



# February 11, 2024

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. We begin our Lenten Season on February 14, 2024 with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season for Healing Hearts. Life can slam into people. But Jesus is saying, "Let me bring healing into your life, through your life." A journey through Lent is something beautiful and exciting. If this journey becomes a meaningful one by observing our Lenten practices such as Fasting, Praying and Alms giving (doing charities), then we become worthy to be real people of Risen Christ. I wish you all "All the Very Best ... For Your renewed Lenten Journey 2024..." This week I am writing Saint Paul Miki and Companions' Story, an inspiring one for our Lent.

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862. Today, a new era has come for the Church in Japan. Although the number of Catholics is not large, the Church is respected and has total religious freedom. The spread of Christianity in the Far East is slow and difficult. Faith such as that of the 26 martyrs is needed today as much as in 1597.

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 February 11, 2024**

Sat. Feb. 10	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 11	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dennis Crowley</i>
Tues. Feb. 13	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Virginia Rhyner</i>
Wed. Feb. 14	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Leander and Dorothy Straub Family</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Ray &amp; Alice Moriarty</i>
Thu. Feb. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Tricia Demmin</i>
Fri. Feb. 16	8:00 AM	For <i>Kay Lanctot and Family</i>
	10:30 AM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>George &amp; Mary Sauer</i>
Sat. Feb. 17	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Derek Joseph Hines</i>
Sun. Feb. 18	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marv Mullenberg</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</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, Helen Euclono, 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, 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 Czysz, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barutha, Larry Purvis, Ron & Lisa M., Jo, and Nick & Megan Pope and Sons.

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

**Congratulations to Devon Lee and Hope Baumgart** who were married this weekend. May God bless them as they begin their new journey together as husband and wife.

**Feast of St. Blaise** ~ There will be a blessing of the throats at this weekend's Masses.

**Greg Gnirk Benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Saturday February 24th 5-8pm American Legion 402 Franklin St Elroy, WI. Proceeds go to offset expenses occurred due to Greg Gnirk's battle with cancer. Donations of funds or Gift Baskets—email: [ggnirkbenefit@gmail.com](mailto:ggnirkbenefit@gmail.com) "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Hebrews 6:10

**Let's celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick** with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner! We will be serving on Sunday, March 17th from 11 am until 1 pm. Mark your calendars now to join in the celebration of our parish patron saint!

**Stewardship Corner ~ February 3rd & 4th, 2024  
(493 Registered Families)**

	<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 6,041.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 2,838.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 15.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 439.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,149.02</b>	<b>\$ 9,333.00</b>
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$301,917.66
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$262,968.90

\*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	Feb. 13	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
Thursday	Feb. 15	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Rosary Markers—RH Parish Council Mtg.—RH
Friday	Feb. 16	8:45 AM	Friday Folders



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

While Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, all are invited to attend Mass, receive ashes, and listen to the message of the Gospel.

**St. Patrick School Winter Bash** is Saturday, February 24th! The event will be at The Lodge of Mauston again this year. Cost is \$75 per ticket for dinner and show featuring Elvis tribute artist, Garry Wesley. Tickets for just Garry Wesley's show are \$40. **TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.** Stop by the school office to purchase yours! Your support of our school is always appreciated!

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**

Goal: \$40,685.00

To date our parish has pledged \$ 20,750.00

Our shortfall is \$ 19,935.00

Number of Families Pledging: 58

**Lenten Alms Change Lives ~ Operation Rice Bowl:** Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. "Rice Bowls" are available in the gathering area for your family to use during Lent. For more information about Operation Rice Bowl, go to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 10th & 11th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Jaime Pouillie  
 Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser  
 Servers: Landynn and Theron Miller  
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga, Terry Walling  
 Greeters: Kevin Quist  
 Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field  
 Gift Bearer: Gary Rose  
 Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Larry Moore  
 Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, & Spencer Turpin  
 Musicians:  
 Greeters: Becker Family  
 Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
 Gift Bearers: Rod & Connie Walhovd  
 Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Julie Whitney  
 Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran  
 Servers: Kaden Cook & Johnny & Eddy Riley  
 Musicians:  
 Greeter: Bill Thill  
 Ushers: Clinton Pouillie  
 Gift Bearers: Mary Beth Crowley  
 Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 17th & 18th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Steve Hesprich  
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
 Servers: Owen Lubinski, Jack & Mary Vinopal  
 Musicians: John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling  
 Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski  
 Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field  
 Gift Bearer: Darrell & Cathy Hines  
 Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Bridget Gunther  
 Servers: Seth Schwedersky & Canaan Becker  
 Musicians:  
 Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Pam Zolondek  
 Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
 Gift Bearers: Jan Mullenberg  
 Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Connie Walhovd  
 Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney  
 Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie & Corbin Sullivan  
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
 Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik  
 Ushers: Clinton Pouillie  
 Gift Bearers: Keith & Bridget Riley  
 Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh

**The Building & Grounds Committee**

would like to again thank all of the parishioners and other school supporters for their generous donations to the school boiler system that was installed during the summer of 2022. As you can see from this [Therms Usage Chart](#), what a savings! Temperatures are more consistent throughout the building and our staff and students don't need to wear their coats in the classrooms on cold days! Thank you!

	Therms		
<b>Oct-21</b>	1996	\$	1,328.49
<b>Nov-21</b>	3831	\$	2,897.64
<b>Dec-21</b>	5167	\$	3,944.02
<b>Jan-22</b>	5583	\$	4,674.65
<b>Feb-22</b>	4645	\$	3,700.40
<b>Mar-22</b>	3592	\$	2,483.35
<b>Apr-22</b>	2300	\$	1,532.88
	<b>27114</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,561.43</b>
<b>Oct-22</b>	1145	\$	957.65
<b>Nov-22</b>	2248	\$	1,972.32
<b>Dec-22</b>	3370	\$	3,564.47
<b>Jan-23</b>	2923	\$	3,014.98
<b>Feb-23</b>	2266	\$	2,159.15
<b>Mar-23</b>	2005	\$	1,539.46
<b>Apr-23</b>	1177	\$	641.96
	<b>15134</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,849.99</b>
<b>Oct-23</b>	1103	\$	626.13
<b>Nov-23</b>	1865	\$	1,312.98
<b>Dec-23</b>	2248	\$	1,712.46

**“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 Hall 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.



**EUCCHARISTIC RALLY**

JUNE 7, 2024  
 LA CROSSE CENTER.

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

**SIGN UP NEXT WEEKEND FOLLOWING MASS!!**

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**

Checkout FORMED at [formed.org](https://formed.org). If you don't have an account on [formed.org](https://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.!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 5th grade St. Patrick's class after Mass on Sunday, February 18th for a pancake breakfast in Reardon Hall. The K of C and the St. Pat's 5th 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 5th 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 February 18th anytime between 8:30 and noon.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 14th.**

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.**
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
3. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.

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