



**November 24, 2024**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
**KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Dear people of God, Greetings from Fr. Cruz

**“Jesus, did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people”.**

Soren Kierkegaard was a philosopher and theologian who lived in Denmark about 150 years ago. In one of his books there’s a story about a king who fell in love with a peasant girl. The king knew that it was next to impossible for him to marry the girl. Kings never married peasants. They always married royalty. But this king was so powerful that he knew he could marry the girl and get away with it. But another thought occurred to him. If he married the peasant girl and stayed king, there would always be something missing in their relationship. The girl would always admire the king, but she could never really love him. The gap between them would be too great. She would always be conscious of the fact that he was royalty and she was merely a lowly peasant.

So the king decided on another plan. He decided that he would resign his kingship and become a lowly peasant himself. Then he would offer his love to her as one lowly peasant to another. The king realized, of course, that if he did this, the situation could backfire. He could lose not only his kingship but the girl as well. She might reject him, especially if she thought him foolish for doing what he did.

And so the king had a problem. What should he do? The king finally decided that he loved the peasant girl so much that he would risk everything to make true love between them possible.

Kierkegaard never told how the story ended. He never told whether the girl accepted the king’s love or rejected it. He never told whether they got married and lived happily ever after. Kierkegaard had two reasons for not telling how the story ended.

First: that’s not the point of the story. The point of the story is the king’s love for the lowly peasant girl. It was so great that he renounced his royalty and his throne for her.

Second: Why Kierkegaard never told how the story ended is that the story is not yet ended. It’s still going on. It’s a true story, whose ending has not yet been written. It’s the true story of God’s love for each one of us. The King in his story is God; the girl in the story is each one of us. There are two differences, however. First, God is more than royalty; he is divinity. Second, God’s love for us is infinite; he loves us more than the king could ever love the peasant girl.

But the rest of the story is exactly the same. God could have loved us and kept his divine status. But that would have made the gap between us too great. It would be hard for us to love God freely. So God decided to become one of us. In the person of Jesus Christ, he decided to become a lowly human being. He decided to declare his love for us in a way that would not overpower us. He decided to declare his love for us in a way that we could understand perfectly and respond to freely. And this leads us to the second reason why Kierkegaard never told how the story ended. It’s because the love story between God and us is still going on. It’s because the love story between God and us is not yet ended.

Each one of us is in the process of writing his or her own personal ending to that story. Each one of us is in the process of deciding whether we’ll accept God’s love or reject it. Each one of us is in the process of deciding whether we’ll live happily with God forever after. Jesus Christ is indeed a powerful king who became like us so that he could love us and serve us. The Son of Man, says Jesus, did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.

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 24, 2024**

Sat.	Nov. 23	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald &amp; Beverly Steiner</i>
Sun.	Nov. 24	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Louis &amp; Brigitte Varga</i>
Tues.	Nov. 26	5:30 PM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Joe &amp; Odessa Buttner Family</i>
Wed.	Nov. 27	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jonetta Zukauskis</i>
Thu.	Nov. 28	9:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marv Mullenberg</i>
Fri.	Nov. 29		NO MASS
Sat.	Nov. 30	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John &amp; Mary Vinopal Family</i>
Sun.	Dec. 1	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Kevin Neve</i>
		10:00 AM	For our Parishioners

**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 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.

**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.

**Stewardship Corner ~ November 16th & 17th, 2024**

**(502 Registered Families)**

		<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08		\$ 3,150.00
On-Line Giving			1,496.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42		17.00
Loose Offering	480.75		506.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,668.25</b>		<b>\$ 5,169.00</b>

Year-to-date\* budget requirement \$182,033.25  
Year-to-date amount contributed \$173,733.83

\*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**

Tuesday	Nov 26	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face To Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Nov 27	7:00 PM	"Walking with Mary" Study
Friday	Nov 29	6:30 AM	That Man Is You

**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.

**Join us for "Welcome Weekend" (formally know as Social Sunday) this weekend!** 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.

**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!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of November 23rd & 24th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Gail Boehm  
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, Viviana & Solomon Becker  
Musicians: Sharon Kelly  
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:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Kevin Quist  
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser  
Servers:  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Kevin Quist, Volunteer  
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski  
Gift Bearer:  
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Larry Moore  
Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm  
Servers:  
Musicians: Ann Benz  
Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: The Carol Finucan Family  
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Julie Whitney  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers:  
Musicians: Ann Benz  
Greeters: Jen, Brix, Berklee Barnharst  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg  
Gift Bearers:  
Scrip Sellers: Julie Whitney Jeri Kolba

**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.**

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: \$14,777 Number of Pledgers: 49

Amount Collected: \$14,340

**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 sforjoy@gmail.com](mailto:maustontoy sforjoy@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.

**During this month when we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving,** it is a fitting time to stop and remember the many gifts we have been given. To take it one step further, it is appropriate to look at all we have as God’s gift, undeservedly given, and express our gratitude to Him for His goodness and generosity. *Take some quiet time to think back through your life and write down ten things that you want to specifically be grateful to God for this Thanksgiving.* Since Eucharist means thanksgiving, returning to Mass on Thanksgiving Day is a great way to express your gratitude. Thank Jesus for all of the good gifts on your list, and most especially, for the gift of Himself to you in the Holy Eucharist. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

**The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, 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 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: [stpatrickσμαuston.com](http://stpatrickσμαuston.com) or give our rectory office a call.

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