



July 26, 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Two powerful stories from the Shalom Tidings magazine:

“One Sunday morning a young priest stood by the doors greeting the people of the parish where he was newly appointed. After a while of his busy day, the priest knelt before the altar. It was then he noticed an old lady still inside the church and making the way of the Cross. Upon meeting the chaplain he asked about the praying lady. ‘She is a very pious lady; every morning she comes early to Church, leads the Rosary and the novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus. And after the Holy Mass, she also makes the way of the Cross, kneeling at every station and praying so ardently that I often feel, could anyone be so close to God’s heart?’

The young priest began to watch her closely. While the old lady, was making the way of the Cross, he saw that she was not kneeling at the fifth station. Instead taking long strides she walked to the next. Curious enough the priest observed this same ritual at the fifth station every day. He wondered, Does she not like Simeon carrying the Cross for Jesus?’

The priest could not contain his curiosity and one day asked the old lady what was hindering her from kneeling at the fifth station. The reply was spontaneous ‘Oh! That particular piece of bronze cross was contributed by John, my nasty neighbor.’ The priest stood lost in words. Many a times, we ourselves are in place of that old pious lady. What is really in our heart--grudge, hatred or envy? If yes, then our long hours of prayer, fasting or almsgiving bear no fruit. Let’s make a resolution to follow Jesus through the way of the Cross, not going through the motions alone but with a heart pierced with love.”

“Shortly after they got married in 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Kuroki moved to a dairy farm in rural Japan. They lived a happy life raising two lovely children. One day, something unexpected went wrong with Mrs. Kuroki’s sight. A week later, she was blind due to diabetes complications. She soon became depressed and withdrawn, secluding herself in the family home.

Mr. Kuroki struggled to find a way to cheer his wife until a beautiful idea struck him: he began to plant flowers in their dairy farm. After two years of hard work, the farm turned into a beautiful garden of thousands of scented flowers. Mrs. Kuroki could not remain in her shell as the sweet smell of the flowers drew her to the garden. She then understood her husband’s love and all his years of work just to make her happy. This garden now draws people from around the world. They go to admire the real beauty of a love story that culminated into a marvelous sight.

Just like the blind wife, we also might be in our own shell of fear, depression or loneliness. Life might not be enjoyable during troubling times. Yet, our ‘true love’ is always working hard to bring us out of our cocoons. With the sweet, scented smell of His goodness and love, Jesus, always beckons us to the beautiful, eternal garden that He has made. We witness this through the love and charity among people, even those in the midst of darkness and atrocities.

When the earth’s veil falls from our eyes, we will clearly see and enjoy the beautiful gift God has prepared for those He loves.”

With new eyes let us look more deeply into our hearts and at the world God gives us.

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

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 26, 2020

- 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
- Tue. July 28 5:30 PM For the repose of the souls of
Rose & LaVerne Schaller
- Wed. July 29 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Greg Cowan
- Thu. July 30 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Josephine Powers
- Fri. July 31 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Mike Gorski
- Sat. August 1 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jeri Delgado
- 5:00 PM For the *Deceased Members of
the Howard Rose Family*
- Sun. August 2 8:00 AM For our Parishioners
- 10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Greg Cowan

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 Dougherty, 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, and Marie Boehm.

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.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Charles Roth who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

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. At this time, we are planning to have the following events: silent auction, country store, Chinese raffle, sidewalk café, and beer tent. If you have items to donate to these events, please drop them at the rectory or give Therese Gunther a call at 847-6744.

**Stewardship Corner ~ July 18th & 19th, 2020
(530 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$11,964.89	\$ 4,143.00
On-Line Giving		1,567.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	6.00
Loose Offering	688.68	909.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$12,669.24	\$ 6,625.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 275.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 38,007.72
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 18,207.00

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

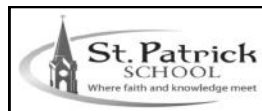
We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Formed

PICK OF THE WEEK ~ *Extraordinary Stories for Children:* This film features eleven different stories that introduce children to Blessed Solanus Casey's spirituality and ministry. Each segment features a child who tells a fascinating and true story about Blessed Solanus.

