



**December 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. In the basketball world we are familiar with calling someone the “6th man.” A starting basketball team consists of 5 players, but without a very qualified player regularly rotating-in the team will grow tired and experience defeat. This additional player often remains unseen, nor does he/she get a lot of attention or fame. Nonetheless, his/her presence and support is just as important as the skill level that he/she possesses. The “6th man” is essential!

On this first weekend of Advent, we begin our 2023-24 Bishop’s Appeal Campaign or Annual Appeal Campaign! The Bishop is our coach; we are his starting team in Mauston on the mission of leading souls to heaven. The fine people working on his behalf across the diocese represent our “6th man.” You do not always see the work of Catholic Charities, of the Vicar General (Fr. William Dhein), of the Marriage Tribunal, and diocesan archives, just to name a few. We could not possibly afford our own counseling services and worship director here in our parishes, so at a fraction of the cost, they serve as our “6th man.” Jennifer and Laurie, as our parish staff and I as pastor, regularly call upon the resources of the Bishop’s staff in tangible ways practically every week.

Our Bishop’s Appeal goal this year is \$40,685 which is roughly the salary of 1 professional worker. Meanwhile, we reap the benefit of having over 100 additional players on our team. Please give generously to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. Next to our own needs, this is the most important financial obligation. We are not Catholic Christians without the presence and the work of the Bishop. We are not a team without our 6th player. If everyone gives what they gave last year, and only a little bit more, we can meet our goal by June 30th. I would greatly appreciate if every family of this parish makes a pledge according to each one’s ability and generosity within these four weeks of Advent.

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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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 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 December 3rd, 2023

Sat. Dec. 2	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Ernie & Audrey Schmocker</i>
Sun. Dec. 3	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Daniel Simon</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues. Dec. 5	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Blanche Janecek</i>
Wed. Dec. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Matthias Boppart</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Danny Miller</i>
Thu. Dec. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernard Barreau</i>
Fri. Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Louis & Genevieve Vinopal</i>
	5:30 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sat. Dec. 9	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John & Mary Vinopal Family</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, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Euclono, Sid Mead, 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, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Larry Purvis, Linda Serrurier, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, and Fran Schroeder.

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

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

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Kevin Neve who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Friday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 PM (Vigil) and Friday, December 8th at 8 AM and 5:30 PM.

Stewardship Corner ~ November 25th & 26th, 2023

(493 Registered Families)

**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING		ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 3,807.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,647.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 9 .00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 366.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$ 5,829.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$210,427.46
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$160,955.65

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 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. 5	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
		6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Rectory
Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:45 PM	Religious Ed Classes Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 7	10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Dec. 8	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

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 week's students are:

- 5 PM: Lincoln Sonnenberg
- 8 AM: Milah Mattke
- 10 AM: Ronan Miller

Flowers for Mary

The bouquet for December 1st – 15th is in memory of:

- All babies lost from the Sauter Family
- Anthony Michael Eddy, son of Maria Diaz. He died at age 9 months after a short illness with meningitis.
- Child of the Hamm Family
- Child of the Clark Family
- Child of the Zolondek Family
- Child of the Pope Family
- Children of the Noga Family

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 before December 20th.

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 21st at 7 PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 2nd & 3rd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Jim & Deb Bires
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: The Becker Family
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: George & Ruth Trembl
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Kaden Cook, Johnny & Eddy Riley
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney, Jeri Kolba

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 9th & 10th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Landynn & Theron Miller
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Walter & Joanne Schumer
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Servers: Cod Komiskey, Carson Demaske, Spencer Turpin
Musicians: Ann Benz, Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Veronica Sustar
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Julie Whitney
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie, Corbin Sullivan
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart, Jeri Kolba

Our PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale is this weekend! Please stop after Mass and purchase some delicious homemade cookies! Thanks for your support!

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal begins this weekend (December 2nd & 3rd). Our goal this year is \$40,685.00. The appeal supports the many ministries of our diocese as well as the ministries of the greater Church. Please look for information coming in the mail around December 4th and please be generous in your giving.

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.

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 4, 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. Catch the article on this important ministry in the latest issue of Catholic Life.



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Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your love for Christ in the Eucharist. Videos are suitable for both adults and children. Be Inspired! Expand your understanding and move your heart closer to Christ with these weekly inspirations. Meet Jesus in real-life accounts and intriguing stories of the Eucharist's power and poignancy!

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: stpatricks-mauston.com or give our rectory office a call. Welcome!

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Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

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.

To help you prepare yourself for Christmas, here is a great website with daily Advent reflections: <https://www.catholic.org/advent/reflections.php>

Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection will be coming up on December 9th & 10th. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 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. More information is included in this weekend's bulletin insert.

COMMUNITY SHARING PANTRY NEWS:

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train to Benefit the Food Pantry ~ Tuesday, December 5th at 4 PM. Please stop out to see this beautiful Christmas lights display, listen to some wonderful holiday music and support our local food pantries.

The Bank of Mauston is doubling cash donations to the pantry from now until December 5th. That \$5.00 jumps to \$10.00! Drop your cash donations off at any of the Bank of Mauston locations.

Thank you for all your help. The pantry would not survive without the assistance from our local churches.

“the Answer” Eucharistic Rally: The Diocese of La Crosse is very excited to announce “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. **Tickets will go on sale Dec. 15, 2023.** You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

What does your future hold? When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



Pilgrimage for Life ~Washington D.C. January 17-21: Join us in witnessing to LIFE! Come with us by coach bus to

Washington, DC, to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is \$400 per person. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life

The Season of Advent

The word Advent means “comings,” and it has a threefold character:

- 1: A season that directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.
- 2: A season to prepare us for Christmas—Christ's first coming to us
- 3: A season in which we seek a deeper awareness of Jesus' coming to us, present in each moment of every day—as indeed, He is Emmanuel, “God with us”; He comes to us most especially in the Holy Eucharist.

The readings from the Sacred Scriptures during the four Sundays of Advent assist us in focusing our attention on these “comings.” The First Sunday of Advent emphasizes Christ's Second Coming (which is also the ongoing theme for weekday Masses until Dec. 16). The Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent is Mark 13:33-37, and we see the theme of the Second Coming in Jesus' words: “Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.” His words call us to be watchful in prayer, ready for the Lord to come again. This is not meant to be about fear or worry, but we are to “wait in joyful hope.”

For this time of waiting, the Advent Wreath draws a family together around the lighting of one of the four candles, each representing a week of this season. It is a special time to pray a Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary, and focus on the Joyful Mysteries that call to mind the events of Christ's birth.

