

October 25, 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Well, it is official, I have received my letter of appointment from the Bishop. I have been appointed to the Office of Dean of the Tomah Deanery. My term runs for another 3 years.

That sounds pretty impressive. I even get the title of Very Reverend.

But what does all that mean? That can sound a little like church speak. It is easy to be in the middle of something and expect people to know certain vocabulary. Our diocese is La Crosse and it covers 19 counties in Wisconsin. For better organization, our diocese is broken up into deaneries, which usually corresponds to a county. But not always. The Tomah deanery is made up of Juneau and Monroe counties. The Dean is in charge of the deanery.

But that does not mean that I am the boss of the other pastors! The deanery is a means of organizing events and pastoral care within our parishes. I am there to assist the other pastors and act as the next level of administration and consultation for them. The dean also is a means of communication between the Bishop and Curia and the priests that are in the deanery. The Dean acts as the Bishop's presence, for example doing some of the Confirmation Masses.

The dean also has a few extra things added to his plate such as installing a new pastor to his parish. It is a simple ceremony at Mass but it is a sign of the Bishop's pastoral concern. When a parish is without a pastor the Dean is able to have weddings or funerals there. The Dean would be responsible for a parish if there is a delay in appointing a pastor or after the death of a pastor the dean has certain responsibilities for his funeral and the parish.

Should there be a Diocesan Synod the dean is automatically a member of the Synod. The Dean is also a member of the College of Deans. They meet quarterly with the Bishop. The last few meetings have been on Zoom. Their focus is more general policies of the diocese or planning on how to implement diocesan decisions.

In general the work of a dean ebbs and flows depending on the needs within the deanery or plans of the Bishop. My summary is "more meetings." Any office within the Church is one of service and an opportunity to be Christ to others. Pray for my new term of service.

On a lighter note:

- --What did Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger name their daughter? Patty.
- --Why do owls always get invited to parties? Because they're such a hoot.
- -- Have you heard the one about the flying spaceship? Never mind. It's over your head.
- --What do Alexander the Great and Winnie-the-pooh have in common? Same middle name.
- --What did the egg say to the clown making breakfast sandwiches? You crack me up!
- --What did Santa give Rudolph for his upset stomach? Elk-a-seltzer.
- --A photon checked into a hotel. The bellhop asked "can I help you with your luggage?" The photon replied, "I don't have any. I'm traveling light.."
- --What do you say to a hitchhiking kangaroo? Hop right in.
- --Did you hear about the population of Ireland? It's Dublin.
- --When has the moon had enough to eat? When it's full.

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 beginning at 12 Noon Benediction at 6:00 PM All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of October 25, 2020

Sat. Oct. 24 5:00 PM For the Deceased Members of the Howard Rose Family

Sun. Oct. 25 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Don Cafferty

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Tue. Oct. 27 5:30 PM For the Living & Deceased Members of the John & Margaret Schommer Family

Wed. Oct. 28 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Josephine Moriarty Powers

> 6:00 PM For the repose of the soul of Harold Smith

Thu. Oct. 29 8:00 AM For the health of Jerry Neve

Fri. Oct. 30 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Jim Stanek

Sat. Oct. 31 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of Greg Cowan

Sun. Nov. 1 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Francis Carpenter

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

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, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, 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, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil., MMB, AAB, EMM and Brenna.

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, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. This day remains a solemnity however it is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our Diocese.

We will celebrate All Souls' Day, Monday November 2nd with Mass at 9 AM.

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.

October is the month of the Rosary. Tune into our Parish facebook page on Thursdays at 2pm to say the rosary live. Or better yet, come in person! We will be saying the rosary weekly on Thursdays at 2pm, for a safe, healthy, happy school year for all of our children, staff, and parents in our Parish Family. Please pray with us!

<u>Stewardship Corner ~ October 17th & 18th, 2020</u> (521 Registered Families)

WKLY	BUDGETED	A	CTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 2	2,051.00
On-Line Giving		1	,505.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67		1.00
Loose Offering	688.68		173.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 3	3,730.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$	489.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement Year-to-date amount contributed		\$230,737.09 \$136,945.43	

^{*}Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 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

Tuesday Oct. 27 6:00 PM Holy Happy Hour
Wednesday Oct. 28 Religious Ed Classes
Thursday Oct. 29 2:00 PM Rosary Makers—RH
6:30 PM Building & Grounds—RH

Congratulations to David Bellows and Crystal Butterfield who were married this weekend! May God bless them as they begin their married life.

