



September 5, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

As we begin the new school year there is so much to look forward to. Perhaps it is a new teacher, a new student in your class or it could be a new grade where you will be challenged to grow and learn in new and amazing ways. As adults we are also learning everyday with those we meet or situations that come up and we learn how to handle them.

Matthew Kelly in his book, "Rediscover the Saints" says we start somewhere journeying to our final goal of life with God forever, heaven. Our past may not be great or even have been difficult but that is the road we traveled that got us to where we are. Yet each day is that opportunity to start fresh. The saints did exactly that with God's grace. They did not start out "perfect".

"What do you believe about your past that is keeping you from your future?" Throughout the Bible we read powerful stories imbued with relentless invitations to turn back to God. Most of us have not abandoned him altogether, but we have abandoned him in one area of our lives. In what area of your life have you abandoned God? And Why? Does some area of your life seem hopeless? Have you tried time and time again to turn back to him in that area and failed? Are you ashamed of that aspect of your life? Or is there something else in your past that is holding you back?

Yes, there may have been times in our lives when we tried with all our might to overcome a self-destructive habit and failed. Maybe we weren't ready, our hearts weren't really in it, or it just wasn't time."

So make today that day!!

"Find a quiet place and just sit with God. Close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. Breathe out all the stress and anxiety of your life. Breathe in God's life-giving oxygen. Think about the times in your life when you have loved someone deeply. Reflect on how intense your love for that person was despite your many limitations. Now consider the mystery of God's love, infinite and perfect. Try to imagine it, even though we are incapable of fully comprehending it. Once you have pondered the mystery for a few moments, ask God to let you just rest in his love."

In the Gospel we hear "people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him."

Perhaps we are in a spot where we need others to bring us to Jesus in prayer. We are stuck or do not know what to do. Others know us and may know what we need when we don't. Do we hear Jesus' invitation to follow him more joyfully? Or the guidance He is offering that may challenge us to change. Begging, what does that look like? Do we shy away from that idea? Would we really beg God? Does pride get in the way?

Let us take today as a new day and a new beginning and allow ourselves to be filled with excitement and wonder at all that lies before us. Each and every moment of grace that God gives, may we truly be open (Ephphatha) to it.

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
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of September 5, 2021

Sat. Sept.	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Geraldine Morrissey</i>
Sun. Sept. 5	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Bill & Tom Rhyner</i>
Tue. Sept. 7	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i>
Wed. Sept. 8	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joan Morrissey Mottard</i>
Thu. Sept. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
Fri. Sept. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Tom Rhyner</i>
Sat. Sept. 11	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Sept. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jonetta Zukauskis</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, 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, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Marty, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak and Eric.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, 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, Adam Field, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasin-ski.

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

The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 9 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

Second Collection for Haiti—Thank you so much for your generous support of our second collection for Haiti last weekend. We raised over \$5,000 to help support recovery efforts.

Stewardship Corner ~ August 28th & 29th, 2021
(524 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,384.62	3,216.00
On-Line Giving		1,489.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	8.00
Loose Offering	385.00	571.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,779.23	5,284.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 35.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 79,013.08
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 83,435.58

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 188,603 for this fiscal year.**

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	Sept. 6		OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	Sept. 8	9:00 PM	Time of Prayer in Church
Thursday	Sept. 9	8:45 AM	PCCW Meeting—RH
		12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday	Sept. 10	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Danielle Wilcox & Dakota Koca September 25

ATTENTION LADIES—The PCCW will be meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 8:45 AM in Reardon Hall. Are women of the parish are invited to attend.

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

Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office. You can stop by to purchase it during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

St. Patrick Parish 16th Annual GOLF OUTING—Thank you to everyone who supported our golf outing by sponsoring a hole, or donating prizes or golfing! We had another successful year and raised nearly \$3,500 for our school!

Ronald McDonald House Charities ~ Pull Tab Program— St. Patrick's School is now collecting pull tabs from your aluminum cans to support the Ronald McDonald House. You can drop your tabs off at the school, the rectory office or leave them in the church gathering area. Thank you for supporting this project and thank you to Sophie Randall for organizing it for our parish!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of September 4th & 5th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich

Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Kutter Kobylski

Musicians: John & Nancy Noga

Greeters:

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller

Servers: Cody & Blake Komiskey

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey

Ushers: John & Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann & Jim Allaby

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck

Servers: Johann Wolf, Hudson Randall, Jackson Whitney

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling

Greeters: Kris Mazur

Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of September 11th & 12th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich

Servers: Nolan Powers, Kord & Gracey Kobylski

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Jacob & Carla Brunner

Greeters:

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther

Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, Noah Fry, Holden Eckerman

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Greeters: Carol Gross, Amelia Gunther

Ushers: John & Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann & Jim Allaby

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart

Servers: Dylan & Jasper Walsh, Naome Pouillie

Musicians: Ann Benz, Sharon Kelly

Greeters:

Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

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.)

New Session ~Mauston Area Grief Support Group ~

This is available to anyone that has experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. The goal is to come alongside each other as we grieve the death of our loved ones, so that together we can assist each other in this part of our life's journey. Discussion topics include: Is it OK to grieve? What does grief feel/look like? Coping with triggers, 'blue' days, loneliness, coping with grief, sharing not comparing, mentioning your loved one's name and dealing with the holidays. Call Pastor Wendell at 608-547-5964 to pre-register, this is required in order to maximize benefits for the group. Location: Mauston United Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Drive, Dates: Sunday evenings, October 24 through November 28 from 6 pm—7 pm. Facilitators: Pastor Wendell Williams and Ben Harrison

Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

FALL FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 12

(1 week to go!)

COUNTRY STORE—We are in need of items for the Country Store. If you're a knitter, crocheter, any type of crafter, please consider donating some items to the craft sale and raffle. Thank you!

ON LINE AUCTION —The auction will run until Monday, September 13th at 12 noon. We have lots of great items. You will have an opportunity to view some items at the fall festival but all bidding is on-line. You can go to the auction site at <https://fallfestival2021.ggo.bid/>. Tell your friends and neighbors!

SET UP ~ We are looking for a few people to help with set up for the Fall Festival. If you can help, please come on Saturday, September 11th. We'll be starting at 9 AM.

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**Join us for Rural Life Day – September 22** ~ The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit [diolc.org/rural-life](http://diolc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@diolc.org](mailto:rzietlow@diolc.org).

**40 Days for Life – La Crosse Campaign Sept. 22-Oct. 31 (Kick-off Sept. 12)** This fall a 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse will run from September 22-October 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. Come learn how you can be part of the prayerful, pro-life witness at the Sept. 12 kick-off rally, which will feature Dan Miller, director of Pro-Life Wisconsin. The rally will start at 2:00 pm at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street La Crosse, WI 54603. Refreshments will be available.

*40 Days for Life* is a worldwide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion. Visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) to learn more and to sign up for this 40 Days for Life fall campaign.

**Wisconsin Bishops Address Vaccination and Conscience Protection** ~ Wisconsin's bishops have issued a statement in which – while urging Catholics who are eligible to seek vaccination as a means to protect themselves and others – they address the ability of individuals to seek exemption from COVID-19 vaccination mandates based on conscience objection. To see the Aug. 20 statement and accompanying press release, visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns).

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