



August 4, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

I know that it is summer vacation for many and others are retired, but we do need to keep thinking, keep that gray matter working. So to have something to think about, I offer part of an article by Christopher Kaczor (Catholic Answers Magazine 2018).

“What is behind the claim that the Church is opposed to science? In some cases, it is the philosophical claim known as *scientism*. Scientism is the view that science and science alone provides the truth. According to scientism, we should believe statements only if we have empirical evidence to support those statements.

But science alone does not prove that God exists. There is no empirical evidence that we could send to the lab that establishes that Jesus is God's Son. So, if we accept scientism, we cannot consistently also accept the fundamental claims of Christianity.

But should we accept scientism? Is it true that science and science alone provides the truth? Scientism goes beyond the uncontroversial view that science provides many truths to make the bold claim that science alone provides truth. We can fairly ask, what scientific evidence is there that science alone provides truth? Can we find this truth in chemistry? In physics? In biology? What scientific experiment proves that science alone provides the truth? What is the empirical evidence that shows that we should only believe claims backed by empirical evidence?”

So we need to keep thinking so that we do not fall into such a trap. It can be rather subtle also in what the world asks us to believe. The world (and Satan too) likes to divide and drive apart. St. John Paul II spoke of faith and reason working together.

“Do you know about Fr. Giovanni Battista Riccioli, a seventeenth-century Jesuit astronomer and the first person to measure the rate of acceleration of a free-falling body? Do you know about Fr. George Sealre, a Paulist priest of the early twentieth century who discovered six galaxies? Do you know about Fr. Benedetto Castelli, a Benedictine monk and scientist of the sixteenth century, who was a very good friend and supporter of Galileo? Do you know about Fr. Francesco Grimaldi, a Jesuit priest who discovered the diffraction of light? Do you know about Fr. George Coyne, a contemporary Jesuit priest and astrophysicist, who for many years ran the Vatican Observatory outside Tucson, Arizona? Perhaps you know about Fr. Gregor Mendel, the Augustinian monk who virtually invented modern genetics; and about Fr. Teilhard de Chardin, a twentieth century Jesuit priest who wrote extensively on paleontology; and about Fr. George Lemaitre, the formulator of the Big Bang theory of cosmic origins” (Cosmos and the One more telling of the Tired Myth, March 18, 2014, wordonfire.org.)

Lets not forget Fr. Nicolas Copernicus who discovered that the sun, not the Earth, was the center of the solar system. Or that Blaise Pascal created the first adding machine and pioneered mathematical probability theory. Or other catholic scientists like Louis Pasteur pioneering vaccinations and Alexander Fleming who discovered penicillin. Even today Gerhard Ertl and Brian Kent Kobilka won Nobel prizes for their scientific achievements. So keep using that gray matter and do not fall into any traps about the Church not encouraging the sciences; especially commentary coming from universities, because guess who established and developed the universities?

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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 August 4th, 2019

- Sat. Aug. 3 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Ruby Steiner
- Sun. Aug. 4 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Dr. C.J. Laridaen
- 10:00 AM For our Parishioners
- Tue. Aug. 6 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Paul Rolincik
- Wed. Aug. 7 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Robert Pellegrin
- 2:00 PM FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME
For the repose of the soul of
Pat Garrigan
- Thu. Aug. 8 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Carol Chilson Family
- Fri. Aug. 9 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
John Grzenia
- Sat. Aug. 10 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Bill Schroder
- Sun. Aug. 11 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jack Koca
- 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, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, 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, Patricia, John Sustar, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Kelly Kellaher, Mary Taylor, Paulette Wells, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Freddie Dziewior, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, William Maxson and Elise.

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 and Zachary Bader.

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.

**Stewardship Corner ~ July 27th & 28th, 2019
(535 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 4,640.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 813.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	\$ 12.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$ 531.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 5,996.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 55.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 56,958.25
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 34,955.58

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 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

Monday	August 5	2:00 PM	Holy Hour
Thursday	August 8	10:30—1	Rosary Makers - RH
		6:00 PM	Fall Festival Meeting
Friday	August 9	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING ~ THURSDAY AUGUST 8th AT 6 PM IN REARDON HALL. All committee members are asked to attend. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

August 15 (Thursday) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, August 15th at 8 AM and 7 PM.

Guardian Angel Parish - St. Joseph Church, Black River Falls ~ Parish Festival Saturday & Sunday, August 17 & 18. Vendor Fair, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Bingo, Food Tent, Beer & Wine Garden, Kids Games. Saturday Evening "Family Night at the Festival" starting at 5 PM with music, games, burger bar and beverages. Sunday—Grilled Chicken dinner from 11 am—2 pm.

The Mauston High School Class of 1954 along with the Madonna High School Class of 1954 are having their class reunion on Saturday, September 7th at 12 noon at the Mauston American Legion Hall. They are also inviting the classes of 1952 through 1957 to join them. Cost will be \$20 for a single person or \$35 for a couple. Please send RSVP's and money (checks made payable to The Class of 1954) to Charles Roth at W5325 6th Street, Necedah WI 54646 or call Charles at 608-547-2882. Please RSVP by August 15th.

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

Formed—Pick of the Week

In this week's FORMED Pick, watch a powerful portrayal of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: a Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr. Go to formed.org and celebrate her August 9th feast day by watching "**Edith Stein**".

