

September 9, 2018 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR:

"Rain, rain, go away come again another day." That is a nursery rhyme. But I think by now many are saying that because they are tired of all the rain. And the flooding. And their basement filling with water. The first day of school being cancelled because of water is a new one for me. Ice, snow, freezing weather and wind chill. Sure. But flooding? What a reminder we are not in charge and there are still things bigger than us we can not control.

This week end is our Fall Festival. What a great reason to get together and share a meal and fun events for everyone. Thanks ahead of time to all of our volunteers. Such a great event does not happen by itself. There is always a ton of stuff done behind the scenes. Plus all that needs to happen to wrap things up. So feel free to reach out and offer a hand. Don't wait for a call but step up to the plate. Your time and presence is a big part of our success for this parish event.

Stepping up to the plate in growing in the faith means we take the time and put in the effort to know God and what He longs for us to do to build up the Kingdom. So let us go back to the "Gifts of the Spirit" by St. Thomas Aquinas. {the fear of the Lord} "In our relationship with God, fear can play a role in two ways. First, fear can be a fear of punishment (especially Hell). We can and should turn us away from evil, run to God, and stay close to him whenever we feel intimidated by the reality of punishment. St. Thomas refers to this kind of fear as "servile" fear, of the fear of one who obeys the master because of the possibility of punishment. Servile fear, however, does not involve the full range of freedom and grace that Our Lord wants us to enjoy. There is a second and holier kind of fear that has to do not with punishment, but with the wonderful good of communion with God.

This second kind of fear is not afraid of punishment but of losing God. St. Thomas calls this "filial" fear, the fear of sons, since it is the kind of fear a good son should have about ever violating or losing his relationship with his father. To have filial fear means, to be eager to avoid the evil of offending God or doing anything that might damage our relationship with him.

The Holy Spirit's Gift, Fear of the Lord, is a Gift of filial fear. By this Gift, we respond to the Spirit's guidance in withdrawing from evil pleasures out of love for God. In fact, this Gift transforms the way we regard God. St. Thomas goes so far as to say that God as at once our father, and even our spouse! In other words, the Charity (love) active in Fear of the Lord is one that makes us keenly sensitive to how God loves us and to how we need to answer that love. Through Fear of the Lord, we become deeply sensitive to anything that might diminish our life of loving God and of enjoying his love.

There is, then, something quite ironic about Fear of the Lord. This fear is produced by love. As St. Thomas explains, love is the mother of which fear is born, for a person fears to lose only what he loves. When our desires get firmly fixed on something, we loathe ever losing it. To be deprived of the object of our affections is something we fear as an evil. In this respect, then, fear of its very nature arises from love. This insight urges us to ask ourselves the question: "What do I really fear losing?" If we see what we are afraid to lose, then we will see what we really love in life."

Try to stay dry, pray for good weather all day on Sunday, and enjoy your time at the festival!

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 September 9th, 2018

Sat. Sept. 8 5:00 PM For our Parishioners

Sun. Sept. 9 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Joseph Skalak

> 10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Tom Rhyner

Tue. Sept. 11 5:30 PM For the Teachers and Catechists at St. Patrick's

Wed. Sept. 12 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Mary Jane Pfaff

Thu. Sept. 13 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Hermann Klingemann

Fri. Sept. 14 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Jonetta Zukauskis

Sat. Sept. 15 5:00 PM For the Living & Deceased

Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle

Sun. Sept. 16 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Don Strack

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, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, John Kueppers, Shirley Mills, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Denise Dean, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Ruby Steiner, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Gale Ryczek, 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 and Bill Loescher.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

September 22, 2018 Joshua Pusel & Jade Fox

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 ~ September 1st & 2nd, 2018 (542 Registered Families)

WKL	ACTUAL		
Adult Envelopes	\$10,340.23	\$	7,732.00
On-Line Giving		\$	1,352.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$	13.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$	938.35
Total Weekly Offering:	\$10,965.22	\$	10,035.35
Budget Contingency Fund			100.00
Year-to-date* budget re Year-to-date amount co		\$ 98,686.98 \$ 84,272.12	

^{*}Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 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	Sept. 10	2:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Tuesday	Sept. 11	6:30 PM	Sacred Worship Mtg.	
Wednesday	Sept. 12	5-7 PM	RE Registration	
Thursday	Sept. 13	11—1	Rosary Makers ~	
			Lyndon Station	
Friday	Sept. 14	8:45 AM	Friday Folders	

Thank you to all who have already responded to our Increased Offertory Program by returning your pledge cards. 43% of our giving families have responded! If you have not returned your pledge card, please drop it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory as soon as you are able.

Attention Men—The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, September 18th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall.

Our Women's Club is planning for our 2nd "Women's Accessory Sale" to be held on Saturday, November 17th. If you have items to donate, we have a collection box on the rectory porch. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Levandoski 847-4076 or call the rectory. Thank you for your donations!!

