



November 17, 2024
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR:

“Whoever Takes the Son Gets Everything”.

Dear people of God, Greetings from Fr. Cruz.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art."

The young man held out this package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home; he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?" Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, sold for \$10!" A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Cruz

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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
 Sundays ~ 7:30 AM—7:50 AM
 Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
 Benediction at 4:00 PM
 All other Fridays following the
 8 AM Mass
 Benediction at 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions for the week of November 17, 2024

Sat.	Nov. 16	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun.	Nov. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Virginia & Roy Rhyner</i>
Tues.	Nov. 19	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Jonetta & Albert Zukauskis</i>
Wed.	Nov. 20	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Theodore & Ethel Passer</i>
		6:15 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Jerry & Monica Niles</i>
Thu.	Nov. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Elton & Dorothy Noble and Alfonse & Sena Schwab</i>
Fri.	Nov. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Boehm</i>
Sat.	Nov. 23	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald & Beverly Steiner</i>
Sun.	Nov. 24	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Louis & Brigitte Varga</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Helen Eucolono, 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, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Ron & Lisa M., Diane & Bill Brinkley, Jo, Nancy Albreck, Eymard Krupa, the Burzynski Family, Denise Householder, Anna Madden, Tom Schoettler, Sarah, Marie, Grace, Elsie Roberts, Kathy, John & Family, Debbie Parker, Kathryn Kurtz & family, Abby DeSanto, Linsey Casper, Jeff & Kylie J., Dave & Pam, Dakota, Mary Jo Link, and Matt Pope.

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

Please note that Mass on Thanksgiving Day (November 28) will be at 9 AM. There will not be Mass on Friday, November 29th.

The Maria Goretti Circle will be selling Advent Calendars starting this weekend before and after Mass. They are \$3.00 each. Please stop and pick one up and support the ladies of the PCCW. Thank you!

Our annual PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 7th and 8th after the Weekend Masses. Please consider donating a couple dozen of your favorite cookies to the sale. They can be dropped off in Reardon Hall on Friday, December 6th from 8 AM until 4 PM or Saturday morning, December 7th from 8 AM until 10:30 AM. We package them on Saturday morning. This is a nice fundraiser for the PCCW—please support. Thank you.

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service—Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church. All are invited to attend. Hosted by the Mauston Area Ministerial Association.

Stewardship Corner ~ November 9th & 10th, 2024

(502 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08	\$ 4,889.00
On-Line Giving		1,791.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	8.00
Loose Offering	480.75	581.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,668.25	\$ 7,269.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement \$173,365.00
Year-to-date amount contributed \$168,564.83

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,783.00 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

Sunday	Nov 17	5:30 PM	St. Cecilia Concert
Tuesday	Nov 19	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face To Jesus Devotions
		7:00 PM	KC Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Nov 20	4—8 PM	RE Classes
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Walking with Mary" Study
Thursday	Nov 21	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH
		5:30 PM	Parish Council Mtg
Friday	Nov 22	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders
Saturday	Nov 23		"Fanning the Flame" Women's Retreat

Join us Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia with a concert by our parish musicians followed by a pot luck dinner. The concert will begin at 5:30pm with dinner following. Please come and enjoy this wonderful evening of music and fellowship.

24 Hours of Adoration ~ In preparation for the new year, we will be having twenty-fours of Adoration beginning after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 29 and ending with Benediction at 11 AM on Monday, December 30. We hope that ALL parishioners will take this opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer and reflection. Worship / prayer aids and reflections will be available for you to use if you would like. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart and soul for a new year. You can sign up individually, as a couple or as a whole family. The time slots are in hourly increments but, if you can only come for a short time, please still sign up and indicate the time that you will be here in adoration. We kindly ask that you sign up by December 10th in order for us to have time to contact parishioners to fill the remaining time slots.

Christmas Home Blessings ~ If you would like to have Father Cruz bless your home (and your family) during Advent, he is happy to come. Please call the rectory to schedule a time.

Join us for "Welcome Weekend" (formally know as Social Sunday) on November 23rd & 24th. This month's social is sponsored by the Home and School Committee. Join us after **ALL** weekend Masses for refreshments and socializing.

