# June 24, 2018 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

# FROM OUR PASTOR:

As we have been doing the last few weeks, a "summer school review" of living out the faith; let's consider what we have reflected on. We looked at prayer. Devotional and liturgical prayer that works together and brings us together and closer to our Lord. We looked at a personal experience of prayer in a very difficult situation. We considered our conscience and the need to form it well and root it in the Scriptures and the teachings of our Lord and His Church. With these two areas in place we can move on. For when we form ourselves in how to live and pray about what does God want me to do and how to serve others, we can be directed to a life of service. That is what our Lord modeled for us throughout the Gospels.

Thus we consider the Works of Mercy. These works are both spiritual in nature and deal with the corporeal needs of our neighbors. The Spiritual works of Mercy are: to convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, counsel the wayward, comfort the sorrowing, bear adversities patiently, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and the dead. The Corporal works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, tend the sick, visit those in prison, and bury the dead.

Perhaps for many, the Corporal works of Mercy, seem easier to accomplish. They seem more concrete. We have ways set up to care for others. Food can be given to food banks. For emergencies people have supplied cases of bottled water to those in need. In Mauston we have the St. Vincent de Paul society that takes in clothes and provides them almost for free to those in need. Sheltering the homeless is more difficult. We don't have anything in town for that. We may hesitate in taking a stranger into our home, but what do we do? Mile Bluff hospital is right in town and hospice comes into a person's home to provide care for them. Yet we are not to wash our hands of serving those who are ill. Prison does not sound like a great place to spend our time and with all the rules of the prison system, we can't just walk in. Nonetheless have we looked at ways of connecting with those who are a part of the Body of Christ? You might say we have grave diggers and not worry about it. Attending a funeral or serving the luncheon is a way to bury the dead and be of service to the grieving family.

The Spiritual works of Mercy calls for greater effort since they can be more easily ignored or left out of our plans in living out our faith. Convert sinners seems like someone else's job, right? How do I do that? That is where prayer comes in and helps us see the appropriate way of addressing our neighbor. Instructing anyone requires us to know the faith, not perfectly but we need to keep going more deeply into what we believe. Are we ready to do that? Counsel others often puts us off since we don't want to get involved. But.... Comfort the sorrowing requires us to pay attention, give someone room to mourn and be there when they are ready to reach out. Bearing adversities is hard in our society since we want to be right and point that fact out. So being wronged by another and not saying anything goes against the grain of our times. In matters of justice we need to speak out, not in areas of personal pride. Forgiveness is also at times in short supply or not taken seriously. Wanting to be forgiven should also include a desire to change our ways and heart. Praying for the living and the dead. We can focus on certain people and not others who also may need our prayer.

To reflect more on the works of mercy at your leisure, please go to FORMED and check out "What to do when Jesus is hungry?" an audiobook that can be listened to in segments to fit your schedule. There is also a talk by Ralph Martin, "Building your life on Rock", on the Works of Mercy and how to live them out in your daily life.

Father John

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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 2:00 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 June 24, 2018

Sat. June 23 5:00 PM For the Living & Deceased Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle

Sun. June 24 8:00 AM For the Living & Deceased Members of the Queen of Angels Circle

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Tue. June 26 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of Irene Doyle

Wed. June 27 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Jeri Delgado

Thu. June 28 8:00 AM For the John

& Marie Pollard Family

Fri. June 29 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat. June 30 5:00 PM For our Parishioners

Sun. July 1 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Shirley Craine

10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Prejna

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, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Denise Dean, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, 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, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Lavonne Kuwitzky, Patricia, John Sustar, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Betty Spaulding, Carl Wier and Bill Loescher.

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, Janie Asberry and Jessica Tremain.

**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.

**Father John will be away** at Priest Unity Days on Thursday, June 28th and Friday, June 29th. If you are in need of sacramental assistance during this time, please call the rectory at 847-6054.

**Lector, Greeter and Communion Minister** schedules for July and August are available in the rack in the gathering area.

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

# Stewardship Corner ~ June 16th & 17th, 2018 (547 Registered Families)

WKLY BUDGETED			<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$10,774.46	\$	4,303,.00
On-Line Giving		\$	950.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$	16.50
Loose Offering	596.15	\$	464.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,399.45	\$	5,733.50
Budget Contingency Fund		\$	52.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement Year-to-date amount contributed			581,371.95 488,083.72

<sup>\*</sup>Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 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.

# **Weekly Calendar**

e 25 2:00 PM	Holy Hour
e 27 6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Mtg
28 11—1	Rosary Makers ~
	Lyndon Station
e 29 8:45 AM	Friday Folders
	e 28 11—1

**Congratulations!** Father John will be celebrating the anniversary of his ordination on June 26th. Please take a minute after Mass to extend your well wishes and thank him for being here with us at St. Patrick's.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Mary Allaby and Richard Pfeifer who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon them.

