



December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

To help us through the Advent season and enter more deeply this season of prayer and waiting I offer you two prayers/poems.

From St. Thomas Aquinas "Give us, O Lord, a Steadfast Heart."

*"Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affections may drag down;
Give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out;
Give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know Thee,
Diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee,
And a faithfulness that may finally embrace Thee,
Even through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

From James Dillet Freeman "Make me a Blessing."

*"Make me a blessing, Lord! Help me to help those needing help,
To be a blessing to my fellowmen. Instruct me when to speak and when to hold my speech,
When to be bold in giving and when to withhold; and if I have not strength enough, then give me strength.
Lord, make me love myself and tender be toward all others.
Let there be outpoured on me the gentleness to bless all who have need of gentleness.
Give me a word, a touch to fill the lonely life, faith for the ill, and courage to keep hearts up though my own is feeling just as low.
When men have bitter things to meet and quail and would accept defeat, then let me lift Their eyes to see the vision of thy victory.
Help me to help; help me to give the wisdom and the will to life."*

Advent is a season unto itself. Often it is treated as the needed time to get ready for Christmas. This is a time of preparation and waiting. Patience is not a virtue in our day to day secular society. Everything it seems must be right now. As a new season it is meant to feel different. Yes we can see the liturgical color has become violet and we do not pray the Gloria at the Sunday Masses. But otherwise for some there doesn't seem to be much difference. So as you have read/prayed the above prayer/poems perhaps try something different for Advent to help you enter this season more deeply. What would help you wait and grow in peace? What would help you consider those in need in our community? What needs to be forgiven in your family or place of work or at school?

December 8th is our patronal feast day. It is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a reminder of God's great plan for us. He has been preparing from the beginning and continues to work for our salvation down through the centuries. Our heavenly Father called Mary and called Joseph. Perhaps this season of Advent we too can hear the call of our heavenly Father to enter His plan for our salvation.

May your Advent be a time of prayer, waiting and listening, and may the light of Christ begin to burn ever brighter in your heart, words and actions.

Father John

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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 4, 2022

Sat.	Dec. 3	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Arnold Hacht Jr.</i>
Sun.	Dec. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Rose & LaVerne Schaller
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tue.	Dec. 6	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
Wed.	Dec. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>
		2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
		6:15 PM	For <i>Shirley Buttner</i>
Thu.	Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jerry Boehm</i>
		6:30 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Fri.	Dec. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sharon Riley</i>
Sat.	Dec. 10	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis Morrissey</i>
Sun.	Dec. 11	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>James Smart</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, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplowski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S. and Janel.

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.

We welcome Emma Deane Boehm, daughter of Wally and Alexis (Nicholson) Boehm, who is being baptized this weekend.

“The Word Among Us”: We have copies of the Advent issue of “The Word Among Us” available if you would like one. They are located on the table in the gathering area.

Thursday, 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 6:15 PM on Wednesday, December 7th and at 8 AM and 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 8th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

December 10 Tyler Dolata & Danielle Spencer

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

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 22th at 7 PM.

Stewardship Corner ~ November 26th & 27th, 2022

(506 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 3,563.00
On-Line Giving		1,401.00
Children’s Envelopes	9.61	7.00
Loose Offering	385.00	317.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 5,288.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 199,066.12
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 174,294.95

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 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. 6	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Dec. 7		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 8	9:00 AM	PCCW Breakfast
		12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday	Dec. 9	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

We are looking for greeters for the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass and the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. If you are interested in knowing more about this Ministry or would like to sign up to help, please contact Marge Bailey marge7287@mwt.net or call the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

Retirement for Religious Collection—December 10th & 11th: Give in Thanksgiving. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education” writes a donor. Please join in thanking senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young, provide health care, minister in parishes, and serve others in need. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. May God reward you.

Community Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway: This year it will be at Mauston United Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Dr., Mauston, WI on December 17, 2022 9am-11am. Please spread the word to any families that could use help with Christmas dinner this year.

Our December pancake breakfast to benefit St. Pat’s school will be held on Sunday, December 18. December’s breakfast will benefit the 7th grade students who will also be helping to serve. All are invited to come and enjoy breakfast!

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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 ~

On December 8, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary’s conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 3rd & 4th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Makenna Pouillie

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Carter Field, Landynn & Theron Miller

Musicians:

Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearers: Jim & Anna Vinopal

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Jodi Field

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller

Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke

Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker

Musicians: Ann Benz

Greeters: The Becker Family

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Therese Gunther

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Naome Pouillie

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney

Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie

Gift Bearers: Chris & Bonnie Clark

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Julie Whitney

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 10th & 11th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist

Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser

Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Jack Vinopal

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling

Greeters: Kevin Quist

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearers: Jeri Kolba

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Kerry Randall

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore

Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm

Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke

Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson

Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson & Carol Gross

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearers: Wayne & Chris MacArdy

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Connie Walhovd

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, Johann Wolf

Musicians: Ann Benz, Sharon Kelly

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie

Gift Bearers: John & Ann Hersil

Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Gina Boppart

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, December 19th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train to Benefit the Food Pantry ~

Saturday, December 10th at 4 PM at the Division Street railroad crossing. The Bank of Mauston will be matching donations. Please stop out to see this beautiful Christmas lights display, listen to some wonderful holiday music and support our local food pantries.

St. Patrick School Christmas Program—Sunday, December 11th at 1 PM in the school gym. Everyone is invited to join with our school children as they celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through their Christmas musical “Miracle at Midnight”.

Our PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale is this weekend after all Weekend Masses! Please stop and pick up some Christmas treats!

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

PCCW CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST ~ All Women of St. Patrick's Parish are invited to gather for Breakfast at The Mauston Park Oasis on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 am. Come join us to celebrate CHRISTMAS. (We'll order off the menu.) Please RSVP to Jennifer at the rectory office — 608-847-6054 or stpatrikparishmauston@gmail.com

The St. Patrick's Student Council is hosting a mitten drive from December 1 through December 15. The mittens will be hung by the entryway into school on the Christmas Tree. Once all the mittens are collected, they will be donated to Westside Elementary School. If you would like to donate mittens, please drop them at the school.

Looking for reading material now that the weather is getting colder? Check out our library (next to the elevator). There are a lot of great reads! If you need help selecting something, stop by and ask Father John for a suggestion. He would be happy to recommend a book.

Advent Reflections. Advent is an occasion for us to restore our understanding, celebration and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. The diocese has made available 4 40-minute recordings for you to watch in the comfort of your home during Advent. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. You can watch these recordings at: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/>. Enjoy!

●1st week of Advent: Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch.

●2nd week: Receiving and Adoring Jesus – Communion and Thanksgiving with Fr. Justin Kizewski

●3rd week: Offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father with Msgr. Richard Gilles

●4th week: "Source and Summit" of the Church's Life with Father Steven Weller

Eucharistic Revival: A Minute with Jesus for Dec. 4th How do we get to know Jesus better?

We get to know Jesus better by being with Him “in person.” We do that at Sunday Mass. At the Mass Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and He wants to listen to us, as well as speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: “*Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day*”. This week, read how Mary responds to the words of the angel about her cousin Elizabeth by going to serve her in Luke 1: 39-56

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

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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