



November 22, 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to share some news from Mr. Stanke.

"I am dealing with every COVID symptom there is—fever, chills, cough, persistent headache, body aches, fatigue, dizziness, weakness, and gastrointestinal issues. The nurses and doctors can't do much but recommend hydration and rest. Eating is out of the question. The only thing keeping me out of the hospital is that my breathing has not yet been compromised.

I contacted Father this week and told him that I need to resign my position. I don't know when I will recover, but this has hit me so hard, I have a completely different perspective on this coronavirus, and I cannot risk my wife's or my family's health by possibly contracting this again or becoming a carrier.

I do want you to know that I appreciate how welcoming you all have been during my short tenure as Interim Principal. You have a great Catholic school, with great students, parents, and faculty and staff. You have an awesome pastor in Fr. John. He is truly inspiring and is so dedicated to the parish and school. Please do stay safe and healthy and may God continue to bless you."

So yes, 2020 is still very interesting. As Mr. Stanke mentioned we have a great faculty that is pulling together as a true team. Nonetheless, please keep all of our staff in your prayers. I think that our families too, whether at St. Patrick's school or at Mauston need prayers too. Everyday seems to be a challenge and things change constantly.

Jesus is our source of hope. We are not to give up. It is exciting that in the coming weeks we have some baptisms. Many of them will be outside of Mass for immediate family only. But we as a parish can rejoice with them and their children that will become children of God through that sacrament. So watch the bulletin for those names of the newly baptized and hold them up in prayer. It has been a great asset to have FORMED in our parish so that our families can safely prepare for that sacrament. It is also great to use to keep ourselves growing in the faith. If you have not been on FORMED I encourage you to do so or if it has been awhile go back and enjoy shows, talks, and podcasts that can help you deepen your faith.

An event of faith is our Mauston Ecumenical Thanksgiving service that will be held on Wednesday November 25th at 7 pm here at St. Patrick. The pastors of Mauston try to meet once a month; praying together and planning a few events for the year that the faith communities of Mauston can be a part of. 2020 has impacted that too in this past year. Nonetheless this event is a time of prayer and collection for the Christmas baskets that will be handed out on December 19th at Faith Christian church. Unfortunately we will not be able to have a reception as we have done in past years. Still it is an activity that builds the community which we need at this time.

On Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9 am.

For all the deer hunters, be safe and best of luck! St. Hubert, pray for us.

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 22, 2020

Sat. Nov. 21	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Christopher Vinopal</i>
Sun. Nov. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Blanche Janecek</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue. Nov. 24	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Colleen Neuman</i>
Wed. Nov. 25	8:00 AM	For <i>Bob & Therese Severson</i>
Thu. Nov. 26	9:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Grzenia</i>
Fri. Nov. 27		NO MASS
Sat. Nov. 28	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Gerald Steiner</i>
Sun. Nov. 29	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>
	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.

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.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day (November 26th) will be celebrated at 9 AM.

For those subscribing to *The Word Among Us*, your Advent issue is available on the rectory porch. Please stop and pick up your copy when you are able.

**Stewardship Corner ~ November 14th & 15th, 2020
(521 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 3,223.00
On-Line Giving		2,050.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	5.00
Loose Offering	688.68	95.01
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 5,373.01
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 16.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$285,028.17
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$172,889.87

*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. 24	6:30 PM	Holy Happy Hour
Wednesday	Nov. 25	7:00 PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Thursday	Nov. 26	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday	Nov. 27		No Mass / Office Closed



Join us for Soup with Substance this Advent season. We will be meeting Tuesday nights for Mass at 5:30pm and then head down to Reardon Hall for a light dinner and discussion ending right around 7pm. Our first Soup with Substance will be TUESDAY DECEMBER 1st. Please bring a Bible and notebook if you would like. Email re@stpatricksmauston.com or call 747-2681 by November 27th if you plan to attend the light dinner and discussion.

Community Kids Toy Drive—If you know of a family that could use a hand with Christmas gifts for their children this year, please have them contact Kathy Green at Mauston's Community sharing Pantry at 608-847-5454 by November 30th! Qualified families will be notified by mail and Toys will be handed out in mid December at the Food Pantry drive thru style by Wisconsin River Meats Staff and food pantry volunteers. *Donations of toys and/or monetary gifts are being accepted at Wisconsin River Meats. Please see the poster in the gathering area for details or call the rectory for more information.*

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$18,846.00
Families—60

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.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK ~ *Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture* by Stephen Ray. In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

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

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our on-line auction! The auction raised just over \$10,000 for our parish!! If you have items to pick up, please stop by the rectory office when you have an opportunity. Thank you again!

**Have you asked someone recently?** Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, to continue that conversation. Fr. Kuhn can be reached at 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

**The Importance of Thanksgiving:** During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!

- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
- "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).



**Four Reasons to be Thankful**

1. Those who cultivate the habit of thankfulness experience true Christian joy. And isn't this something that we desire? When we count our many blessings, our attitude can turn away from any discouragement and lead us to be more generous with others.
2. The more we hear "thank you" come from our mouth, the more we notice what people are doing for us and it can help to shift an attitude of discouragement as well. This Thanksgiving, consider a person in your family you need to verbally thank for something specific; or thank a family member for who they are and what they mean to you. Growing in the habit of being thankful to God and others is well worth the effort.
3. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. And the Cross is in the shape of the letter "t" which reminds us of the word "thanksgiving." Giving thanks to Jesus will foster greater humility as we recognize His incredible love for us.
4. Being thankful leads to peace and calm, which keeps us healthy. When we focus on what we do have, rather than what we don't have, stress diminishes, our shoulders relax and we can function better in so many ways.

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The Mauston Moose Lodge will be giving out Thanksgiving dinners again this year. All meals will be "to-go". 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 26) starting at 12 noon. They will make deliveries to shut-ins beginning at 11 AM. If you would like to place your order ahead of time or need to have a meal delivered, please call 847-7833 and leave your name, address and PHONE NUMBER.

SCRIP

Need GIFT CARDS for Black Friday or Christmas shopping or to give as gifts? Stop by the rectory and see what we have for Scrip Cards! (We can also order what you might need.) A list of all available cards can be found on our Scrip website: shopwithscrip.com

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