Hoffmann
 Extraordinary Ministers: Roxanne Shragal
 Servers: Maddy & Carter Scully, Makenna Pouillie
 Greeters: Therese Severson, Monica Niles, Marge Tremain
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Jacob & Carla Brunner
 Gift Bearers: The Heath Thayer Family
 Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall
 Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Gerald Gardner
 Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Shirley Buttner
 Servers: Brie & Sadie Eckerman, Ray Gruman
 Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Geri Shore
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
 Gift Bearers: Dan & Patty Schluter
 Scrip Seller: Bobbi Eckerman
 Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
 Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Carrie Kudick, Bill Curran
 Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Beth Crowley
 Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Claire Fischbach
 Greeters: Jeanne Walsh, Kris & Janina Mazur
 Musicians: Ann Benz
 Gift Bearers: Steve & Jane Powers
 Scrip Seller: Jodi Field
 Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
 Greg Cowan

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of June 3rd & 4th

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
 Extraordinary Ministers: David Hoffmann
 Servers: Gabe, Elliot & Lucy Hines
 Greeters: Joan Potter, Donna Bollig
 Musicians:
 Gift Bearers: Marion Koca
 Scrip Seller: Donna Miller
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Don Barr

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Veronica Sustar
 Servers: Lucas & Emma Eilers, Christopher Fry
 Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
 Musicians:
 Gift Bearers: Deanna Vieth
 Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry
 Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie, Bill Curran
 Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran
 Servers: Christian & Alexis Brow, Grace Peil
 Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla Brunner
 Gift Bearers: The Chris Brow Family
 Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan
 Ushers: Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby, Steve Powers,
 John Walsh Jr.

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Marcia Jakubik & Bonnie Duffy

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your June issue is available at the rectory.

Fall Festival—September 10

Raffle Tickets are available. You can pick up tickets in the entrances of church and the rectory porch.

We are looking for help with selling tickets for summer parades. We'll have the sign up sheet with dates in the gathering area soon!

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**BOTTLE LOTTO for the Fall Festival**, Start saving your clear plastic bottles for the awesome BOTTLE LOTTO at the Fall Festival. Last year was the first year of the BOTTLE LOTTO and it was a huge hit! We sold out in an hour so this year we would like to have lots more bottles filled with lots of fun and interesting things. Here's what you need to do to help:

- Save clear plastic bottles
- Clean the bottles and remove the labels. Let them dry.
- Fill the dry bottles with toys, candy, art supplies—anything fun and creative
- Bring the bottles to the school the week before the Festival

(Hint: To remove the sticky residue from the labels, try WD40)

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Join us to find out just how the Church Ladies do it all!!

Saturday, August 5th  
 At the Fireside Theatre in  
 Fort Atkinson

\$85.00 per person  
 Cost includes round trip transportation, dinner, gratuity and the show.

We'll leave St. Patrick's at

8:30 AM and return back to St. Patrick's by 5:30 PM.

Please RSVP by July 1st on the SIGN UP SHEETS in the Gathering Area or by calling the rectory office.

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONOR** who paid for the plants for our outdoor flower pots. They are beautiful!

We are still looking for families who are willing to help keep the flowers watered this summer. If you can help us out, please call the rectory. Thanks!!!

### June Birthdays

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| June 1  | Dennis Kolba        |
| June 2  | William Cowan Sr.   |
| June 2  | Mickey Kolek        |
| June 4  | Pat Finger          |
| June 6  | Janina Mazur        |
| June 6  | Ernie Schmocker     |
| June 8  | Jo Bartz            |
| June 15 | Audrey Schmocker    |
| June 19 | Richard Pfeifer     |
| June 22 | Marlene Householder |

### June Anniversaries

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| June 4  | 40 years | Michael & Suzanne Horkan  |
| June 11 | 40 years | Mike & Sandy La Porte     |
| June 3  | 45 years | Chuck & Kathy Kraemer     |
| June 10 | 50 years | John & Pat Vinopal        |
| June 27 | 53 years | John & Veronica Sustar    |
| June 15 | 54 years | Paul & June Pfeifer       |
| June 6  | 58 years | Mickey & Sue Kolek        |
| June 29 | 60 years | Frank & Lorraine Vodvarka |
| June 22 | 64 years | Chuck & Jeanne Allen      |
| June 25 | 65 years | Walter & Dorothy Lenorud  |
| June 9  | 66 years | Ray & Alice Moriarty      |
| June 2  | 66 years | Art & Sharon Randall      |

**June 16-18 ~ Dare To Follow weekend.** This is for boys going into 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades to learn more about their Catholic faith, talk about the vocation of priesthood, and HAVE FUN! Contact Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 in the Vocations Office for more information.

**High School Immersion ~ For young women (ages 13-18)** who would like to "live in" at the House of Formation for a week ~ **June 19 - 23, 2017** (1:00 pm Monday until 11:00 am Friday) at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation, 3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54602. Cost: is \$150.00. The week will consist of living the schedule of the House of Formation - from Morning Prayer in the a.m. to Night Prayer at night. You will have time for prayer, individual meetings with the Sisters and instruction in topics related to prayer and the religious life. Daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for confession will be provided. In the afternoons, you will assist with projects at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, providing service for the poor. This is also an integral part of many apostolic congregations. Registration - or to make inquiries, contact the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530

**July 14-16 – THRESHOLD RETREAT.** Three days of prayer, conversation, and reflections on the priesthood – as well as plenty of recreation. This is geared towards young men aged 17-20. Contact Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 in the Vocations Office for more information.

**Come Follow 2017— For girls ages 9 –13** who want to learn more about life at the convent and spending time with the Sisters. 9 AM Tuesday, July 18th - 4 PM Wednesday, July 19th 2017 (*Please do not arrive early.*) at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation, 3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601. Cost: a \$40.00 donation is appreciated. This is an opportunity for girls who like to spend time with the Sisters and enjoy spiritually oriented activities at the convent. Activities include instruction in the various vocations open to women, games, prayer and crafts. Registration closes July 13th or when all the spots are filled. Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530

**ST. BENEDICT FUND**—If you would like to donate to the St. Benedict Fund, please pick up a brochure in the Gathering Area. Named for the Patron Saint of School Children, the St. Benedict Fund is a Tuition Assistance Program that helps families with tuition costs. This is not an endowment or trust; all donations go directly to a student or family in need of tuition assistance. Your tax deductible donation will help to ensure that every family that values a St. Pat's education can receive it. Donations may be sent to the rectory or school office.

**We at St. Patrick's are fortunate** to have a place to come to pray in private before our statue of St. Peregrine, the patron of cancer patients. We welcome everyone to stop and pray for someone with a serious illness as well as ask Our Lord through St. Peregrine to find a cure for this dreaded disease that affects so many people. There is literature about St. Peregrine's life and medals that are blessed along with prayer cards available for anyone to pick up. These are located on the shelf under the candle stand at the front of church next to the St. Peregrine statue.

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on weekends. Parents may request baptism for their child by calling the rectory to schedule a preparation class for infant Baptism. Baptism preparation for school aged children will take approximately eight months.

**Marriage:** Couples requesting marriage in the Church should contact the parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Individuals who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion should contact the rectory.

**New Parish Members:** All adult Catholics should be registered in a parish community. To register, please contact the rectory.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** We welcome those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please call the rectory for information on our welcoming ministry.

