



December 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR:

Dear people of God! Greetings from Fr. Cruz!!

“Keep Awake”

Here is a quiz for you....

You are sleeping. You are dreaming. A big lion is chasing you. You try to run away and you see a tiger coming in front of you. You turn sideways, but every side you turn to, you find a ferocious animal coming after you. How can you escape? **The answer is:**

By waking up one enters a whole new world of reality different from that of the dream world. What was a huge problem in the dream state becomes a non-issue in the waking state. The dream state concerns and priorities lose their importance and new concerns and priorities take their place. E.g., you discover that your problem is no longer how to escape from wild beasts but how to beat the morning rush and arrive early for work. We can relate to the change that occurs between a dream consciousness and a wake consciousness. A similar and even more significant change occurs when we move from a state of being spiritually asleep to that of being spiritually awake, when the soul is awake and alert to spiritual reality.

Today we enter the season of advent: a time of special preparation for the coming of the Lord. At Bethlehem he came in the form of a newborn child and people did not recognize him. In the Parable of the Last Judgment which we heard last Sunday he said he came to people in the form of the neediest and disadvantaged of this world and many did not recognize him. But true people of faith did recognize him and serve him in these people who live in the blind-spot of society.

Before we conclude, let's say a word about Jesus' saying **“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father”** (Mark 13:32). This saying can be understood literally to mean that Jesus did not know the date of the end of the world. It can also be understood as a strategy meant to discourage the disciples from further inquiry into the matter. In either case the implication for us is the same: Put an end to idle speculations regarding the Last Day. Open your eyes in faith to see God present and active in your life and in your world. Open your heart and your house to the Lord who comes to you daily in the form of the needy man or woman. This is the best way to prepare to welcome the Lord when he comes on the Last Day.

The answer is: **Keep Awake**

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 December 1, 2024

Sat.	Nov. 30	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased Members of the John & 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 <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues.	Dec. 3	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Gerald "Skip" Peterson</i>
Wed.	Dec. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Marie & Andrew Lobenstein</i>
		6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jo Bartz</i>
Thu.	Dec. 5	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Sarazin</i>
Fri.	Dec. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marv Mullenberg</i>
		10:00 AM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Hersil</i>
Sat.	Dec. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ramona Moore</i>
		5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Don & Mary Ann Strack</i>
Sun.	Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Joseph & Helen Slowinski</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, Matt Pope, Judy Gregory, and Cia.

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

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

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.

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.

Stewardship Corner ~ November 23rd & 24th, 2024

(502 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08	\$ 3,054.00
On-Line Giving		1,660.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	7.00
Loose Offering	480.75	409.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,668.25	\$ 5,130.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement \$190,701.50
Year-to-date amount contributed \$182,069.39

*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	Dec. 3	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face To Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Dec. 4		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		5:30 PM	Cath. Ed. Committee -RH
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Walking with Mary" Study
Friday	Dec. 6	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

"Flowers for Mary" Remembrances

The bouquet of flowers at Mary's feet for November 30th through December 14th is in honor of the following children:

Child of the Pope Family

The Noga children

Gunner Jay Gjeffe;

"We will miss you, until we are with you, sweet boy."

If your child is remembered in this Bulletin please take a Single Rose from the Bouquet in honor of your child.

If you would still like to remember the loss of your child please fill out one of the forms that can be found in the Gathering Area and put it in the collection or drop it off at the Rectory.

24 Hours of Adoration ~ In preparation for the new year, we will be having twenty-four hours 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.

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

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist
Eucharistic Minister: Carol Kaiser
Servers: Owen Lubinski, Liam Powers
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Kevin Quist, Volunteer
Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski
Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore
Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm
Servers: Canaan, Viviana, & Solomon Becker
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: Beau Barreau, Kaden Cook
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: Jen, Brix, Berkle Barnharst
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Sellers: Julie Whitney Jeri Kolba

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 7th & 8th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Corrine Kaiser
Servers: Jack & Mary Vinopal
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Wally & Joanne Schumer
Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther
Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm
Servers: Spencer & Makayla Turpin
Musicians: Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Therese Gunther, Bridget Bollig
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller
Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Warrick, Kellen, Liev, & Declan Housworth
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Nancy Horabik, Kris Mazur
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Pope
Scrip Sellers: Kim Walsh, Jeri Kolba

Everyone is invited to come on Thursday, December 5th from 11:15—12 noon for Adoration. Our deanery priests will be gathered together here at St. Patrick's on that day and will be having adoration during that time. Please feel free to join them as you are able.

After Mass on Sunday December 8th, plan on coming to the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Breakfast will be served from 9 to noon in Reardon Hall. Students and parents of St. Pat's 7th grade class are assisting the Knights for this event. A suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family free will offering will be collected with all proceeds over costs going to the St. Pat's 7th grade class needs. Join us for breakfast after Mass and share fellowship with parishioners. **As a bonus, St. Nicholas will be present at the breakfast for the younger children to share their Christmas wishes.**

This Advent Season, our 2nd Grade First Communicants have the opportunity to participate in the parish life of our church by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath. This weekend's students are:

5 PM: Emry Walsh
8 AM: Giovanna Becker
10 AM: Meredith Marien

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.**

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 19th at 7 PM.

