



# May 14, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FROM OUR PASTOR

In case you could hardly believe your ears last week I offer you the official announcement:

*The Very Reverend John A. Potaczek, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston and Dean of the Tomah Deanery, is appointed Pastor of St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point and St. Casimir Parish in the Township of Hull, with residence at St. Peter Parish rectory in Stevens Point, effective July 4, 2023.*

*The Reverend Jeyaseelan Yobu, Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, is appointed Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 4, 2023.*

Of course parish life goes on.

I encourage you to pray for and welcome Fr. Jey as he becomes your pastor in July.

Prayers also for our Confirmation students. On May 16th at St. Francis in Necedah, they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Society can look at this sacrament simply as a rite of passage. That is something you do about that time in your life if you are Catholic. We as a people of faith see much more to it. It is that personal day of Pentecost, the Spirit coming down from heaven for each of our students. It is a great moment of grace.

This Wednesday will be our last Youth night for our Religious Education students. That event will conclude our Religious Education program for the year. How quickly that has gone.

Looking to next year we need a Director of Religious Education for St. Pats. Please add that as a part of your daily prayer. If you know of anyone who has a great passion for our young people and living the faith, reach out to them and the rectory.

A big thank you to all of our catechists who were there for our young people and willing to be that model of faith to them. I am grateful for Ann Hersil, Connie Walhod, Bob Zukauskis, Donna Miller, Michelle Komiskey, Kevin Quist, and Gina Boppart. I appreciate the extra time that Kevin Quist gave to the office for Religious Education. There have been some subs also helping during the year so that there was always someone there for the kids, thank you.

All of that means that the school year is getting very close to ending. Wow, a lot of events going on until the end of the school year. Pray that all goes smoothly and the many field trips are safe, educational and enjoyable for our students.

As we enter the second half of May, consider the ways in which you can grow in your devotion to Mary, who always leads us closer to Jesus. Of course come early to Mass and join in the Rosary being offered before each Mass in the month of May.

*Father John*

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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 May 14th, 2023**

Sat. May 13	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. May 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Frank &amp; Agnes LaBudda</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Louis Varga</i>
Tues. May 16	5:30 PM	NO MASS
Wed. May 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>George &amp; Mary Sauer</i>
	2:00 PM	<i>Special Intention</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Larry &amp; JoAnn Wright</i>
Thu. May 18	8:00 AM	For <i>Katelyn Kaminsky</i>
Fri. May 19	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joan Kobylski</i>
Sat. May 20	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Art, Don &amp; Chris Vinopal</i>
Sun. May 21	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Shannon Bishop DeVee</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, 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, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Maden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Fred Dziewior, Mike Miller and Jon B.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandowski and Ethan Jasinski.

**Eucharistic Revival:  
A Minute with Jesus for May 14th  
Eucharist means thanksgiving.**

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us. When receiving Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Jesus Christ and then we give heartfelt thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life with Himself in Heaven.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "*Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit*". This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Stewardship Corner ~ May 6th & 7th  
(498 Registered Families)**

	<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 4,370.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 3,084.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	\$ 11.00
Loose Offering	385.00	\$ 418.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,048.46</b>	<b>\$ 7,883.00</b>
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 407,180.70
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 384,286.29

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

\*\* Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 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	May 16	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy
		7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday	May 17		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES (Grades 6—10)
Thursday	May 18	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH
		5:30 PM	Parish Council Mtg.—RH
Friday	May 19	8:30 AM	Friday Folders

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Tuesday, May 16th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

**May 14, 2023 — Sixth Sunday of Easter  
ACTS 8:5-8;14-17; PS 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
1 PT 3:15-18; JN 14:15-21**

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to "*Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.*" In other words, we must put Christ above all else. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is also to be the "Lord" of our lives. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure. The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to "prove" our love because true love is not a mere sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. So Christ tells us Himself, "*Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*" Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of May 13th & 14th

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich  
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser  
Servers: Carter Field, Landynn & Theron Miller  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling, John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Danelle Lubinski, Anita Lubinski  
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski  
Gift Bearer: Bill & Ellen Eisch  
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Schanke  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke  
Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Carol Gross  
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh, Jim and Mary Ann Allaby  
Gift Bearers: Ron & Marge Bailey  
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik  
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill  
Gift Bearers: Brigitte Varga  
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of May 20th & 21st

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jeri Kolba  
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser  
Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Mary Vinopal  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling, John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Kevin Quist  
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski  
Gift Bearer: The Ann Marie Vinopal Family  
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske

### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: David Hoffmann  
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey  
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh, Jim and Mary Ann Allaby  
Gift Bearers: The Gunther Family  
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers  
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill  
Gift Bearers: Sue Hollenbeck  
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

## FORMED Pick of the Week

### An Ordinary Martyr:

### The Life & Death of Blessed Stanley Rother

*"A shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."* —  
Blessed Stanley Francis Rother

**An Ordinary Martyr, the Life and Death of Blessed Stanley Rother**, tells the story of a young man born into a devoted German Catholic family in the small farming town of Okarche, Oklahoma. His calling to the priesthood and missionary service led him to Guatemala where he would give his life for his people. This short film captures the heart, devotion and resolution of Blessed Stanley Rother and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his faith.

**Come Holy Spirit Come:** Please join us in praying for the seven young people from our Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday May 16th.

Lydia Edwards  
Carter Field  
Kylie Heller  
Karter Kobylski

Aedyn Lubinski  
Logan Lund  
Maddi Quist

### PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen*

### NEEDED—Religious Education Coordinator / Pastoral Care Minister:

St. Patrick Parish is looking for a Religious Ed Coordinator / Pastoral Care Minister. If you enjoy working with people of all ages and have a passion to serve, this position may be for you! For more information or to apply, please contact Father John at 608-847-6054.

**A Call to Serve ~** There are few things in life that are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Happy Mother's Day  
to all the selfless women  
who inspire, motivate and  
remind us to be a better  
person every single day.

### Prayer Opportunities

**Hour of Mercy:** Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

**Holy Hour:** Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.



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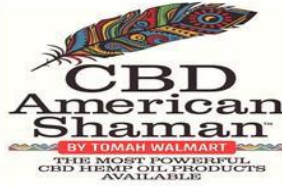
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