



November 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to extend my greetings and my thanks to everyone. You have been so good and so kind to me during my stay here.

When I got the letter from my Bishop, the Late Dr. Soundararaju, informing me of my departure to the USA for my ministry, there was this cold shiver down my spine because coming here was like moving to an Island and I found it difficult to accept the invitation which came my way. Well, when I regained composure, I sought consolation from The Bible in which Isaiah 41:10 says,

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

That verse set my soul on fire and I could feel the Holy Spirit reminding me that he will always stand by me and that I am more than a conqueror!

There is an eminent personality amidst us who deserve my sincere gratitude in abundance. He is a person throbbing with joy in service, vibrating love for the needy. He is none other than our dear Fr. John Potaczek, who gives warmth to many hearts with his gentle and thoughtful deeds. He consoles and guides everyone who approaches him.

I have managed to see the hand of God at work in my life. Especially Deacon Tom and Dick Schwab who taught me how to drive. I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. You are such amazing personalities. I am continually blown away by your compassion generosity and willingness to serve. You are an inspiration to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the secretaries in Mauston and Lyndon station for all their support and timely help. I am indeed glad to express that, “Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find. It takes a special person to be so generous and kind.” I say thanks to the Parish Councils, Building and Grounds, Finance Councils, Youth (Boys and Girls), Choirs, Musicians, Cantors, Teachers, Knights of Columbus, Ushers, and all the faithful in St. Patrick and St. Mary’s with whom I have collaborated. Thank you for your ministry, your love for God, and your willingness to remind all of us that we are the beloved of God, too... You care for others deeply and lift them in prayer. As you share in the ministry of Christ, may you be filled with the sure knowledge of his love and open to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

It is with humble gratitude that I thank all the staff for the wonderful service that you render. I appreciate your dedication and commitment, in imparting your knowledge to the students by going the extra mile, taking the extra time,.....every student needs a school and a teacher as Justice Benteil says....“you treat your students like hidden pearls and guide them towards their aims”. Thank you for your incredible work!

I enjoyed being with you all, my dear children. It was a great pleasure for me to join you in playing games...And I do appreciate all the effort you put into your studies. I am sure you will go on to do great things since you are talented and super smart, too. You are such bright and cheerful students. I am certain that your love of learning will take you far in life. You have tons of potential and are eager to learn, so I am sure you will have a wonderful future ahead of you. Keep learning and keep trying new things! I know you will do great things in the future. Best of luck, my dear all. Be assured of my prayers. God bless!

Please do continue praying for me because your prayers will make a difference. May the grace of the Lord be with you all! May the love of God go with all you meet!

Fr Chinnappan

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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

Thursdays at 2:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of November 28, 2021

Sat. Nov. 27	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Louis Varga</i>
Sun. Nov. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Blanche Janecek</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue. Nov. 30	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jonetta Zukauskis</i>
Wed. Dec. 1	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Joe & Odessa Buttner</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME <i>Special Intention</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joseph P. Ennis</i>
Thu. Dec. 2	9:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Evelyn Schmocker</i>
Fri. Dec. 3	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Grzenia</i>
Sat. Dec. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>James Smart</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dennis Kolba</i>
Sun. Dec. 5	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For <i>Heath Thayer</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, 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, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Marty, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, and Jeanne Allen.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, 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, Bailey Klanger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasinski.

This weekend (November 27th and 28th) will be Father Chinnappan's last weekend at our parish. Please plan to join us after either the 8 am or 10 am Mass next weekend in Reardon Hall for donuts and coffee at this month's Sunday Social to wish Fr. Chinnappan well as he prepares for this new assignment in Cook Valley / Bloomer. We'll miss you, Father!

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic adoration.

Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, December 7th and at 8 AM and 6:15 PM on Wednesday, December 8th.

**Stewardship Corner ~ November 20th & 21th 2021
(519 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,384.62	\$ 3,607.00
On-Line Giving		1,818.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	14.00
Loose Offering	385.00	369.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,779.23	5,808.00

Budget Contingency Fund	\$ 165.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$184,363.83
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$177,855.70

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$170,603 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.30	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Dec. 1		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 PM	Time of Prayer in Church
Thursday	Dec. 2	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		2:00 PM	Rosary in Church
		5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Mtg.—RH
Friday	Dec. 3	6:30 AM	"That Man is You"
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

On Sunday, December 5th, Santa will be stopping by to have donuts and visit with the children after the 10am Mass in Reardon Hall (Church Basement). Don't miss out on this opportunity to take a picture with Santa, and visit with one another!