PCCW CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST ~ All Women of St. Patrick's Parish are invited to gather for Breakfast at The Mauston Park Oasis on Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 am. Come join us to celebrate CHRISTMAS! (We'll order off the menu—Dutch Treat). Please RSVP to Lynn at 262-812-6374 or Jennifer at the rectory office at 608-847-6054 or stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com. (Please RSVP by December 9th)

Christmas 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 18th in time for the names to be published for Christmas.

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ~ You can help! Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious second collection next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 21,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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

Today (Sunday, December 1st) the season of Advent begins. Advent is the four weeks that we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation – God becoming man – is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the original sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem in order to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we “may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10) Living life to the full means knowing the truth, having a relationship with Jesus in prayer and being united with Him in the sacraments. *This is no small matter, and of course, we want to take this time of preparation during Advent seriously. Choose one simple way that you can spend time during Advent more focused on the “reason for the season.”*

Daddys vs Laddys! ~ Our St. Patricks Boys Basketball team will take on their fathers in a friendly competition! Father Cruz will join the dads team and play against the boys. Come and join in or come just to watch!

When: December 13th at 3:30pm

Where: St. Patricks Gym

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December Birthdays

December 4	Tony Gizewski
December 16	Barbara Schramer
December 17	Fran Lunenschloss
December 21	Bonnie Duffy
December 23	Rick Ravenscroft
December 24	Nora Scully
December 28	Pat Gardner
December 30	Robert Duffy



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
9 am—12 NOON
REARDON HALL**

St. Nicholas will be at the breakfast so the younger children to share their Christmas wishes! Join us!

December Anniversaries

22 years	December 6	Matt & Soni Salm
25 years	December 4	Mike & Karen Krause
26 years	December 26	Frank & Suzanne Incaprero
38 years	December 12	Frank & Cindy Vinopal
40 years	December 29	Fred & Sue Hollenbeck
48 years	December 4	John & Nancy Noga
49 years	December 6	Mike & Anita Lubinski
50 years	December 14	John & Jeanne Walsh
51 years	December 8	Allen & Arris Sullivan
52 years	December 17	Gale & Kathy Bauer

ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$ 43,070.00

Amount Pledged: \$16,642.50 Number of Pledgers: 52

Amount Collected: \$14,855

Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show! We have a few tickets left for the show on Thursday, December 12th. If you would still like to go, please call the rectory to reserve your ticket(s). We'll meet at the theater at 5:30 pm, have dinner together and then attend the show. We hope you can join us! We are receiving a special discounted price. Ticket prices are \$72 each.

Are you in need of prayer for healing in spirit, mind, or body? We are ready to pray with you for God's gift of healing. Monday, December 2, at Sacred Heart Church - Cashton there will be Confessions and Adoration starting at 4:30 pm; Mass at 5:30 pm; and a healing service beginning immediately after with Confessions and Adoration continuing. All are invited.

Healing Service & Mass Schedule:

- **4:30 PM:** Adoration and Confession
- **5:30 PM:** Mass
- **6:00 PM:** Corporate Prayer for Healing
- **7:00 PM:** Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)

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: stpatricksmauston.com or give our rectory office a call.

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<u>FAMILY NAME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Ad—Ba	Dec. 29	11 AM—12 Noon
Be—Bl	Dec. 29	12 Noon—1PM
Bo—Bu	Dec. 29	1 PM—2 PM
Ca—Co	Dec. 29	2 PM—3 PM
Cr—De	Dec. 29	3 PM—4 PM
Di—Fa	Dec. 29	4 PM—5 PM
Fe—Go	Dec. 29	5 PM—6 PM
Gr—Ha	Dec. 29	6 PM—7 PM
He—Ho	Dec. 29	7 PM—8 PM
Hr—Ke	Dec. 29	8 PM—9 PM
Kl—Kr	Dec. 29	9 PM—10 PM
Ku—Le	Dec. 29	10 PM— 11 PM
Li—Ma	Dec. 29	11 PM—12 AM
Mc—Mi	Dec. 30	12 AM—1 AM
Mo—Ni	Dec. 30	1 AM—2 PM
No—Pe	Dec. 30	2 AM—3 AM
Pf—Ra	Dec. 30	3 AM—4 AM
Re—Ry	Dec. 30	4 AM—5 AM
Sa—Sc	Dec. 30	5 AM—6 AM
Se—Sp	Dec. 30	6 AM—7 AM
St—Ta	Dec. 30	7 AM—8 AM
Th—Va	Dec. 30	8 AM—9 AM
Vi—Wa	Dec. 30	9 AM—10 AM
We—Zu	Dec. 30	10 AM—11 AM

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