



December 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR:

The 8th of December is the Solemnity and Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. This feast is our patronal feast. It speaks of Mary being conceived without Original Sin. This prepared her with true freedom and love to respond to God's invitation to be the mother of God. Masses for that solemnity are on Friday at 7 pm and on Saturday at 9 am (hoping that after practice or once the kids are up, you can join us for Mass).

Advent is now the season we are in. Our color changes to purple. We see the advent wreath in the front of church. Once again we have invited our second grade families to light the candle on the wreath at each Mass. Our second graders are preparing for their first Confession and First Communion. A big year for them. Powerful ways that they will be participating in the liturgies of the Church. The lighting of the wreath is another way for them to be active.

For any of us who are baptized, there are many ways to become more active in living out our faith. There are many committees and councils at the parish that can use/need fresh perspectives and energy. The Mass also needs those who can read, sing, or assist in other ways even behind the scenes.

Yet as we look to the lives of the saints it was not in the church building that they were active. Perhaps there are many ways we are already living out the faith in the name of Jesus. Working with the local St. Vincent de Paul Society is a way of reaching out to others. The Mauston Food Pantry is another avenue to serve those in need. Of course there are so many one-on-one opportunities to respond to needs right around us. Many are still recovering from flood damage.

Being active and building up the Kingdom can seem overwhelming to some. What are we supposed to do? Starting right at home with a good example is one way. How do we witness daily prayer to our kids? Do they see us volunteering in an organized way or being generous to those right around us? What does our community need? Do we know or how would we know?

Many of the things we do, only need us to bring Jesus into it. The saints did so many of the things we do, but did it with great love. Love of God, putting Him first, and then love of neighbor that was clearly seen in actions.

So let us begin this new season with love put into action as we await Love to be born in the manger.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 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

HOLY HOUR

Mondays at 2:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of December 2nd, 2018

Sat. Dec. 1	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John and Margaret Schommer Family</i>
Sun. Dec. 2	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Blanche Janecek</i>
	10:00 AM	For our <i>Parishioners</i>
Tue. Dec. 4	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Myles Clark</i>
Wed. Dec. 5	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
	2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For <i>Heath Thayer</i>
Thu. Dec. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mavis Steinmetz</i>
Fri. Dec. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Vivian Moore</i>
	7:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Joseph & Phyllis Pochop</i>
Sat. Dec. 8	9:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Gerald Steiner</i>
	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle</i>
Sun. Dec. 9	8:00 AM	For our <i>Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Shirley Craine</i>

This Friday is First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration for this month will start at 2 PM with Benediction at 4 PM. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of adoration.

Saturday, December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Day on December 7th at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 AM.

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehn, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, John Kueppers, Shirley Mills, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Euclono, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Ruby Steiner, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Sandy Sarazin, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, John Sustar, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Kelly Kellaher, Mary Taylor, Paulette Wells, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, and the Johnston Family.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Ruby Steiner who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Stewardship Corner ~ November 24th & 25th, 2018 (539 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,090.82	\$ 4,323.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,735.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$ 12.46
Loose Offering	596.15	\$ 731.25
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,715.81	\$ 6,801.71

Budget Contingency Fund	\$ 26.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$ 210,747.82
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$ 184,252.19

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 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

Monday	Dec. 3	2:00 PM	Holy Hour
Tuesday	Dec. 4	8:30 AM	PCCW Meeting
		6:00 PM	AFF
Wednesday	Dec. 5		RE Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 6	10:30—1	Rosary Makers - RH
		7:30 PM	Catholic Education Mtg.
Friday	Dec. 7	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

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 and Zachary Bader.

PCCW Christmas Breakfast Gathering ~ Tuesday, December 4th at 8:30 AM at Mauston Park Oasis. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for breakfast to get the Christmas Season started! We'll have a brief PCCW meeting followed by breakfast. We will order off the menu (each lady will pay for her own breakfast). If you think you can come, please let us know (call Jane at 847-5117 or email: sdjwpowers@hotmail.com) ~ we would like to give the restaurant an idea of how many to plan for. Hope to see you there!

Our Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 8th and 9th after the Weekend Masses! Please consider making a couple dozen cookies for the annual PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale! Please make sure that they are brought to the Church basement on December 7th or by 9am on December 8th. Thanks for your support!

Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request Automated Phone Message - Dec. 6 ~ Bishop Callahan will be sending out his Advent Prayer Request via an automated call originating from 608-352-9565 on December 6, 2018. To submit your intention, just leave it as a message when you receive the call. Alternatively, you can call 608-352-9565, or you can go to diolc.org/pray to submit your request. All intentions will be presented and prayed for at his Christmas Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 1st & 2nd**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal
 Extraordinary Ministers: Carrol Kaiser
 Servers: Braden Heath, Nolan Powers, Landynn Miller
 Greeters: Monica Niles, Donna Bollig
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Haley Heath, Doug Martin
 Gift Bearers: Joe & Mary Buttner
 Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath, Donna Miller
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Matt Lubinski

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Paul Schaller
 Servers: Christopher Fry, Jacob Barnes, Matthew Gunther
 Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Geri Shore
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan
 Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack
 Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry, Connie Walhovd
 Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
 Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Howard Boppart
 Extraordinary Ministers: Gina Boppart
 Servers: Jackson Whitney, Weston Pouillie, Christian Brow
 Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
 Gift Bearers: Julie & Kevin Whitney
 Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,
 Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Larry & Tina Moore

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 8th & 9th**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
 Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Hamm
 Servers: Makenna & Ellie Pouillie, Avery Thayer
 Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling
 Gift Bearers: Adam & Jaime Pouillie
 Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall, Julie Whitney
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Matt Lubinski

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Larry Moore, Mary Ann Strack
 Servers: Noah Fry, Johann Wolf, Cody Komiskey
 Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Dee Powers, Carol Gross
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan
 Gift Bearers: Michael & Maria Wolf
 Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey, Bev Vinopal
 Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
 Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran, Millie Hovde
 Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran
 Servers: Nathan & Cater Field, Hudson Randall
 Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Naomi Pouillie
 Gift Bearers: Greg & Barb Cowan
 Scrip Seller: Jodi Field, Diane Kocyan
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,
 Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Chitra and Elaine Garrigan

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious ~ Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at *Holy Mass the weekend of December 8-9*. Thank you for your support! Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those that we love. What better gift could you give someone than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic or practicing Catholic to attend Mass with you this Advent Season. And for Adults that have not received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, please join us for our **Inquiry sessions on Tuesday Nights at the School 6pm following the Daily Mass at 5:30pm.** All are welcome to attend these sessions and explore what it means to be Catholic. Call Cassandra at 847-6054 or email questions to re@stpatriksmauston.com.

FORMED....Pick of the Week

This is the first Sunday of Advent, the start of our preparation as a Church for the coming of Christ at Christmas! With this week's FORMED Pick of the Week, your Advent journey will take on new meaning with this illuminating audio talk that is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

This week, go to formed.org and listen to Dr. Scott Hahn's ***Prepare the Way.***

Schwan's Cares Program

Through December 27th, Schwan's will donate 20% of your purchases back to St. Patrick's School if you use our school code: 43373. You can place orders on-line or by phone using this code; your food will be delivered directly to your door. You can pay when you order or when it's delivered. Need a catalog? There are copies at the school and rectory office. Thank you for supporting St. Patrick's School.

Please invite your family and friends to support our school by using this code too. To place an order, visit schwans-cares.com/c/43373 or call 1-855-870-7208 and provide campaign ID #43373. (From December 28th through March 27th, we will earn 5% back!)

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our goal for this year is \$37,390.00

Pledged to date: \$24,190.00

70 families have pledged

We ask each and every family to prayerful consider supporting the appeal. Your support is needed. Please return your pledge card as soon as you are able.

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 20th at 7 PM.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your Advent issue is available at the rectory.

Great Christmas Gift Idea: Feed My Lambs, Diocese of La Crosse Sesquicentennial books are available at the parish office for \$33.00. This book is a family keepsake! This richly illustrated book includes full color pictures of every church in the La Crosse Diocese and is 464 pages of history. Stop by the rectory to pick up your copy.

The Mauston Area Ministerial Association will be giving out Christmas Food Baskets again this year. If you or someone you know can benefit from this, you may pick up your basket on Saturday, December 15th from 9AM to 11 AM here at St. Patrick's in Reardon Hall. One Christmas Basket per household.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BAKE A COUPLE OF PIES for the Mauston Ministerial Association Christmas food baskets, please call Therese Severson at 847-4134. Pies can be dropped off in Reardon Hall on Friday, December 14th. Thank you!

Part-time janitor needed. 25 hours per week (evenings after school). \$10.00 per hour. Stop by the school office for application.

Our Knights of Columbus men are now selling raffle tickets for their annual raffle. Top prize is \$50,000! Purchase your ticket(s) from any KC member!

Please join us in Reardon Hall for making rosaries for the missions, Thursdays from 10:30 - 1pm. Materials and instructions will be provided. For more info please call: Fran Watry 565-6897 or Shirley Buttner 666-2955.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council 2770 will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and car magnets after Mass during Advent. Cost is \$ 5.00 each. Please help spread the Good News of Christ's Birth by purchasing a sign or magnet today.

