

August 11, 2019 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

What a great week with VBS. Having so many kids back in school with our program focusing on the Holy Trinity and St. Patrick was a great boost in the arm for the faith life of the children. As parents I hope you had a chance to hear your children singing their songs. If you missed it, check it out on the parish Facebook page. What a great turn out of students. I am very grateful for our junior counselors and high school counselors that added so much to our program. Thank you to our teachers who gave of their week to enrich the faith life of our young people.

Our Fall Festival is only a month away. I hope you have sold some tickets. Return them sooner than later so we are not taking care of them last minute on the day of the festival. I encourage you to contact Therese to see where you can help out. If you have not done so in the past, this is a great way to get involved and get to know more of our parish family.

Tuesday I will be in La Crosse for the Dean's meeting.

Considering being in school, I will continue with something else to get your gray matter going. The short article is by Karlo Broussard under the title of 'How science is a believer's friend: More evidence for a beginning.' (Catholic Answers magazine)

"The Law of Entropy-or the second law of thermodynamics-states that as an isolated energetic system uses its energy, if left to itself without any sort of outside influence it will move progressively from a state of order (low entropy) to disorder (high entropy) in an irreversible process. The reason for this is that the state of disorder is statistically more probable than the state of order.

Our universe is a gigantic, energetic system progressively moving from a state of order (low entropy) to disorder (high entropy) as it uses its energy to do useful work. And it's common scientific knowledge that at some time in the far distant future (60 to 100 billion years), the universe will eventually reach a state of maximum entropy, or what in the technical jargon is referred to as thermodynamic equilibrium (in layman's term, "heat death").

Now, if the universe had been around for an infinite amount of time and had been using its energy and moving progressively from order to disorder in an irreversible process, then it stands to reason that the universe would have already reached a state of maximum entropy. All the usable energy would have been used up, resulting in non-usable energy (like the cosmic microwave background radiation).

But it's obvious that our universe hasn't reached such a maximum state of entropy; otherwise, you wouldn't be reading this magazine. Therefore, based on scientific evidence, it's reasonable to conclude that the universe (also the multiverse or an oscillating universe) could not have been existing for an infinite amount of time and thus must have had a beginning.

And if a beginning, then there would be a need for a transcendent Creator . Unless you think something can come from sheer nothingness."

I added the bold lettering to highlight the point that science and faith are not opposed to each other. They come from different angles, but if they are looking for the Truth, they should end up on the same page. They may sound different but working together they allow us to meet Truth itself and develop a relationship with God who said "I am the Way, the Truth and the 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 August 11th, 2019

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
Tue. Aug. 13	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Carol Bonafacchi
Wed. Aug. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Odessa Buttner
Thu. Aug. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of John Modjeski
	7:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Fri. Aug. 16	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Bernard & Darlene Perz
Sat. Aug. 17	5:00 PM	For Richard Lunenschloss
Sun. Aug.18	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Leo & Natalie Steiner

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.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Patricia Boyle who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

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.

If you have Mass intentions that you would like said, we have openings for Masses at Sand Ridge, Fairview Nursing Home or travelling intentions with Father John. We can also send them to be said at the diocese. Please stop at the rectory to arrange your Mass intentions.

Stewardship Corner ~ August 3rd & 4th, 2019 (535 Registered Families)

WKLY	BUDGETED		ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 5,671.00	
On-Line Giving		\$	1,579.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	\$	26.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$	1,318.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$	8,594.50
Budget Contingency Fundament	\$	1.00	
Year-to-date* budget requirement Year-to-date amount contributed			68,349.90 43,549.60

^{*}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 12	2:00 PM	Holy Hour
Thursday	August 15	10:30—1	Rosary Makers - RH
Friday	August 16	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Attention Men—The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be Tuesday, August 20th at 7 PM.

Community Sharing Pantry News ~ During the summer months the Food Pantry is short with help for unloading the Second Harvest trucks and the USDA truck. The trucks usually come on Wednesday at around 7:30 or 8:00 AM. St. Patrick's is responsible for providing 2—3 people to help during the weeks of August 21 and August 28. If you are willing to help, please give the rectory a call at 847-6054.

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.

Operation Open Door ~The Knights of Columbus are 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.

Rural Life Day Mass and celebration Friday, Sept. 13 ~

Plan to attend this year's celebration, hosted by Otter Creek Farms located at 6608 Cty Rd A, Pittsville, WI 54466. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a program and meal. This day is set aside to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of August 17th & 18th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal

Extraordinary Minister: Čorinne Kaiser

Servers: Sena Vinopal, Avery Thayer, Nolan Powers Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker, Dustin Ryberg Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner

Gift Bearers: Fran Lunenschloss Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,

Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack

Servers: Christopher Fry, Emma Eilers, Cody Komiskey

Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary Gift Bearers: Matt & Michelle Komiskey

Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey

Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,

Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Jaime Pouillie Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Dylan Walsh, Hudson Randall, Cater Field

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard Musicians: Anna Boppart, Emily Patton Gift Bearers: The Leo & Natalie Steiner Family

Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh

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

Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:

Deacon Juan Delgado

The Fall Festival is just around the corner—September 8th! Raffle tickets are available. We need everyone's help selling them. 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 - 11:30 AM 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 <u>Chinese Raffle</u> and items for the <u>Country Store</u> (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!

Saint Patrick School HISTORY HARVEST ~ This year is a very special year at Saint Patrick School. We will be celebrating the 125th year of Catholic education in Mauston. It should be a very exciting year and we need your help. We are asking all alumni and parishioners to share any pictures, yearbooks, stories and memorabilia from Saint Patrick School and Madonna High School that you may have. We ask that you bring anything you would like to share to St. Patrick's Museum (Yes, we have a museum! It is the small building between the school and the Church) the day of our Fall Festival, Sunday, September 8th. You can donate your items to the museum, or we will make copies of what you have. Even if you have nothing to share, please stop and visit the museum and see what we have collected already.

Formed—Pick of the Week

In this week's FORMED Pick, learn why so many love Saint Philomena, the only one ever to be canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession.

Go to formed.org and listen to Saint Philomena: A Saint for Our Times.

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

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.