



# January 28, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. I am happy to let you know that I am back to St. Patrick's, Mauston, the spiritual home-town of mine with little bit of mental and physical ailment. My family members were happy about my being there in the absence of my father to do due homage for him. Thank you all for your prayers and kind words of consolation. Mr. Dave, who gave me ride from Madison to St. Pat's rectory, told me that I have brought warm spring whether to Mauston. Yes, off course, may not be same like in India, but something of its warmness.

This week I would like to write about Saint Francis de Sales. Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life. Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

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 28, 2024**

Sat. Jan. 27	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Peter Bosgraaf</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Mark &amp; Jo Powers</i>
Tues. Jan. 30	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Pat &amp; Elaine Garrigan</i>
Wed. Jan. 31	8:00 AM	For the <i>Deceased Members of the Sersen, Reindel, Pesek, Narowitz and Bendtson Families</i>
Thu. Feb. 1	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Alice &amp; Ray Moriarty</i>
Fri. Feb. 2	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Joe Buttner Sr. Family</i>
	10:30 AM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Hersil</i>
Sat. Feb. 3	8:00 AM	For the <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Tricia Demmin</i>
Sun. Feb. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>La Verne Schaller</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners

**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, Linda Serrurier, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villreal, 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, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barutha and Larry Purvis.

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

**Banns of Marriage**

Devon Lee & Hope Baumgart February 10, 2024

**Candlemas—February 3rd & 4th** Candlemas represents the entry of Christ, the light of the world, into the temple of Jerusalem. Bringing a blessed candle into your home is a sign that Christ is with you in your everyday life. You may bring your own candle to Mass next weekend to have it blessed or we will have blessed candles for you to take home with you.

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated the weekend of February 3rd & 4th. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

**Feast of St. Blaise (Saturday, Feb. 3rd)** ~ There will be a blessing of the throats at the weekend Masses on **February 10th and 11th.**

**Stewardship Corner ~ January 20th & 21st, 2024  
(493 Registered Families)**

	<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 3,893.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,642.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 6.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 590.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,149.02</b>	<b>\$ 6,131.00</b>
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$283,619.62
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$248,055.69

\*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. 30	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Jan. 31		NO RELIGIOUS ED
		5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Mtg.—RH
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Feb. 1	10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Feb. 2	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

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

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Randall who passed away last week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Paul Pfeifer who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon him.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Colette (Gardner) Saliger who passed away last week. May perpetual light shine upon her.



**Ash Wednesday—  
February 14:  
Mass will be at 8 AM  
and 6:15 PM**

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**

Goal: \$40,685.00

To date our parish has pledged \$ 17,795.00

Our shortfall is \$ 22,890.00

Number of Families Pledging: 47

**2023 Contribution Statements are available in the gathering area. Please stop and pick yours up. Thank you!**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 27th & 28th

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
Servers: Owen Lubinski, Jack & Mary Vinopal  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Kevin Quist  
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski  
Gift Bearer: Bill & Ellen Eisch  
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: David Hoffmann  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Donna Miller, Joe Buttner, Vicki Boehm  
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby  
Gift Bearers: Dave & Sue Bosgraaf  
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: School Children  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner  
Greeters: School Children  
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill,  
Gift Bearers: School Children  
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 3rd & 4th

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Makenna Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser  
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, & Gracey Kobylski  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field  
Gift Bearer:  
Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Therese & Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller  
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd  
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik  
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau  
Musicians: Sharon Kelly  
Greeters: Kris Mazur & Nancy Horabik  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Joelle Curran  
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart

**“Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem” Lenten Study:** Starting Wednesday, February 14th, we will be meeting each Wednesday through March 20th. This program is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into Lent intentionally and receive the grace that God wants to give us during this holy season. Join us for our Mission night on February 14th at 7:15 PM in Reardon to take full advantage of this transformative experience. All other Wednesday evenings will start at 6:45 PM following the 6:15 Mass. More details are available in the flyer in this weekend’s bulletin. Please sign up by calling Laurie at the rectory at 608-747-2681.

**PARENTS:** There are activity bags for your children to use during Mass located outside of the library. Please feel free to pick one up before Mass and return at the end of Mass.

**“Social Sunday” is this 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!



**St. Patrick School Winter Bash** 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!

### February Anniversaries

February 5	2 years	Andrew & Kristen Schaitel
February 27	3 years	TJ & Kayla Greenwood
February 12	26 years	Lee & Terri Walling
February 13	31 years	Larry & Diane Hamm
February 7	37 years	Paul & Nancy Schaller
February 1	49 years	Albert & Cynthia Felber

### February Birthdays

February 21	Carole Hayes
February 28	Vicky Boehm



## EUCCHARISTIC RALLY

JUNE 7, 2024  
LA CROSSE CENTER.

**THE ANSWER IS THE EUCHARIST.  
THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS.**

This day-long rally will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus, who is the Answer, through Mass, Adoration, Confession, National Speakers, Powerful Music, and so much more! St. Patrick’s Parish in Mauston will be taking a chartered bus to the event. You can sign up by contacting Laurie at 608-747-2681 or stopping by the rectory.

## Formed ~ Pick of the Week

### Forgiven:

#### The Transforming Power of Confession

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love. By looking at God’s revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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