



November 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

I hope that your Thanksgiving Day, however you celebrated, went well. This is also the last weekend of the gun deer hunt, so keep safe and St. Hubert pray for us!

November is also the month to pray for those who have died. For the whole month we are able to gain an indulgence for the dead. So visiting a cemetery, having gone to confession, received communion and offered prayers for the Holy Father and the deceased will be a great source of grace for them. We can pray for the holy souls, offer our sufferings to assist them and have Masses said. A friend of mine has come up with a great way to help the Holy Souls. It is the "Holy Souls Garage Sale", which is rather unique. There is a letter in the back of the church that explains in more detail what they are trying to do in 2020 since they couldn't have a garage sale this year. "Being flexible" seems to be a watch phrase and approach we need to take on just about everything we are doing at this time.

For many the concern for health, their own or family and friends, have kept them away from Mass and other gatherings. Getting back to anything takes effort, that first step can seem rather large when we have not done or gone somewhere in awhile. So if it has been awhile since you have been to Mass, perhaps try one of the daily Masses. Tuesday is at 5:30 pm and Wednesday (when there are Religious Ed classes) Mass is at 6 pm. Wednesday and Thursday are often school Masses with the students so Friday is a better option at 8 am. The crowds are small and lots of room to spread out. Getting back into any habit takes that first step.

Looking ahead, Christmas is coming! How quickly things go and this time of year can be busy and this year different. So it does take planning. The 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass has always been a big one. But 2020 is different. We will not be having a "Children's Mass" on Christmas Eve. Family and grandparents from all over were there to see their family members in the living nativity scene or in the choir. It was always a big draw for many, so it is a popular Mass.

This year for the 4 pm Mass we are going to put out an on-line sign up. With that, will be a paper sign up sheet in the back of church that will be updated regularly. We still need to social distance and maintain our 25% capacity which has not been a problem for normal weekend Masses. Christmas Eve is a special case. Our sign up format will be sent out to school families and parishioners whose email addresses we have at the parish office in the near future. The paper sheets will be put in the back of the church. This is meant to be a barometer so that we can plan here at the parish. We don't want to not let people be there for Mass. Nonetheless we want everyone to be safe at the same time. So not to panic or worry about things, but do watch in the coming days for the sign up opportunities.

Christmas Masses will also be at 11 pm on Christmas Eve and 10 am on Christmas Day. By signing up for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass, you are letting us know what kind of planning we need to do so that as many who want to be at Mass for Christmas can

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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 29, 2020

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 <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tue. Dec. 1	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joe Buttner Sr.</i>
Wed. Dec. 2	8:00 AM	For <i>Heath Thayer</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mike Gorski</i>
Thu. Dec. 3	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jonetta Zukauskis</i>
Fri. Dec. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Buttner</i>
Sat. Dec. 5	8:00 AM	For <i>Mark & Tina Buttner</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Norman & Frances Thomas</i>
Sun. Dec. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>LaVerne & Rose Schaller</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</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 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, Brenna and Randall Stanke.

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.

We welcome April Diane Schuh, daughter of Ethan and Brandis (Jorgensen) Schuh and Adam Lawrence Brinsko, son of Nicholas and Caroline (Moore) Brinsko, who are being baptized this weekend.

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. If anyone else is interested in an Advent issue of *The Word Among Us*, we have a few extra copies. *Please give us a call at the rectory.*

This Friday is First Friday. Adoration will begin at 12 Noon and end with Benediction at 6 PM.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM. Due to the pandemic, obligation to attend Mass on this day has been lifted by the bishop.

**Stewardship Corner ~ November 21st & 22nd, 2020
(521 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 2,468.00
On-Line Giving		1,338.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	0.00
Loose Offering	688.68	142.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 3,948.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 167.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$298,600.94
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$178,848.65

*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	Dec. 1	6:00 PM	Soup w/ Substance—RH
		6:30 PM	Bldg. & Grounds Mtg.
Wednesday	Dec. 2		Religious Ed Classes

It's not too late to join us for Soup with Substance on December 1st. We will meet for Mass at 5:30pm and then head down to Reardon Hall for a light dinner and discussion ending right around 7pm. Please bring a Bible and notebook if you would like. Email re@stpatrickismauston.com or call 747-2681 by November 30th if you plan to attend the light dinner and discussion.

Making a good confession is the best way to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Christmas. Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be Thursday, December 17th at 7 PM.

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.*

Mauston Area Ministerial Association Christmas Dinner Basket Give Away will be Saturday, December 19th from 9 AM until 11 AM (or until gone) at Faith Christian Church (Hwy 12 & 16 North). You do not need to pre-register.

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$19,991.00
Families—68

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 ~ St. Giuseppe Moscati: Doctor to the Poor ~ Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," as a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. He was also a medical school professor and a pioneer in the field of biochemistry whose research led to the discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes.

Moscati regarded his medical practice as a lay apostolate, a ministry to his suffering fellowmen. Before examining a patient or engaging in research, he would place himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments. Dr. Moscati treated poor patients free of charge, and he would often send someone home with an envelope containing a prescription and a 50-lire note.

When Mount Vesuvius erupted in 1906, Dr. Moscati evacuated a nursing home in the endangered area, personally moving the frail and infirm patients to safety minutes before the roof of the building collapsed. He also served beyond the call of duty during the 1911 cholera epidemic and treated some 3,000 soldiers during World War I.

Moscati was outspoken in his opposition to the unfair practices of nepotism and bribery that often influenced appointments at that time. He could have pursued a brilliant academic career, taken a professorial chair, and devoted more time to research, but he preferred to continue working with patients and to train interns.

Giuseppe Moscati died in 1927 at forty-six years old, was beatified in 1975, and declared a saint by Pope John Paul II in 1987. His feast day is November 16.

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

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!

FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING—New Lisbon Community Center, 110 Welch Prairie Road—Thursdays from 10 AM—6 PM. December 3 & 10. Pre-Register by visiting: register.covidconnect.wi.gov

Thursday, Dec. 10 – Mauston Sharing Supper curbside pickup at Mauston High School. Sponsored by Bank of Mauston. Beginning at 5 pm until gone. No registration required.

SCRIP

Need GIFT CARDS 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: shop-withscrip.com

"Those who sing pray twice." ~ Saint Augustine Our talented musicians in our Parish wanted to use their talents for a little extra Prayer time during this Advent season. On December 5th (6:15pm-7:30pm) and December 6th (11:15am-1:30pm) we will have different Parishioners singing, playing the piano, etc. to help with spreading the message of hope and God's love this Advent Season. This is not a concert, just a chance for the doors to remain open and all are invited to come and hear some beautiful music.

Christmas Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection boxes or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by December 18th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

Retirement Fund For Religious ~ The annual collection for the national **Retirement Fund for Religious** is scheduled for the weekend of December 12-13. 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.

December Anniversaries

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

December Birthdays

December 1	Robert Gonzagowski
December 4	Walter Lenorud
December 4	Tony Gizewski
December 6	Floyd Babcock
December 15	John Smart
December 18	Bernadine Seitz
December 23	Gerald Boehm
December 26	Fred Finger
December 30	Robert Duffy

Saturday, December 12th - Lyle's Lunchbox – Extra food for children age 3 through Grade 12 who attend the Mauston School District and qualify for free and reduced lunch. Drive through at Mauston Food Pantry at scheduled time to receive cheese & sausage sticks, fruit, and milk for Christmas break. MUST register by Dec. 4. Call Kathy at 847-5454.

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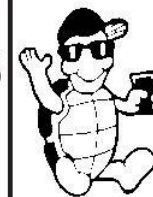
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