

September 17, 2023 TWENTY– FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. I am very happy and delightful to express my gratitude to all who made this fall festival a wonderful one. That was a great fun and sharing of community spirit and joy.

This week I am writing about The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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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 17th, 2023

Sat. Sept. 16	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Hermann Klingemann</i>
Sun. Sept. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Joseph Skalak
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tues. Sept. 19	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Barreau
Wed. Sept. 20	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Don Strack
Thu. Sept. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of John E. Walsh
Fri. Sept. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i>
Sat. Sept. 23	5:00 PM <i>Members</i>	For the Living & Deceased sof the John & Mary Vinopal Family
Sun. Sept. 24	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Hermann Klingemann</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, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Larry Purvis, Mary Ann Strack, and Linda Serrurier.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

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.

Eucharistic Miracles on Display at September 23 and 24 Weekend Socials ~ Did you know that there are 158 documented miracles of the Eucharistic body and blood of Christ which we receive at Mass? Thanks to the loving work of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died at age 15 from leukemia, the Church has been gifted beautiful posters which display these glorious mysteries! St. Patrick's is blessed to host a relic of this soon-to-be Saint, as well as posters displaying the events surrounding these worldwide Eucharistic miracles.

Please join us in Reardon Hall following <u>all three Masses</u> for treats, social time and an opportunity to learn more about the Eucharistic Miracles and the journey of Carlos Acutis. This month's social is hosted by the Home & School Committee. Hope to see you there!

<u>Stewardship Corner ~ September 9th & 10th, 2023</u> (494 Registered Families)

**WKI	LY BUDGETED GIVING	i ,	ACTUAL			
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$3	3,856.00			
On-Line Giving		\$ 1	,949.00			
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$	2.00			
Loose Offering	480.75	\$	594.00			
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$6	6,401.00			
Year-to-date* budget requirement\$109,788.24Year-to-date amount contributed\$ 81,918.50*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date						
** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 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							
Tuesday	Sept.	19	7:00 PM	KC's at St. Mary's LS			
Thursday	Sept.	21	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH			
			5:30 PM	Parish Council Mtg.—RH			
Friday	Sept.	22	8:30 AM	Friday Folders			

Eucharistic Revival: September 17th

The Vital Connection between the Eucharist and Confession

Part of the greatest preparation we can make to receive Jesus's Body and Blood is to experience His forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If there is sin in my heart, there is no room for Christ. Jesus forgives us of our sins in confession and this frees us, opens our heart to fulfill the deepest desire of our heart – to receive Him. Receiving Jesus brings about a strengthening of faith, hope and charity - a desire to love Him, ourselves, and others. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Jesus, please give me the desire as soon as possible to make a good confession." This week, read how St. John describes the importance of confession in 1 John 1:9.

Holy Angels Parish Festival at St. Patrick Church, Loreto ~ Sunday, September 17th. Mass at 10:15 AM. Serving Open Pit Barbecued Beef 11:30—2:30. Buffet Style or Drive through. Cost is \$17.00 per meal. Located on the corner of Hwy. G and Hwy. GG northwest of Plain.

St. Andrew Parish Pancake Breakfast ~ WARRENS, WIS. – St. Andrew Catholic Church located at the corner of May and Pine Streets will hold their annual pancake breakfast – featuring their secret cranberry syrup recipe on all three days of the Warrens Cranberry Festival, Sept. 22-24, 2023. Serving is from 6 to 11 a.m, Indoor/outdoor seating, and carry-outs available. The cost for the breakfast – which includes pancakes with choice of cranberry syrup or organic maple syrup, sausage, cranberry sauce, coffee, milk, and cranberry juice – is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 5 or younger eat for free. During the festival, Mass is offered on Saturday at 6 p.m.

St. Paul Parish—New Lisbon Fall Festival Saturday October 7th ~ Beginning at **10am—3pm** Food trucks, Bake Sale, Chinese Raffle with tickets starting at \$1. Local and distance vendors with homemade crafts, blankets, local honey, Pie Social and more. Games for all ages, Adoration from 11am-1pm, Q&A about <u>FORMED.ORG</u>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of September 16th & 17th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm Servers: Landynn & Theron Miller Musicians: Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski Gift Bearer: Irene Klingemann Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall Sunday, 8:00 AM Lector: Bridget Gunther Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, Spencer Turpin Musicians: Ann Benz Greeters: Therese & Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby Gift Bearers: Dave & Sue Bosgraaf Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther Sunday, 10:00 AM Lector: Connie Walhovd Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling Greeters: Kris Mazur & Nancy Horabik Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill Gift Bearers: Chris & Erin Lund Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of September 23rd & 24th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Makenna Pouillie Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski Musicians: Greeters: Kevin Quist Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family Scrip Seller: Jodi Field Sunday, 8:00 AM Lector: Paul Schaller Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke Musicians: Ann Benz Greeters: The Becker Family Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby Gift Bearers: George & Ruth Treml Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller Sunday, 10:00 AM Lector: Lisa Pouillie Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan Musicians: Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill Gift Bearer: Irene Klingemann Scrip Seller:

As a reminder: Scrip is sold during the week at the SCHOOL 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 School will be hosting a Scholastic Books BOOK FAIR from Monday, October 2 through Wednesday, October 4. Please feel free to come over to the school anytime during those days and check it out. You can use this QR code to set up your ewallet ahead of time to make purchasing

easy! Help support our school and pick up some great reading materials for the children in your life!

Catechetical Sunday, a national day to celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith, is today, Sunday, September 17. This year's theme is:

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"

With these words from the Gospel (Matthew 11:28), the Lord Jesus offers an invitation to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple - one who draws close and rests in Jesus - and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus. Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily life, families, work, and church involvement. Please be sure to remember and thank those in your life that help you to live your faith each and every day.

Join 40 Days for Life Sept. 24 Kick-Off Rally and Vigil Campaign ~ Join pro-life people of the Coulee Region at a kick-off rally for 40 Days for Life on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 2 p.m. at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St. in La Crosse. Matt Sande, Pro-Life Wisconsin Legislative Director, will provide a state legislative update and call to action entitled "Embrace Them Both: Protecting and Supporting Moms and Babies." The fall campaign to end abortion will run Sept. 27-Nov. 5 on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia in La Crosse. Please consider coming to pray for an hour, anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call Marie Allen for more information or signs: 608-784-5189.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) ~ The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI. Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit www.menofthecross.org

Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation -Oct. 18 ~ Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All." Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.diolc.org/ GospelofLife.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! We are so glad that you have chosen this place of worship to honor the Lord's name with us. If you are new to this church or just visiting, we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and we warmly welcome you to St. Patrick's as our brothers and our sisters. If you would like more information about St. Patrick's in general or would like to join our parish, please check out our website: stpatricksmauston.com or give our rectory office a call. Welcome!