Lector Workbooks for the new year are available in the sacristy. Lectors can stop and pick one up there.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of November 16th & 17th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Gorski
Servers: Gracey, Kord & Kutter Kobylski
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Erin, Whitney, Nolan Klapps
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski
Gift Bearer: Mike & Lynn Levandoski
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: David Hoffmann
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Turpin
Servers: Spencer & Maykayla Turpin
Musicians:
Greeters: Pam Zolondek
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby
Gift Bearers: Veronica Sustar
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie, Jameson Franck
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Nancy Horabik, Kris Mazur
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill
Gift Bearers: Bill & Joelle Curran

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of November 23rd & 24th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Landynn, Theron & Griffin Miller
Musicians: Peg Schmitz
Greeters: Anita & Danelle Lubinski
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski
Gift Bearer: Doug & Tammy Nedza
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Becker
Servers: Canaan, Vivianna & Solomon Becker
Musicians:
Greeters: The Turpin Family
Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby
Gift Bearers: Russ & Jessica Eilers
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney
Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, Beau Barreau, Teddy Pfaff
Musicians: Sharon Kelley
Greeters: Bill Thill, Volunteer
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill
Gift Bearers:

Note on Monday, December 9, 2024 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

In past years, when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) fell on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Immaculate Conception was transferred to Monday, December 9, but the *obligation did not transfer*. After a recent clarification from the Holy See, this will no longer be the case; rather, the obligation *will also transfer*. **Consequently, Monday, December 9, 2024, will celebrate the Immaculate Conception and be a holy day of obligation.** HOWEVER, given the short notice of this clarification and that parish calendars and Mass schedules are already in place, in a decree emailed to priests on October 25, 2024, Bishop Battersby has dispensed the faithful in the Diocese of La Crosse from this obligation in 2024. Still, he asks each pastor "to have at least one Mass in which the people of God may celebrate the great gift of the Immaculate Conception...[and] each of the faithful to do some form of extra prayer if unable to attend the holy Mass, particularly praying the Rosary with at least one other person in community." **Mass will be offered here at St. Patrick's at 8 AM on Monday, December 9th.**

St. Patricks Parish Women's Retreat, "Fanning The Flame". Join us for a day of Adoration, prayer, talks, discussion, activities and time away with your friends on Saturday, November 23rd starting at 8:00 AM. Please call the Rectory to Register. There is a \$10 Registration Fee.

Chili Feed ~ St. James Catholic Church ~ Camp Douglas—Sat, November 23rd, Serving from 4:30 PM-8 PM. \$8.00/person. Includes Bread, Apple sauce, Coffee, water, or milk Along with dessert ****Carry outs available**** Mass @ 6:00 PM Raffle Drawing @ 5PM. Hunters and non-hunters are encouraged to join us! It's a great chance to share some good food and stories. There will even be beer available to purchase!

The Parish is planning an outing to Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show again this year on Thursday, December 12th. We'll meet at the theater, have dinner together and then attend the show. We hope you can join us! To sign up / purchase tickets, please contact the rectory office. We are receiving a special discounted price. Ticket prices are \$72 each. If you are thinking of seeing this performance, join us to save some money and have some great company! The sign up deadline is Wednesday, November 27th. Tell your family and friends. 50 tickets are available!

The Mauston Moose Lodge will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner again this year. Serving will be from 12 noon—2 PM. If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving meal, feel free to stop at the Moose Lodge on Colfax Street on Thanksgiving Day (November 28) starting at 12 noon. They will also deliver meals for shut-ins. For more information, please call 847-7833 and leave your name, address, number of meals to be delivered and PHONE NUMBER.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$ 43,070.00

Amount Pledged: \$11,517.50 Number of Pledgers: 38
Amount Collected: \$10,955

Starting the week of December 1st, all future bulletin announcements will need to be to the parish office by Tuesday, 12 noon each week in order to be published in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

Toys for Joy— Do you know a family that could use a little help from Santa and his elves this year? Toys for Joy is accepting names of children (ages 0-18) from the Mauston School District whose families could use a little help giving gifts at Christmas time. There is a QR code posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area that you can scan to register or call Amber at 608-432-4844 or email: maustontoy sfor-joy@gmail.com. Sign-up runs through Wednesday, November 27th. Once again, their "elves" are seeking new toys; gifts for older children; and monetary donations to purchase gifts where they fall short. Toys may be dropped off at the Hatch Public Library or Mauston City Hall. Checks should be mailed to: Toys for Joy, PO Box 346, Mauston, WI 53948. Donations would be appreciated by November 29th.

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 worshipping 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: stpatricksm-auston.com or give our rectory office a call.

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