



November 8, 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Some of the students were wondering who that gentleman was walking around with me this past week in school. We are happy to have with us Randall Stanke. He is joining us as a part time interim principal. Mr. Stanke brings with him decades of experience as an administrator in Catholic schools. His presence here will be a great boon to us. 2020 has been a challenging year and adapting is important. He has also been a part of many accreditation teams around the state. I encourage you to welcome him and introduce yourself. He will be here three days a week. He hails from New Richmond, WI. Yes it is a drive but he looks forward to being a part of this year and our school. I think I have said that flexibility is key for this year. This is part of that. Thinking outside the box and our area, allows us to draw on his experience. Welcome aboard.

We have celebrated All Saint's Day, All Souls' Day and on Tuesday the Knights of Columbus had their memorial service at the evening Mass. It was a chance for the Knights to recall the last 10 years of brother knights who have died. Remembering those who have died is something that we do at each Mass. Nonetheless November is that greater focus for us. At the front of the church with the Easter Candle that recalls the resurrection we have the book of those who have died this past year from the parish. In the gathering area is a book to recall anyone who has died, please feel free to write in a name.

This year Pope Francis has extended the ability to gain an indulgence for those who have died to include the whole month of November. Prayer, confession and Holy Communion is all part of the process to gain this gift for those who have died.

Simply going to a cemetery and offering prayers for those who have died can be a source of grace. Having a concrete place to go helps bring closure also.

Thinking of death can be overwhelming. It can be something we want to put off. But it touches all of our families in some way. Another aspect of things is to consider those who mourn. We know of people who have died, but they usually leave family and friends who mourn their passing from this world. November can be a time that we reach out to them. Grief can be a great burden and can be experienced in different ways. Simply being there for those who mourn is a consolation. Perhaps we don't know what to say or how to say it. Start with being there. Respond to what is needed, ask them since what is needed can change over time or from person to person.

In just a few short weeks it will be Thanksgiving. Usually a time with family and friends. Perhaps this year it will be different. No matter how we celebrate it, taking that time to give thanks is important. It is a time to take stock of all our blessings realizing the gifts and what we truly have and have been given. Life is very fast and we may not always take the time to do that. As we know, things are different and things change, so do take the time to see your blessings and give thanks for them.

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 November 8, 2020

Sat. Nov. 7	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Nov. 8	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Greg Cowan</i>
Tue. Nov. 10	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Albert & Jonetta Zukauskis</i>
Wed. Nov. 11	8:00 AM	For <i>Greg & Jamie Buttner</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Susan (Allen) Kayser</i>
Thu. Nov. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sally Haas</i>
Fri. Nov. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Buttner</i>
Sat. Nov. 14	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Louis Varga</i>
Sun. Nov. 15	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Roy & Virginia Rhyner</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, 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 Ryzek, 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.

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

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting the Mauston Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7 PM here at St. Patrick's Church. People of all faiths from our community will join together to give thanks to God for all of our blessings. We invite your family to join us for this special event.

**Stewardship Corner ~ Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st, 2020
(521 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 4,219.00
On-Line Giving		1,652.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	0.00
Loose Offering	688.68	128.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 5,999.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 114.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$257,882.63
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$155,531.23

*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	Nov. 10	6:30 PM	Financial Planning Seminar
Wednesday	Nov. 11		Religious Ed Classes
Thursday	Nov. 12	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH

The Knights of Columbus and St. Patrick's 8th grade class are holding a "**no bake**" pancake breakfast fundraiser after each of the Masses November 14th and 15th. Due to the pandemic, we will not be having our usual pancake breakfast. Instead, the St. Pat's 8th grade class and Knights members will collect donations in the gathering area after each of the weekend Masses in place of the traditional breakfast. Funds will go towards a fun class activity at the end of the school year.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, November 17th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Unfortunately, the PCCW will NOT be having their annual Christmas cookie sale this year.

Attention Lectors: The new 2021 lector workbooks are now available. Please pick up your copy in the gathering area.

