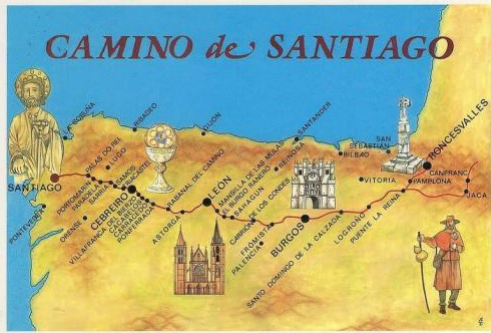




August 2, 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

El Camino de Santiago (a.k.a. The Way of St. James)

As Catholics we have a strong history of pilgrimages in our tradition. This week I'm going to share a pilgrimage experience I was blessed to have about a year ago. The 'Camino' (the way) is a pilgrimage which has been made by Catholics for over 1000 years. It is a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Apostle St. James the Greater. His tomb and relics are in Santiago de Compostela (western Spain) because, according to old Spanish legend, St. James brought the Gospel to Spain's western coast and evangelized the peoples of Spain. Before the discovery of the Americas in 1492 western Spain was considered the 'world's end.' In this way Christ's command to bring the Gospel 'to the ends of the world' was kept and the faith was established at one of the 'worlds ends.' While there are many routes to Santiago, the most common is about 500 miles long.



One of the most beautiful things about this pilgrimage is that it is an image of the faithful of the Church; Struggling and striving during this earthly exile to attain at last the ultimate goal: to arrive at our real homeland in Heaven with God forever! I'm sure you have all heard the popular saying "it's all about the journey." The more I have thought about it, the more I have come to disagree with that naive saying. A Catholic hope is not all about ourselves or our experiences. It is rooted fully in the destination! God! It's all about God, not our subjective experience.

There is a real difference between finishing the Camino pilgrimage and not finishing it, just as there is an even bigger difference (an eternal difference!) between Heaven and Hell. It's all about the destination! The most iconic symbol of the 'Camino' is the scallop shell, which pilgrims will often fasten to their backpacks as they make the journey. At one end of the shell all of the grooves converge and meet in one spot. This symbolizes all of the varied roads and paths of the 'Camino' which one can take to arrive at the end. It is also a reminder of the togetherness of all the faithful during our earthly exile. We all come from different places and have lived very different lives; what unites us is Christ's love for us and our hope of being with Him forever in the heavenly homeland.



As my short time here at St. Patrick's will come to an end in another week, I want to say thank you to all whom I've met in the Parish. It has been great to be with you this summer and learn from you! Please keep me in your prayers as I get closer and closer to ordination. If you would like continue to correspond with me you can find my mailing address below:

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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 August 2, 2020

- Sat. August 1 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*
- Tue. August 4 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of *Andy Petrowitz*
- Wed. August 5 8:00 AM For the *Living and Deceased Members of the Quinn Family*
- Thu. August 6 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Art Vinopal*
- Fri. August 7 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Mike Gorski*
- Sat. August 8 5:00 PM For *our Parishioners*
- Sun. August 9 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Jeri Delgado*
 10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Shirley Craine*

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, 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.

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.

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!

**Stewardship Corner ~ July 25th & 26th, 2020
 (530 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$11,964.89	\$ 3,493.00
On-Line Giving		1,236.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	5.00
Loose Offering	688.68	126.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$12,669.24	\$ 4,860.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 180.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 50,676.96
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 23,067.00

*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.



**PICK OF THE WEEK ~ *Who Do You Say That I AM?*
 The Four Great Expectations of the Messiah by Bishop Robert Barron**

Bishop Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church.

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

This Friday is First Friday. We will have adoration from 3 pm—4 pm. Please plan to join us.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 15, 2020 ~ The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15, 2020 with Mass at 8 AM (it is not a holy day of obligation this year).

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.

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.)


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!

2019-2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal Results: The year served some mixed but promising results. Even with the COVID19 disruption, we see our parishioners find the importance of investing in our diocesan mission. Despite having one less mailing and parishes all but closed for the last quarter of the Appeal Year, it was another successful campaign to support the 38 different ministries of our diocese. Thank you to all.

Diocese Goal:	\$ 5,675,035.00
Total Received:	\$ 6,171,524.00
Our Parish Goal:	\$ 37,940.00
Total Received:	\$ 28,815.00
Shortfall:	(\$ 9,125.00)

Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Hotline ~ La Crosse Diocese farmers who are facing extreme stress and other challenges now have access to a free and confidential counseling resource: the Farm Center at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Agency. This is a 24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline; it can be reached at 1-888-901-2558. Licensed mental health professionals contracted by the department will provide immediate, in-the-moment care. In addition, long-term options are available. Persons who prefer an in-person session can request to meet with a local provider through the Farm Center's (1-800-942-2474) longstanding Counseling Voucher Program.

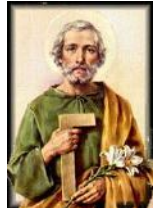
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Tell Congress to Support the School Choice Now Act! The U.S. Bishops are calling on the faithful to contact their senators today to urge support of the Alexander-Scott "School Choice Now Act." Catholic schools all over the country are under economic pressure because of the pandemic. This bill would provide one-time, emergency funding for scholarship-granting organizations in each state, as well as provide permanent dollar-for-dollar federal tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations. Find the contact information for Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin by visiting www.govtrack.us.

75th Anniversary of Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki ~ August 6 and 9 mark the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first, and one hopes the last, time atomic weapons were employed in war. In observation of this 75th anniversary, the US Bishops invite Catholics in the United States to come together in solidarity in our personal prayers and Masses on Sunday, August 9. For information on the Church's response to nuclear armaments, visit www.usccb.org/nuclear.

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.*



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