We welcome Harper Jae Dolphin, daughter of Brittany Schluter and Joe Dolphin, who was baptized last weekend.

We are looking for 2 used refrigerators in good working condition to replace those that we have been using for the Fall Festival for years. If you have one that you would like to donate, please give us a call at the rectory. They must be in good working condition as we store food in them for the festival.

From the Tomah VA Hospital ~ "We would like to extend our appreciation for your recent donation of personal care items. With your support, we can provide for the smaller conveniences that make hospitalization more bearable. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the compassion that our community feels for our Veterans. Thank you for your support."

# FORMED....Pick of the Week

This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is the perfect entertainment for your summer road trip. In the newest audio drama from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, meet the fiercely courageous Saint Cecilia, a martyr from the early Church who became a holy muse for artists across the centuries. This week, go to formed.org and listen to *Ode to Saint Cecilia*.

FORMED is for the WHOLE family. Register at stpatricksmauston.formed.org. You can also download an app for your Android or I-phone from your Play Store. Take some time to check it out!

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of June 23rd & 24th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal

Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Hamm

Servers: Lydia Chapman, Haley Marini, Nolan Powers

Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer Gift Bearers: Barb Cowan & Jeanne Walsh

Scrip Seller: Haley Gruber

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Larry Moore

Servers: Dylan Demaske, Brie Eckerman, Ray Gruman Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Ron & Marge Bailey

Musicians: Ann Benz, Sadie Eckerman Gift Bearers: Queen of Angels Circle

Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske

Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,

Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Millie Hovde Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Alli Roose

Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling

Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field Scrip Seller: Jodi Field

Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,

Steve Powers

# 10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of June 30 & July 1 Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba

Extraordinary Ministers: Corinne Kaiser

Servers: Braeden Heath, Makenna Pouillie, Ellie Pouillie

Greeters: Joan Potter, Monica Niles, Donna Bollig

Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan Gift Bearers: Jaime & Adam Pouillie

Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Mary Ann Strack

Servers: Kenny Krause, Noah Fry, Cody Komiskey Greeters: Geri Shore, Kathleen Quinn, Bridget Gunther

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary Gift Bearers: Greg & Barb Cowan

Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Treml,

Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Bill Curran Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Beth Crowley Servers: Eli Boppart, Jasper & Dylan Walsh Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill

Musicians: Anna Boppart Gift Bearers: JK & Kim Walsh Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh

Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,

Greg Cowan

# 10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Marcia Jakubik & Bonnie Duffy

Knights of Columbus Holy Family Icon: The Holy Family Icon has been travelling the state of Wisconsin this summer and we are blessed to have it with us this weekend. Please take time after Mass to venerate the icon and pray to the Holy Family for intercessions on behalf of our parish families.

**Let's Have a Party!** Everyone is invited to come to St. Patrick's on Friday evening, July 20th at 5:30 PM for a grilled chicken dinner, libations, music and socializing. There is no cost to attend but if you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the dinner, please contact the rectory. Hope to see you there!

Our Vacation Bible School, Tracking Mary—Mysteries and Messages, will be August 6th through the 10th. If you have a child that will be entering Pre K through 6th grade for the 2018/2019 school year, please stop by the Rectory or email <a href="re@stpatricksmauston.com">re@stpatricksmauston.com</a> to get them signed up! Also if you have a 7th through 12th grade student that is looking for a way to serve their Parish, we would LOVE to have them as Camp Counselors! Contact Mrs. Thayer to get them signed up as well!

**US Bishops Proclaim Religious Freedom Week** ~ Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018 will take place through June 29. The Week began with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. For information and many resources, visit: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek">http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek</a>

Pass On the Good News! What good news? – The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 50 children and young people, First Grade through Confirmation, from our Parish, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in their faith by becoming a Catechist for Religious Ed. Classes are offered Wednesday afternoons and evenings for 1 hour. No experience is necessary, just a love and excitement for our Lord and faith. You will be provided with materials and support. Classes begin September 19th. If interested or for more information, contact Cassandra Thayer 608-847-6054.

# Fall Festival—September 9th

**Summer Parades:** We are looking for several people to help sell tickets for the <u>Adams parade on Wednesday</u>, <u>July 4 at 10 AM</u>. We need people to start from each end of the parade route and walk around the route selling. The best time to sell is before the parade. If you can help, please give the rectory a call. It's easy to do and lots of fun!

The next parade is Sunday, July 8 at 12 noon in New Lisbon.

Raffle Tickets are available. We need everyone's help with selling tickets! Please pick up some books of tickets and help us sell! They are available in the entrances of church and the rectory porch.

# **COMMUNITY SHARING FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Special needs for the summer are juice, canned fruit, and soups. Remember that any donation is needed and welcome. We will happily accept any fresh produce that you have from your garden. It is a great healthy choice for our families. Thank you to everyone who supports the food pantry especially during the summer months. Our need is great during the summer.