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**2021 Stewardship Pledge Cards** ~ Thank you to the 137 families who have already returned their pledge cards. We have a total of \$273,146.00 pledged for 2021.

If you have not taken the opportunity to respond to our Stewardship Drive yet, we ask that you do so. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how you can support our parish and it's many missions and return your card as soon as you are able. This will help us to plan for 2021. Thank you!

**World Mission Sunday** ~ Thank you to all who donated to our World Mission Sunday collection last weekend. If you would still like to give a gift to the collection, please feel free to do so this weekend or next.

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin: Beginning Oct. 4 with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecki on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world. Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecki

### **FALL FESTIVAL SILENT (ON-LINE) AUCTION**

Our ON-LINE silent auction will begin SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 12 NOON run until SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 5 PM. The flyer in this weekend's bulletin has details on how the auction works as well as a list of items. We have many, many, many wonderful things for sale as well as many certificates for various businesses. We will also be emailing out a link for the on-line auction this week. If we don't have your email address, please contact the rectory and let us know what it is. Please let your family and friends know—anyone can sign-up and bid!

## HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021: Goal—\$41,710 Pledged to date—\$14,066.00 Families—42

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your November issue is available in the rectory porch. If you would prefer to have your copy mailed, please call the rectory.

FREE INFORMATION SESSION! Learn how to protect your family and your financial future. Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30 PM—8 PM in Reardon Hall. Presented by Eric Johnson, Attorney at Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton, S.C. and Greg Helgerson, FIC, K of C Field Agent. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance. A link to attend virtually is available on our website: <a href="mailto:stpatricksmauston.com">stpatricksmauston.com</a> under the Knights of Columbus tab.

**FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING—**New Lisbon Fire Department, 234 Pleasant Street—Thursdays from 10 AM—6 PM. October 29, November 5, 12, 19 and December 3 & 10.

#### **EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

We are emailing out our school newsletter (the Shamrock) as well as our RE Youth Newsletter to parishioners on the first Friday of every month. If you are not receiving it, we don't have your email address! Please contact the rectory office to have your email address added to our list. (Or email: stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com.)

Also, if you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each Friday, please let us know.

## **SCRIP**

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE. WE ARE IN THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM. YOU CAN CALL AHEAD TO ORDER OR JUST STOP BY. THANK YOU FOR USING SCRIP TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



PICK OF THE WEEK ~ POPE JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER ON THE ROSARY: To close out October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Lucas Pollice on St. John Paul II's letter on the Rosary. This wonderful discussion will help draw you deeper into the mysteries of Christ meditated on in The Rosary.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Voter Guides and Candidate Comparisons - For purposes of voter education, there are many voter guides and candidate comparisons that can be consulted. In the sampling below, the first two links are from explicitly Christian organizations and the second two are from secular sources. Many more can be accessed through a simple Internet search.

- · ivoterguide.com
- · prayvotestand.org/guides
- · knowyourvote.io
- · votesmart.org

**COMMUNITY SHARING FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** We are asking everyone that wishes to make a much needed donation to the food pantry during the upcoming holiday season, to please do so with cash donations because of COVID rules. Donations can be dropped in the collection boxes in church, brought to the rectory office, mailed directly to the food pantry or taken to the Bank of Mauston.

\*\*\*Annual Bank of Mauston Food Drive – The Bank of Mauston will be matching cash donations received at the bank: A \$20 donation enables the food pantry to purchase a case of 24 cans of fruit or veggies and the bank buys another case! Even just \$1.00 = 4# of food and matching by the bank that gives the pantry 8# of food. The pantry gets these items through Second Harvest. And they deliver directly to the pantry! The pantry quarantines items before they are distributed. Cased items are easier to store and require a shorter quarantine time.

## Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Helping Both Program fills the gap for families and gives hope to moms in crisis pregnancies. Your generosity provides the financial resources to continue supporting families in need.

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