



January 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. I am sorry to bring this sad news to you about my father's death. My father, Mr. Yobu aged 85 (born on November 14, 1938) passed away Tuesday early morning around 3.30 am (Indian time), our time was Monday around 4.00 pm on January 1, 2024. After my brother's death in September my father was seriously sick. He had a heart attack a month ago. Doctors checked his heart condition and said that they were not able to treat him, because his heart function was below 30 percent. They asked our family members to take him home without giving any hope. He was okay at first, but last ten days he was not able to eat anything not even liquid food. He was always sleeping. I used to call my family almost everyday and checked about his health. Surprisingly he talked to me on the first day of the new year and wished me to stay healthy physically and spiritually. And within 24 hours after that he died. I take all these as God's wonderful plan, because I was so much worried if he had died before Christmas. It looked like he was waiting for me to finish up Christmas and New Year Masses..... Please keep my family in your prayers. I am leaving today (Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024) to India for his funeral.

A little about the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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WEEKEND MASSES
 Saturdays ~ 5 PM
 Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
 & Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
 Benediction at 4:00 PM
 All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
 Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of January 7, 2024

Sat. Jan. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Larry & Jo Anne Wright</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Derek Joseph Hines</i>
Sun. Jan. 7	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Joe Buttner Sr. Family</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tues. Jan. 9		NO MASS
Wed. Jan. 10		NO MASS
Thu. Jan. 11	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Fri. Jan. 12	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Sat. Jan. 13	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Pat & Elaine Garrigan</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Larry Purvis, Linda Serrurier, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villrreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Tom and Joyce Czys, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barutha .

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

HAPPY EPIPHANY! As we celebrate Epiphany, Father Jey would like to gift each one of you a copy of "*Beautiful Eucharist*". This stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus so you can be a life-giving presence in the world. *You may pick up your copy by the entrances of the church.*

Next weekend, we will taking a second collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the official anti-poverty program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Founded in 1969, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wanted to create an intentional response that would help lift communities out of poverty. Envelopes for this collection can be found in the pews. Please be generous in your giving.

St. Patrick School Winter Bash (formerly the Gala) is Saturday, February 24th! The event will be at The Lodge of Mauston again this year. Tickets are available at the school. Cost is \$75 per ticket for dinner and show featuring Elvis tribute artist, Garry Wesley. (P.S. If you would like to donate items, services, gift certificates, etc. to our silent auction, please feel free to drop off your items at the rectory or school office). Your support of our school is always appreciated!

Stewardship Corner ~ December 30th, 2023—January 1, 2024 (493 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 4,271.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,884.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 14.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 779.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$ 6,948.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$256,172.56
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$221,565.95

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 for this fiscal year.

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

Tuesday	Jan. 9	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Jan. 10		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
Thursday	Jan. 11	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	PCCW Mtg.—RH Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Jan. 12	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Goal: \$40,685.00

To date our parish has pledged \$ 14,315.00

Our shortfall is \$ 26,370.00

Number of Families Pledging: 42

The appeal supports the many ministries of our diocese as well as the ministries of the greater Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support this appeal and please be generous in your giving.

FOUND HEARING AID: A hearing aid was found in Reardon Hall a few weeks ago. The owner may pick it up at the rectory office.

Our next "Social Sunday" is Saturday, January 27th AND Sunday, January 28th. This month's social is sponsored by the St. Patrick School Staff. Join us after both Saturday and Sunday Masses for refreshments and socializing as we kick off Catholic School Week!

March for Life— Sunday, January 21st at 1:00 PM at the Juneau County Courthouse. Please join with other Life Marchers to walk around the courthouse, peacefully and prayerfully, holding signs. This is a simple, yet effective way for all those who call on the name of the Lord to show that they oppose abortion. A reception will follow the March here in Reardon Hall.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are so glad that you have chosen this place of worship to honor the Lord's name with us. If you are new to this church or just visiting, we would like to thank you for worshipping with us and we warmly welcome you to St. Patrick's as our brothers and our sisters. If you would like more information about St. Patrick's in general or would like to join our parish, please check out our website: stpatricks-mauston.com or give our rectory office a call. Welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 6th & 7th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Makenna Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser
Servers: Owen Lubinski, Jack & Mary Vinopal
Musicians:
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, Canaan Becker
Musicians: Spirit and Spark
Greeters: The Becker Family
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Naome Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik
Servers: Kaden Cook, Johnny & Eddy Riley
Musicians: Schmitz/Choir
Greeters: Kris Mazur & Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller Gina Boppart

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 13th & 14th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski
Gift Bearer:
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Pam Zolondek
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan
Musicians: Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Bill Thill
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

Lukas Storyteller ~ This series is a great program for kids of all ages! While in one of his adventures in the Sea of Galilee, Lukas met Jesus and was so impressed and gratified that now together with his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of all times of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages... Discover how these stories full of music and fun changed the lives of the youngest of the reef: Ana, Paul, Agnes and Peter.

Check it out at formed.org. If you don't have an account on formed.org yet, just look up our parish name and you can sign up for free! You will have access to 100's of great Catholic content videos, audios, podcasts, etc.!

For those who gave memorials for their loved ones for Christmas, you may stop in the gathering area and take your cardinals with your loved ones names on them off of the trees.

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated this Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024. Epiphany means "manifestation." The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The Magi's gifts reveal this holy Child's identity; gold for Christ's Kingship - King of Heaven and earth, incense for His divinity - Son of God, and myrrh for His sacrifice on the Cross - our Savior. The blessing of homes on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. **If you would like to bless your home, fliers with the blessing and chalk are available on the table in the gathering area.** What a great tradition to start with your family!

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 6th grade St. Patrick's class after Mass on Sunday, January 21st for a pancake breakfast in Reardon Hall. The K of C and the St. Pat's 6th graders are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with sausage, juice and fresh cut fruit. A suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family free-will offering will be collected with all proceeds going to the St. Pat's 6th grade class needs. The breakfast is open to all parishioners and the community. Please feel free to invite others to come with you on Sunday January 21st anytime between 8:30 and noon.



Hello, my name is Laurie Oldigs. I am the new Pastoral Care Coordinator for St. Patrick's Parish. I am from Lyndon Station and have been a member of St. Mary Parish for roughly 49 years.

I retired for about 3 weeks this past August and decided that sitting around just wasn't for me. I saw the Pastoral Care job posted in our Bulletin at St. Mary's for a couple weeks and I felt like it was calling me. I applied and came to work here in September. I am here 20 hours per week. Generally Monday and Tuesday 8AM-1PM, off on Wednesday and here on Thursday and Friday similar hours to Monday and Tuesday.

Some of my involvements at St. Patrick's are; re-starting the Prayer Shawl Group, starting the Meals Ministry and the Elizabeth Ministry. I am working with the Welcome Committee and the other St. Patrick's Service Groups.

My husband, Tony Oldigs and I have a home just south west of Lyndon Station where we did Foster Care for 15 years and then turned our home into a VRBO for 7 years. At the same time we were collecting sap in the winter to make Maple Syrup, in the summer we kept honeybees for the honey we extracted every fall. We have since retired from all of those things.

We have a combined family of 5 children and their spouses/partners, 19 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. My hobbies are flower and vegetable gardening and working with my dogs.

I am working at learning which names go with which faces, and I am definitely enjoying my job. I look forward to meeting and assisting you with your Pastoral Care needs. Stop in and say hello.

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