



December 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Advent is a great season. It is filled with such great potential. As the start of the new liturgical year, we start fresh. Perhaps it is a time to rebuild your habit of attending Mass. Or it can be a time to look forward to celebrating our communal penance service, opening ourselves to God's grace and mercy.

This season has some great feasts and saints that allow us to celebrate, seeing God's plan of salvation unfolding in their lives. St. Francis Xavier is a wonderful example of the missionary spirit we are all called to have in sharing Jesus with others. His travel to the ends of the earth and willingness to put the Gospel first is a great challenge. Yet we can also share the Good News right where we are with family, friends, co-workers, or classmates; which actually may be more difficult than traveling as a missionary.

St. John Damascene wrote great works of theology and is a doctor of the Church. Perhaps reading dense theology is not our idea of a good time or wonder what does that have to do with me? Yet as he wrote on the Incarnation, Jesus in the flesh, he reminds us that we can see God. He was with us in concrete real ways. How does that play out? Centuries later St. Francis of Assisi would create for us the manger scene. Baby Jesus, God that we can see and picture.

Of course the beloved St. Nicholas. Over time his work of charity was reduced to the giving of gifts, material gifts. Not that it is a bad thing at all, but any of the saints would agree that Jesus Himself is the greatest of gifts. Faith, Hope and Love are not things we can wrap up but some thing we can share all year long.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is our patronal feast day as a nation. Throughout the Advent season we will be hearing about Mary full of grace responding to God's call to be the mother of God. She is always leading us to her Son. Her conception without sin is a great sign of Jesus at work and the unfolding of the plan of salvation that began in the garden after the fall. Mass for the feast day is at 7 pm on December 9th.

There are many other saints in the season that can inspire us. I encourage you to learn more about them. There are many resources out there like our parish library, many videos that can be found on FORMED. On your smart phones there are apps that can help you learn more about those who lived the faith out in ordinary ways and the miraculous.

Beyond the saints there are devotions like the Advent wreath and the Jesse tree that allow us to grow in the faith and are very concrete that we can touch and see. Devotions have a great deal of symbolism that reminds us of the richness of our faith.

With this new season and new year in the Church may you be open to the new ways that God is calling you to live the faith in His Son with even greater joy. Happy Advent.

Father John

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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

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 8, 2019

Sat. Dec. 7	5:00 PM	For the For the <i>Deceased Members of the Bonner & Steiner Families</i>
Sun. Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For the <i>Family and Friends of Ruby Steiner</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Mon. Dec. 9	7:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Barbara (Eaton) Lounsbury</i>
Tue. Dec. 10	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Christine Stazel</i>
Wed. Dec. 11	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i>
Thu. Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Matthew Valitchka</i>
Fri. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Bernard & Darlene Perz</i>
Sat. Dec. 14	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis Morrissey</i>
Sun. Dec. 15	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, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, 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, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Freddie Dziewior, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz and Dave Lewis.

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 and Will Post.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: December 9 ~ Since December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. Mass will be celebrated here at St. Patrick's at 7 PM on Monday, December 9.

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

**Stewardship Corner ~ Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2019
(535 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 5,399.00
On-Line Giving		1,293.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	17.00
Loose Offering	596.15	459.86
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 7,168.86
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 20.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 262,007.95
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 222,477.18

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 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

Wednesday Dec. 11		Rel. Ed Classes
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Dec. 12	9:00 AM	PCCW Breakfast
	10:30—1	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday Dec. 13	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

We welcome Madelynn Marie Herried, daughter of Autumn Herried, who is being baptized this weekend.

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.

Our PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale is this weekend!

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

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"The Loaned Manger," a country - western style Christmas musical will be presented by our students on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Please join us as we celebrate Christmas—country-western style!

Christmas Breakfast ~ All Women of St. Patricks Parish are invited for breakfast at the Mauston Park Oasis on Thursday, Dec.12th at 9:00 am. Come join us to celebrate Christmas and each other! We will order off the menu.

Attention Men—The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, December 17th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

72 families have pledged \$20,580 to date. Thank you!

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 7 & 8

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: David Hoffmann
Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Elliot & Avery Thayer, Nolan Powers
Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker, Dustin Ryberg
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Jacob Brunner
Gift Bearers: Carrol & Corinne Kaiser
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall, Mary Walsh
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore
Servers: Emma Eilers, Channing Sonnenberg,
Sena Vinopal
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
Musicians:

Gift Bearers: Frank & Laura Vinopal
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal, Bev Vinopal
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran, Paul Curran
Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Carter & Nathan Field, Justyna Jakacki
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard
Musicians: Bill Ryan, Martin Wolf
Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field, Carrie Kudick
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Larry & Tina Moore

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 14 & 15

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski
Servers: Landynn Miller, Gracey & Karter Kobylski
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Claire Fischbach
Musicians: Bill Ryan
Gift Bearers: Jim & Jeri Kolba
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske, Laura Schwab
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack
Servers: Eli Schanke, Matthew Gunther
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Amelia Gunther
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers:

Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther, Nancy Schaller
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Jaime Pouillie
Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Jackson Whitney, Johann & Martin Wolf
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Julie & Kevin Whitney
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney, Gina Boppart
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:

Deacon Juan Delgado

Support aging religious. Our second collection this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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 14th from 9AM to 11 AM at Bible Baptist Church on Grayside Avenue.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, December 15th from 9 AM—12 noon
in Reardon Hall.

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

Are you looking for ways to help out your community and spread Christmas Cheer? Go to this link and sign up to help the Salvation Army ring bells!! Lots of shifts are still available at the Walgreen's and Festival in Mauston through December 24th. <https://www.registertoring.com>

Community Christmas Dinner at the Mauston United Methodist Church ~ 420 Suszycki Drive on Wednesday, December 25th. Serving from 11 am—2 pm. All are invited to this free ham dinner. Reservations not necessary but appreciated. Please call 847-5964 by December 21st. Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul for your help in sponsoring this community event.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a WILD GAME FEED on Saturday, January 11th from 6—8 PM in Reardon Hall. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will also be a gun raffle. Watch for more details.

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020 ~ Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

This Thursday, December 12, we celebrate the miraculous apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego. Join us in watching **Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message** on formed.org. This riveting film, narrated by Jim Caviezel, explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

Local Scrip Merchant of the Week:

Ray's Shoes—N. Union Street (in the Union Street Plaza). Everyone likes new shoes for the Holidays. Check out the large selection of quality shoes at Ray's. You're sure to find a pair you will love.

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