All men are invited to join our "That Man Is You!" group starting this Friday, September 14th. The group will meet at 6:15 AM in the Community Room at the hospital and will conclude by 7:45 AM. There is a flyer included with the bulletin with more information. Please take time to look it over and plan to attend! And invite your neighbors and friends!

FORMED....Pick of the Week

As Catholics, we are called to regularly meditate on the hour of our Lord's passion and death. This practice helps us to call to mind Christ's great love for each of us, as well as unite our own sufferings and intentions to the redemptive suffering of Christ. This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is a beautiful audio *Stations of the Cross*, which will lead you through your meditation with beautiful music and prayer.

This week, go to formed.org and listen to *Stations of the Cross* by Saint Alphonsus Liguori.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of Sept. 8th & 9th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal

Extraordinary Ministers: Dorothy Gorski

Servers: Braden Heath, Sena Vinopal, Elliot Thayer

Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer Gift Bearers: Frank & Laura Vinopal Family

Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner, Bill Powers,

Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Bridget Gunther

Servers: Emma Eilers, Dylan Demaske, Brie Eckerman Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Dee Powers, Carol Gross

Musicians: Ann Benz, Sadie Eckerman Gift Bearers: Dave & Sue Bosgraaf Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Treml,

Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart

Extraordinary Ministers: Gina Boppart Servers: Alexis & Christian Brow, Ali Roose

Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Martin Wolf Gift Bearers: Fred & Sue Hollenbeck

Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,

Greg Cowan

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Chitra & Elaine Garrigan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of Sept. 15th & 16th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba

Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Hamm

Servers: Elliot & Lucy Hines, Aedyn Lubinski

Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker Musicians: Ann Benz, Heidi Randall Gift Bearers: Darrell & Cathy Hines

Scrip Seller: Donna Miller

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner, Bill Powers,

Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Larry Moore, Nora Scully

Servers: Christopher Fry, Marshal Skiles, Matthew Gunther

Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore, Ron & Marge Bailey

Musicians: Ann Benz, Haley Heath Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Treml,

Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Millie Hovde Extraordinary Ministers: Sue Hollenbeck Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Myra Hancock Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Naomi Pouillie

Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field Scrip Seller: Jodi Field

Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,

Greg Cowan

2:00 PM Nursing Home Service:

Deacon Juan Delgado

Happy Fall Festival!!

Holy Angels Parish at Holy Family Church, LaValle~ Chicken & Biscuit Supper—Tuesday, September 11th serving from 4—7 PM. Featuring—Country Market & Craft Sale, Bake Sale, Silent Auction. Carry-Outs available until 6:30 PM.

St. Paul's Catholic Church, New Lisbon - Fall Festival: Sunday, September 16th. Swiss Steak Dinner serving from 11 AM—1:30 PM—\$10, Bingo, Country Market, Bake Sale, Mini Raffles, Cake Raffle, White Elephant Sale, Cash Raffle Drawing at 2:30 PM.

Guardian Angels Parish—St. Kevin Church Festival, Melrose WI ~ September 16 ~ Ham & Turkey Dinner served from 11 AM—2 PM. Country Store, Raffles, Bingo, Kids' Games, Beer & Wine Garden, Watch the Packer Game!

Holy Angels Parish Festival at St. Patrick Church, Lore-to ~ Sunday, September 16th—Mass at 10 AM. Serving Open Pit Barbecued Beef from 11:30—2:30 PM. Fun ~ Food ~ Refreshments. Silent Auction and Entertainment. Located on the corner of Hwy G and Hwy GG Northwest of Plain

RURAL LIFE DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION ~ Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38th annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm owned & operated by the family of Dr. Anne Marie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser, located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI 54624. The day begins with 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan.

St. Andrew Catholic Church, Warrens will host their annual pancake breakfast on September 28, 29 and 30. Serving 6—11 AM in the church hall. \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Mass October 7 ~ To complete our diocesan sesquicentennial anniversary, on Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A reception will follow at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. Tickets are not required; all are encouraged to attend. Please go to diolc.org/150 to RSVP by Sept. 20.

White Mass with Bishop Callahan ~ Every year, the diocese hosts a White Mass near the Feast of St. Luke to pray for our Medical Community. You are invited to attend the annual White Mass at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse on October 16th. Mass will be held at Christ the King chapel at 6 p.m. A dinner and presentation will follow. This year's presentation, What Men and Women Want and How the Church Can Help will be given by Theresa Notare, PhD. Theresa is the Assistant Director for the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth for the USCCB. The cost for the event is \$25/person with a special discount for College Students. Register atdiolc.regfox.com/white-mass.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR <u>SCRIP</u> TODAY AFTER MASS!

Scrip is available during the week at the school office.