



**December 9, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Happy Advent!!

What a wonderful season and a season we need. Christmas carols started right after Halloween, I think, at least it seems that way. Considering the hustle and bustle of Christmas and all of its details, we need Advent. This season allows us to listen to the prophets and see the promises that our heavenly Father has made to us His people. As time seems to go by so quickly I think we need this time to reflect and prepare our hearts. One way of preparing ourselves is through the sacrament of reconciliation. We are having our communal penance service on December 20th at 7 pm.

Taken from the blessing of an Advent wreath: "Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay." If He comes quickly, are we ready?

Candles are not only a reminder of Jesus, the Light of the world. Candles are useful to light things up. This time of year things get so dark so quickly. We know we need light. But spiritually we do not always see the need. We often walk the same route, doing what we do every year. Nonetheless we are to grow in the faith. That means going more deeply into it. That can mean trying something new or allowing something old to speak to us in a new way because of our life experiences.

This coming Saturday we are hosting the Christmas basket distribution for the Mauston area churches. What a great sign of hope to families that may be struggling this time of year. What a great sign also of the unity we find in Christ. This event does not need someone to sign up ahead of time. So if you know of a family that could use this help, encourage them to stop in from 9-11 on Saturday. This allows them to have a good solid meal for Christmas.

Such an event can allow us to see the blessings we have in our lives. Helen Keller is quoted saying "I cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet." Just because we do not have the latest and hottest item of the year does not mean we are facing great trials. Christians in refugee camps outside of Syria can speak of their homes being blown up and schools being burned down. That their homeland has driven them out because of their faith in Jesus.

Advent is that needed season for us to look again at all that has blessed us. How many in the Gospels overlooked a little child born in a manger? Let us look again at our lives and see the graces that are there each and everyday. May your Advent be truly happy in the light of Christ

*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

**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 9th, 2018**

- Sat. Dec. 8 5:00 PM For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle*
- Sun. Dec. 9 8:00 AM For our *Parishioners*  
10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Shirley Craine*
- Tue. Dec. 11 5:30 PM For *Phil Buttner*
- Wed. Dec. 12 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of *John & Mary Vinopal*
- Thu. Dec. 13 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Betty Spaulding*
- Fri. Dec. 14 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Jeri Delgado*
- Sat. Dec. 15 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of *Francis Morrissey*
- Sun. Dec. 16 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of *Mary Jane & Carl Pfaff*  
10:00 AM For our *Parishioners*

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Bonnie Norton, Deb Bey-er, 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.

**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.

**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.

**"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.**

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 1st & 2nd, 2018  
(539 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,090.82	\$ 6,401.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 885.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$ 10.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$ 319.50
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,715.81</b>	<b>\$ 7,615.50</b>
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 10.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 220,463.63
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 191,867.69

\*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. 10	2:00 PM	Holy Hour
Wednesday	Dec. 12		RE Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 13	10:30—1	Rosary Makers - RH
Friday	Dec. 14	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

**Our Christmas Cookie Sale is this weekend!** Please stop by and purchase some delicious home-baked cookies! Thanks for your support!

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.

**St. Patrick School Christmas program is this Sunday, December 9th at 3 PM in the school gym. All are invited to attend!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**—Sunday, December 16th from 9 AM—12 noon in Reardon Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the St. Patrick's School 7th grade class. Free will offering (suggested is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for the family). Join us for some great food and fellowship!

**Attention Men**—The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, December 18th at 7 PM 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 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.

**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.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 8th & 9th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal  
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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 15th & 16th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal  
Extraordinary Ministers: Roxanne Shragal  
Servers: Zach, Annah & Logan Lund  
Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Haley Heath, Doug Martin  
Gift Bearers: Jim & Jeri Kolba  
Scrip Seller: Erin Lund  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,  
Matt Lubinski

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Bridget Gunther  
Servers: Emma Eilers, Dylan & Carson Demaske  
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Ron & Marge Bailey  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan  
Gift Bearers: Kevin Pfaff, Sara Pfaff, Celia Jump  
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske, Nancy Schaller  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,  
Arris Sullivan

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Howard Boppart  
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Beth Crowley  
Servers: Alexis Brow, Ali Roose, Myra Hancock  
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Joelle Curran  
Scrip Seller: Carrie Kudick, Amy Goodman  
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,  
Steve Powers

**2:00 PM Nursing Home Service:**

Deacon Juan Delgado

**Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious** ~ We will be taking a second collection this weekend to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your support! Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.

**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!

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Our goal for this year is \$37,390.00  
Pledged to date: \$24,390.00  
73 families have pledged**

**FORMED....Pick of the Week**

This is the second Sunday of Advent, and this week we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas. In this week's FORMED Pick, hear the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic faith all because of a miraculous and mysterious act of Mary.

This week, go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch 1531—*A Story That is Not Finished Yet.*

**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.

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](http://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!)

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE**—The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to the victims of sexual abuse and their families. To report allegations of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, lay employees or volunteers of the Diocese of La Crosse please fill out the report form found at:

[www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting)

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, at 608-519-8002. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. Such assistance can be received from: Deacon David Allen, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 608-792-9684.