THANK YOU!

The PCCW would like to thank everyone that helped make our Accessory Sale a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the sale; our local businesses and churches that helped advertise the sale by displaying our posters; Festival Foods for donating bags; Thayer's Jewelry for helping us with estimating values; all of the ladies who helped price items; Brice Blaha for all his help setting up and rearranging furniture; and to everyone else who helped with the sale. We also thank everyone who came out and purchased items from our sale! We appreciate everyone's help in making this a huge success. We raised over \$900.00!

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago

~ There are two excellent opportunities to March for Life in 2019.

The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 16-20, 2019. Visit www.dioc.org/yya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up.

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

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 19th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!

Scrip is available during the week at the school office and at every weekend Mass.

December Anniversaries

16 years	December 6	Matt & Soni Salm
19 years	December 4	Mike & Karen Krause
23 years	December 23	Wayne & Kathy Butz
23 years	December 31	Greg & Moiya Moore
32 years	December 12	Frank & Cindy Vinopal
34 years	December 29	Fred & Sue Hollenbeck
42 years	December 4	John & Nancy Noga
43 years	December 6	Mike & Anita Lubinski
44 years	December 14	John & Jeanne Walsh
45 years	December 8	Allen & Arris Sullivan
46 years	December 17	Gale & Kathy Bauer
61 years	December 28	Fred & Nancy Schweiger



December Birthdays

December 4	Walter Lenorud
December 4	Tony Gizewski
December 6	Floyd Babcock
December 15	John Smart
December 18	Bernadine Seitz
December 23	Gerald Boehm

Food Pantry News

December holds two major events for the Food Pantry:

Bank of Mauston Food Drive will be going through December 8th. The Bank of Mauston gives us \$50 for each grocery cart filled up during their food drive. We need to fill up 100 carts! Please remember to take your donation to the Bank of Mauston at either location to help fill them up!

Also, the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will be in Mauston on Saturday, December 8th at 4:15 PM and is always a fun filled event. There is a ½ hour free show that is performed inside a box car that opens up onto Division Street from 4:25 to 4:55. This year's great entertainment will be: The Trews and Willie Porter. You can look this up on line and get free music to listen to. Mark this date on your calendar! See you there!

If you have a cash donation or wish to write a check to the Pantry during this time, make the check payable to First Weber Foundation. They are doubling your donation up to \$3,500! Yeah!

In October we served 322 families which contained 457 adults, 153 seniors, and 251 children. Included in those numbers were 24 new families which we have never served before. We also served 5 homeless families. We have also noted an increase in the number of seniors we have been serving. Special Pantry needs for the month of December: juice, cereal, soup, peas and baked beans – we are really low on all of these items. Remember though, any donation is welcome!

Especially at this time of year we want to say: Our hearts are filled with most grateful thoughts of you for all that you do to help our area families with extra needed food. We are partners together in this and we, along with those we help, say "Thank you so much".

Kathy Green, Director



On **Sunday, December 9th**, 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 during this beautiful Advent season. All are invited.



Just a reminder that our school Christmas program will be Sunday, December 9th at 3 PM in the school gym. All are invited to attend!



Plan on coming to the Sunday December 16th Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and our 7th grade class. Breakfast will be served from 9 to noon in Reardon Hall. Students and parents of St. Patrick's 7th grade class are assisting the Knights for this event. A suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family donation is suggested with all proceeds over costs going to the St. Patrick's 7th grade class needs. Join us for breakfast after Mass and share fellowship with parishioners.

FEMA will be in our area until December 17th. If you have flood damage that you still need to report or need help with recovery, please make every effort to contact them. They can be reached at 800-621-3362 or on their website: www.DisasterAssistance.gov. There is more information regarding FEMA and the Small Business Administration's Low-Interest Federal Loans for Disaster Related Damages available in the gathering area.

Most people look to the end of the calendar year to begin making resolutions for the next year. There seems to be this magical break in human time because of the changing of a year. Suddenly, the world is filled with new possibilities and promises of a fruitful future. However, an everyday steward does not need to wait for the first of January to make some resolutions or changes in life.

Today is a great day to make some decisions and turn attention to improving our spiritual life. Starting in Advent you could make a resolution to spend more time with the Scriptures. God is trying to tell you something, but you have to be more mindful to really listen. You could challenge yourself to each day do something generous that you might not normally do. The challenges don't have to be large or cost a lot, but they should push you a little out of your comfort zone. That's why we call them challenges.

Don't wait to strengthen your discipleship and stewardship way of life. The Church is beginning anew and that means you are too! You are the Church, right? Don't wait another month. Organize your life with the rhythm of the liturgical year, not the year defined by a party in Times Square.