



July 19, 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some more “blah blah blah” from the seminarian

There are a lot of beautiful churches in the world. Studying church architecture has been in the top five of my hobbies during these past few years! This week I would like to share one of my favorite churches I was able to visit in Italy. In Italian, the name of the church is ‘Il Duomo di Milano’ or in English: ‘The Cathedral of Milan.’ To describe the effect this church had on me, I must explain that I have never had a building make me have a physical bodily reaction before this moment; but when we came around a corner and I first caught sight of Il Duomo I had the feeling of ‘butterflies in my stomach’ (you know; the feeling you get on a rollercoaster when you are at free-fall/the sensation of falling).



That is what I felt when I had my first glimpse of the church. I attribute this to two things: It is SO big! (Over 500 ft. long and over 350 ft. tall--you could fit a football field in this church). At the same time it is SO intricate. (pinnacles, spires, flying buttresses)!



There are, throughout the buttresses and the exterior of the church, over 3,000 stone carved flowers. Each one of these was hand carved--not one of them is the same as another; they were each particularly thought out and precious to their craftsmen--just like the members of the Catholic Church are to God. Church architecture, when it is done right, teaches us about God and about His Church.

Each of these 3,000, while being small by themselves, together form one of the grandest and most breathtaking churches in Christendom. Another thing which surprised me about this church is the amount of time it took to build it. More than 75 different chief architects constructed this church over a span of more than 600 years. Can you imagine! The builders who laid the first stones



knew for certain that this masterpiece would not be completed in their lifetimes. What vision! They were able to look beyond themselves; they knew that the Church is bigger than the present moment, bigger than the current situation.

Last but not least: The Gargoyle. These grotesque beasts line the exterior of the Duomo. They serve two purposes: Physically, they are used as waterspouts to redirect rainwater. Theologically, they are almost seen as spiritual guard-dogs; to keep evil out of the Church. They help us to remember that the Church is a strong refuge in which we can take shelter from the evils of this present world. Il Duomo di Milano, a wonderful example of the Italian Gothic Architectural Style, is in some sense an image of the Universal Church. Massive and yet beautifully intricate. Bright white and yet mysteriously transcendent. Grotesque and yet totally pure. Old and yet constantly renewed.

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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

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 July 19, 2020

Sat. July 18 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
John Kueppers

Sun. July 19 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Rose Schaller

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Mon. July 20 9:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
Andrew & Marie Lobenstein

Tue. July 21 **NO MASS**

Wed. July 22 **NO MASS**

Thu. July 23 **NO MASS**

Fri. July 24 **NO MASS**

Sat. July 25 5:00 PM For the repose of the souls of
Norman & Frances Thomas

Sun. July 26 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Don Strack

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, 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, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis, Marie Boehm and Charles Roth.

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, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

We welcome Kennedy Rae Crawford, daughter of Cody and Betsy (Vinopal) Crawford, who is being baptized this weekend.

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.

Fall Festival 2020—Sunday, September 13th. If you have not yet picked up your family's envelope of raffle tickets, please do so. They are located on the tables in the gathering area. If you have stubs and ticket money to return, you may leave it in the collection boxes.

Stewardship Corner ~ July 11th & 12th, 2020
(530 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$11,964.89	\$ 2,880.00
On-Line Giving		1,304.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	0.00
Loose Offering	688.68	214.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$12,669.24	\$ 4,398.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 35.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 25,338.48
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 11,582.00

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

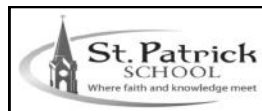
We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Formed

PICK OF THE WEEK ~ 33 Days to Morning Glory: Stage 1 of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, July 21st at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.



St. Patrick School News

Registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year! We are preparing for face-to-face instruction. We are open for enrollment in all grades, for families of all faiths, pre-k through eighth grade. Enrollment forms are available on our website.

We were not able to have our normal pre-k open house this year, so we are bringing the school to you! Check out our virtual open house at the youtube channel:

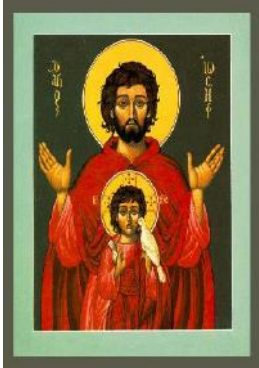
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Share the good news and help our school family grow together!

We will be installing ceiling fans in all of our classrooms this summer to improve air circulation for our students and teaching staff. We will be purchasing 9 fans at a cost of \$200 each. If you would like to help with the cost of these fans, please drop your donation off at the rectory office or mail it to St. Patrick School, 325 Mansion Street, Mauston WI 53948.

A Year Devoted to St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph



Consecration to St. Joseph ~ "Go to Joseph." We invoke these ancient words in a special way during our diocesan Year of St. Joseph diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph. We also have a unique opportunity to undertake a 33-day consecration, thanks to the book **Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, who has donated a copy to every priest of our diocese. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecrationtostjoseph.org

for information and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org or Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org.

15th Annual St. Patrick's Golf Outing! Sunday, August 23rd at Castle Rock Golf Course. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support our school!

St. Patrick's School is currently looking for a Technology Coordinator and Teacher. If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact Principal Karla Reinhardt at 847-5844

Thank you so much for the support that has been shown to the Vacation Bible School program so far! I am grateful for a Parish that goes above and beyond to support our Youth. I am looking forward to sharing with you pictures of our Vacation Bible School which will be held **August 3rd - the 7th 10am-Noon**. We will post them to our Parish Facebook page and have them in our Youth Newsletter which is found on our website <https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/youth-news/>. If you would still like to help in any way, please contact Mrs. Thayer at re@stpatricksmauston.com to find out how, or check out our VBS Amazon wish list at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O4MV2YCJQS3L?ref=wl_share Thank you!

SCRIP

WE WILL NOT BE SELLING SCRIP AT WEEKEND MASSES FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE. WE ARE IN THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM. YOU CAN CALL AHEAD TO ORDER OR JUST STOP BY. THANK YOU FOR USING SCRIP TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

ON LINE GIVING—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: stpatricksmauston.com (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

200 Envelopes Fundraiser

Total Collected—\$11,160.00

We still have envelopes left on the bulletin board in the gathering area! The money raised this year will be used toward the Gym Roof Replacement Project at the school in July. The cost of this project is \$84,000. We have already raised over \$31,000 (including the 200 Envelopes donations, donations from the Gala and Hunters' Night Out Committees and other generous donations) toward the cost. We are grateful for any help that you can provide. Thank you for supporting our parish and school!

Free Catholic Conference for all Adults - Sunday, July 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. CDT Join internationally acclaimed Catholic presenters for **Night of Hope**—a free, livestreamed Steubenville Adult Conference!

You'll enjoy:

Worship and prayer with Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, and Bob Rice

A keynote presentation by Scott Hahn: "Hope to Die, Hope to Rise: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement"

Eucharistic adoration with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR

Plus, live Q&A with the entire ministry team

Register for this livestreamed Catholic conference by going to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events> and clicking on **Night of Hope**, and invite your friends, too. Together, we can bring the light of Christ into the darkness!

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend: August 7-9, 2020 "Our Retrouvaille experience helped us so much to better deal with the problems we were facing." Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org for this couple's story and online inquiries. For information or to register for the next program in Central Wisconsin, see website or call (Confidential) 1-877-922-HOPE(4673).

"Be strong,
and let your heart
take courage,
all you who wait for
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PSALM 31:24

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