Christmas Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by December 20th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

Bishop's Annual Appeal ~ Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards so far. Our goal for this year is \$41,140. **We currently have 50 families who have pledged \$18,625.** If you did not receive a pledge card, please give the rectory office a call and we will be happy to send one to you.

Our PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 4th and 5th after the Weekend Masses! Please consider making a couple dozen cookies for the annual PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale! Proceeds will be used to start a "Floor Replacement Fund" for Reardon Hall. Thanks for your support!

Our 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Parish is now available. There are copies on the table in the gathering area. You may also get a copy by calling or stopping at the rectory office.

We have received some very beautiful tributes for our Flowers for Mary. Our tributes are scheduled into February at this point in time. If you are still interested in submitting one please have them in by December 12th. You are able to return the form in the collection basket or drop it off to Cassandra at the Rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of November 27th & 28th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling
Greeters:
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Bill Powers

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Servers: Cody & Blake Komiskey
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey
Ushers: John Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Servers: Johann Wolf, Cooper Thayer, Hudson Randall
Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassandra Thayer
Greeters: Kris Mazur
Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 4th & 5th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Servers: Nolan Powers, Ryleigh Vinopal, & Gracey Kobylski
Musicians:
Greeters:

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore
Servers: Seth Schwedersky & Carson Demaske
Musicians:
Greeters: Carol Gross, Amelia Gunther
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran
Servers: Carter Field, Joseph Geis, Naome Pouillie
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters:
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppart

Retirement Fund For Religious ~ The annual collection for the national **Retirement Fund for Religious** is scheduled for the weekend of December 11-12. This collection helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Religious in our diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Please plan to give generously.

Advent: Preparing Your Heart for Christmas ~ The Christmas Season is here! This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Taking time during Advent to prepare ourselves spiritually can result in a truly meaningful Christmas Day and Christmas Season—the celebration of the birth of the most important Person in all of history: Jesus Christ. If you are looking for study resources / Advent reflections, there four great options listed on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

Healing of Families Holy Hour and Mass on the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 7th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah, WI. Holy Hour begins at 6:00 pm with Mass following at 7:00 pm. *Thus, the mercy of God can both pardon and heal the sinful hearts of our faithful departed ancestors, and heal us of the ill effects of any of their sins that we suffer from today. That is definitely part of what our Lord meant when He said to St. Faustina: "My Mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world" (Diary of St. Faustina, 1485). Excerpt from "The Sins of our Ancestors" Dr. Robert Stackpole STD Marian.org*

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train to Benefit the Food Pantry ~ Join the City of Mauston at Riverside Park on Saturday, December 18th at 7 PM to watch the CPR Holiday Concert on the BIG Screen! There will be bonfire and hot chocolate provided by the Mauston Chamber of Commerce. Monetary donations will be matched by First Weber Realty.

Our maintenance person, Rhonda Ready, will be retiring at the end of December. We will be sad to see Rhonda go but we are happy for her! Although it will be hard to replace Rhonda, we have started looking. If you are interested in or know someone that would be interested in the position, please have them contact Father John. This is a full-time position covering all three of our buildings and the grounds.

December Anniversaries

19 years	December 6	Matt & Soni Salm
22 years	December 4	Mike & Karen Krause
23 years	December 26	Frank & Suzanne Incaprero
26 years	December 23	Wayne & Kathy Butz
26 years	December 31	Greg & Moiya Moore
35 years	December 12	Frank & Cindy Vinopal
37 years	December 29	Fred & Sue Hollenbeck
45 years	December 4	John & Nancy Noga
46 years	December 6	Mike & Anita Lubinski
47 years	December 14	John & Jeanne Walsh
48 years	December 8	Allen & Arris Sullivan
49 years	December 17	Gale & Kathy Bauer
64 years	December 28	Fred & Nancy Schweiger

December Birthdays

December 1	Robert Gonzagowski
December 4	Tony Gizewski
December 15	John Smart
December 17	Fran Lunenschloss
December 26	Fred Finger
December 30	Robert Duffy



Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays at 3 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world. For more information, contact Deacon Juan or Jan Mullenberg.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Time: The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

Praying the Rosary: Join us on Thursdays at 2 PM in church to pray the rosary. The intention for each week is posted on our parish Facebook page.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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