This past Monday, November 2nd, we celebrated All Soul's Day and remembered our loved ones that we have lost. Let us also remember those from our parish who have passed away this year:

Genevieve Hamm	Bernice Shields
John Sustar	Margaret Gabay
Arthur Randall	John Loutsch
Patricia Schluter	Dorothy Lenorud
Norberta Lewis	Arthur Vinopal
Violet McGinley	Gary Barreau
Robert Saliger	William Buttner
Ernest Modjeski	Todd Voigt
Yvonne Franke	Harold Smith
Ruth Penzkover	

God's Personal Word to You ~ The following words from Sacred Scripture reveal God's love for you: He will never forget you; He knows you by name! You belong to Him. "*Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child in her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.*" (Isaiah 49:15-16)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: St. Patrick Catholic School is accepting applications for licensed substitute teachers for the 2020-21 school year. Background check, Safe Environment Training (approx. one-hour online) and minimum of Bachelor's degree required. To apply, please contact Principal Randall Stanke at randallstanke@stpatrickismauston.com or call Mr. Stanke at school at 608-847-5844.

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT (ON-LINE) AUCTION

Our ON-LINE silent auction runs until **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 5 PM**. We have many, many, many wonderful things for sale as well as many certificates for various businesses. **We have been adding items daily!** A link for the on-line auction was emailed out this week. You can also find the link on our website and facebook page or here: <https://fallfestival2020silentauction.ggo.bid/> Please let your family and friends know—**anyone can sign-up and bid!**

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: stpatrickismauston.com under the Knights of Columbus tab.

Salvation Army of Juneau County BELL RINGING! Friday, November 13 through Wednesday, December 23. Please consider signing up for a shift during the holidays to help the Salvation Army raise funds to support those in need in our community. Bell ringing will be at the Mauston Festival Foods. To sign-up, please to go: <https://www.registertoring.com>

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$18,316.00
Families—58

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.



Veterans' Day—Wednesday, November 11th. Please take a moment to thank our veterans, our heroes. It is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy the life we live today. "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." ~ Joseph Campbell

St. Patrick School Book Fair: Our school is having an online book fair! The shopping link is: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpatrickismauston> and is open from November 9 through 22. Orders ship in 2-3 days to your home address. Book-only purchases of \$25 or more have free shipping. Orders under \$25 will have a \$3.99 shipping fee. Start your Christmas shopping and support our school at the same time!

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!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK ~ LECTIO: SALVATION:

What does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable ten-part video series, Scripture scholar and Augustine Institute Graduate School professor Michael Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.

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St. Patrick Parish Community:

Greetings from the school office! I believe Father sent an email to school families with a bio of my background, but I wanted to introduce myself to you as well. In short, while I technically retired at the end of last school year, I started this week (this past Tuesday, November 3rd) as *part-time Interim Principal* at St. Patrick Catholic School. I have served in Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and the Diocese of Superior for 33 years as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and the last 25 years as a 4K-Grade 8 Principal. I am married (my wife Kathy is a retired 3M Systems Analyst/IT Project Manager), we have two sons who are married, and five grandchildren ranging in age from 18 months to 18 years. My wife and I are both from Wisconsin Rapids (alums of Catholic grade schools there and Assumption High School) and we now live in New Richmond, WI.

The first few days this week have been a whirlwind with all the new faces—even if masked :). On Tuesday I met and spoke briefly with the faculty and staff before school, had lunch and several meetings with Father, completed my background check paperwork for the diocese, and worked on finding my way around the school building. I also spent some time in jail...I needed to get fingerprinted which is part of the background check process. I haven't had to do that in years, and it's all digitized now—no more ink! Wednesday was Mass with the even-numbered grades, and Father gave me the opportunity to introduce myself to the students at the end of Mass. I completed my diocesan Safe Environment Training online and I also attended a Zoom meeting with the Health Department for an update on COVID cases and protocols. I also found time to walk around school and pop in on a few classes. As I write this it's Thursday, so the day is still unfolding. I attended Mass and spoke with the students in the odd-numbered grades, and I worked with our school secretary, Anita, to shuffle staff schedules somewhat due to a teacher absence and the inability to secure a sub. I am filling in for some recess duty, and I also have my first St. Patrick Catholic School Education Committee meeting this evening.

Probably too much information, but I thought I'd share my first few days. I have been so impressed with everyone I have met so far. The students and staff have been polite, friendly, and so welcoming! Thank you for that! You know you have a great Catholic school here, and thank you parents, parishioners, and benefactors for your continued prayers and support.

Again, I'm part-time but I'm on board. I'd invite you into the building to stop by and say "hi," but unfortunately, that's a "COVID can't." I often try to be outside in the morning and at dismissal so please wave or give me an "air high five" as the kids have been doing!

God bless!

Mr. Stanke, Interim Principal
St. Patrick Catholic School

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