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of August 3rd & 4th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
Extraordinary Minister: David Hoffmann
Servers: Gracey Kobylski, Nolan Powers, Aedyn Lubinski
Greeters: Joan Potter, Ernie & Audrey Schmocker
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Rebecca Carvalho
Gift Bearers: Carrol & Corrine Kaiser
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Veronica Sustar
Servers: Channing Sonnenberg, Matthew Gunther,
Jacob Barnes
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
Musicians: Ann Benz, Sadie Eckerman
Gift Bearers: Steve & Eve Laridaen
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Sue Hollenbeck
Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Martin Wolf, Nathan Field,
Brayden Housworth
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard
Musicians: Ann Benz, Liz Housworth
Gift Bearers: The Housworth Family
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Chitra & Elaine Garrigan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of August 10th & 11th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie
Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Braden Heath, Allie Roose, Landynn Miller
Greeters: Monica Niles, Donna Bollig
Musicians: Ann Benz
Gift Bearers: Fran Schroeder
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore
Servers: Eli Schanke, Brie Eckerman, Carson Demaske
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: Marion Koca
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran, Olivia Lulich
Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Jackson Whitney, Eli Boppart, Dylan Loftus
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling
Gift Bearers: The Whitney Family
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

The Fall Festival is just around the corner—September 8th! Raffle tickets are now available. They are located near the entrances of church and on the rectory porch. Please help out with our biggest fundraiser of the year by taking a few books to sell. Price is the same as last year—**\$10 each or 3 for \$20.**

We are looking for help selling tickets at the following parades. Come out and help!

LaValle – Sunday, August 11 at 11 AM
Mauston - Sunday, August 18, 12 noon
Hustler—Saturday, August 24, 11:30 AM
Kendall - Sunday, September 1st - 11:30AM
Hillsboro - Monday, September 2nd - 10:30 AM

Silent Auction: If you have something that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please call the rectory or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you!

Hand Made CRAFT ITEMS for both the Small Craft Raffle and the Craft Sale are needed. If you have items to donate, you may drop them off at the rectory; or call Therese Gunther at 847-6744. FALL CRAFTS SELL ESPECIALLY WELL!

We are also looking for hand crafted items for the Chinese Raffle and items for the Country Store (as well as produce, baked goods, canned items).

BOTTLE LOTTO—When you have your bottles filled and ready to go, you can drop them off at the rectory or school office. You can stuff your bottles with anything that kids would enjoy—candy, toys, stickers, etc. If you would like to donate items for the Bottle Lotto or empty CLEAN plastic bottles, you may bring your items to the rectory. Or you can make a cash donation and we will buy items to stuff a bottle. Thank you!

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**Care for caregivers ~** In partnership with Shalom World TV, Nourish for Caregivers is excited to announce the release of its new 12-episode faith-based TV series, Be Nourished! [shalomworldtv.org/benourished](http://shalomworldtv.org/benourished). Nourish is a Christ-Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Often caregivers feel alone and isolated; and, Be Nourished has proven effective at addressing this challenge.

**Watch the movie *Unprotected* ~** Sexting pressure. The Hook-up culture. Teenage depression. How did the culture become so toxic for women? And how did one man foresee this all so clearly 50 years ago? This powerful new film reveals the devastating effects of 50 years of the sexual revolution, and the counter-cultural movement today that is rising from its ashes.

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!**

If you are starting your BACK TO SCHOOL shopping, we have SCRIP for Walmart, Kmart, Target, Amazon, Walgreens, Kohl's, Barnes & Noble and more—along with gas and food cards. (Parents, remember this could help with your tuition!)

**Scrip is available during the week at the rectory office.**

# HELP NEEDED !!!!

As many know, The St. Patrick's Fall Festival is a huge fundraiser for our parish and school. This fundraiser has been going strong for 25 plus years and it would not be possible without the help of so many volunteers. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of you who volunteer.

Again this year, some committee members have retired after several years of service and we are in desperate need of help. To put it bluntly if we do not find the volunteers, the Fall Festival as we know it will have to change drastically to accommodate the vacancies.

\* **THE ROAST BEEF DINNER** Thank you to Jaime Pouillie for her years of service in handling the dinner. This includes ordering food, packaging food, finding waitresses, talking to dishwashers etc. We have a cook for the dinner but we need someone to fill Jaime's spot.

\* **PARADES** Thank you to Jane Powers for all your help with the parades the past few years. We need help selling tickets or finding volunteers to sell tickets in parades, filling out paperwork so we can have a truck in parade and a person to drive a pick up truck with advertising.

\* **50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take a shift of an hour to sell the raffle tickets. Again this year we are in need of volunteers to take an hour or two to help. Runs from noon to 3.

\* **CHILDREN'S GAMES** Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past to take a 2 hour shift watching over a game. Again this year we are in need help.

\* **CAKE WALK** Thank you to everyone who has made a cake and donated it. We can use more cakes every year! Please help out by baking and bringing a cake or two.

\* **CHINESE RAFFLE** Thank you to Mike La Porte for all his years of service. We are in need of someone this year to supervise the Chinese raffle the day of the festival. **We are also in need of hand crafted items for the raffle.**

\* **COUNTRY STORE / SMALL CRAFT RAFFLE** Thank you Patty Schluter for all your years of volunteering and to Kerry Randall for taking full charge. ***If you are a gardener or crafter we are in need of your items.***

We have information from previous years to make the transition into any position easy. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. We need you and want you!!! If you are interested, please call Therese Gunther at 847-6744 or come to the fall festival meeting, **Thursday night, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Reardon Hall.**

# Operation Open Door

The Knights of Columbus will be raising funds to install automatic door openers on the church doors nearest the elevator, thus making our doors fully handicapped accessible. We hope this improvement will be a welcome addition to our beautiful church. We are hoping to raise \$5,000 before the winter winds blow. We have a few fundraisers planned that we hope everyone will enjoy and participate in. We are also accepting donations to this project. Simply place any donation in the collection (please label donation-Door Opener), drop it off at the Rectory, or contact Deputy Grand Knight Bill Powers at 547-9118.

Thank you for your support of our parish.