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

15th Annual St. Patrick's Golf Outing! Sunday, August 23rd at 2:30 PM at Castle Rock Golf Course. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support our school!



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:

<https://youtu.be/qNra5-q0C4E>

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.

SCRIP

WE ARE NOT 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: stpatrickismauston.com (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

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).

Community Sharing Food Pantry News ~ The pantry is once again accepting deliveries of donated food. There are 2 criteria: They are only accepting food on Tuesdays at noon AND you must call to talk to Kathy about this BEFORE you come with your donation.

The pantry is also looking for help with:

- 1) They may be needing more volunteers in the fall once school resumes or, at the least, they will be needing subs.
- 2) Do you have a pick-up truck and would be willing to drive to Tomah, pick up food and bring it back to the pantry? They now have a 12' covered trailer. This has 1 axle and can hold 2,000#. This will be used for picking up food in Tomah once or twice a month early on Tuesday mornings. You need to have a current valid driver's license and insurance on your vehicle.
- 3) Could you drop food at anyone's home during this crisis? Or do you know someone that has health or age issues and needs this service at this time?

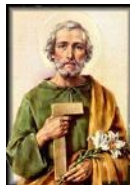
If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Kathy at 847-5454 and she would be more than happy to get you more information. All volunteers who help at the pantry must wear masks and gloves while in the pantry.

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

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of Workers

Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working people, thank you for the opportunity to build up God's kingdom through my labors. Help me to be conscientious in my work so that I may give as full a measure as I have received.



May I do all things in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, ever mindful of the gifts I have received from God that enable me to perform these tasks. Permit me to work in peace, patience, and moderation, keeping in mind the account I must one day give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vanity of success, so fatal to the work of God. Glorious St. Joseph, may my labors be all for Jesus, all through Mary, and all after your holy example in life and in death. *Amen.*

200 Envelopes Fundraiser

Total Collected—\$11,397.00

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!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Fred Schweiger
August 4	Shirley Buttner
August 5	Betty Lobenstein
August 7	June Pfeifer
August 16	John Cafferty
August 19	Beverly Jurkowski
August 20	Carol Gross
August 20	Corwin Tralmer
August 21	Ethel Passer
August 26	Sharon Pesik
August 27	Darlene Weiland
August 28	Helen Petrowitz
August 29	Sophia Szymanski
August 30	Rita Hamm
August 31	Anne Walsh

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

14 years	August 5	Brad & Lisa Vinopal
17 years	August 2	Terry & Beth Herrewig
18 years	August 10	Chris & Erin Lund
20 years	August 26	Ric & Kari Hernandez
21 years	August 7	Randal & Kris Footit
24 years	August 24	Tony & Amy Goodman
25 years	August 11	Chris & Candi Brow
25 years	August 12	Scott & Sharon Menard
26 years	August 28	John & Pam Buttner
27 years	August 14	Steve & Karen Santacruz
29 years	August 2	Chris & Bonnie Clark
29 years	August 31	Mike & Michelle Jirousek
32 years	August 19	Bill & Cynthia Bomber
35 years	August 31	Bill & Joelle Curran
35 years	August 3	Dave & Denise Laridaen
37 years	August 20	Tom & Joanne Casey
40 years	August 30	Bob & Connie Burns
42 years	August 12	James & Cheryl Kolf
43 years	August 20	Dave & Paulette Butterfield
48 years	August 14	Greg & Alberta Neve
50 years	August 15	John & Jeanne Pierce
52 years	August 17	Mike & Gail Eckerman
52 years	August 16	August & Lynne Martin
55 years	August 7	William & June Robinson
55 years	August 14	Ronald & Mary Kaiser
59 years	August 19	Dennis & Sally Kolba
59 years	August 26	Patrick & Sharon Pesik
61 years	August 22	Mike & Myrna Kelley
62 years	August 16	Jim & Betty Lobenstein
67 years	August 29	Joe & Mary Buttner

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