

December 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. We are in the season of Advent. Advent from Latin adventus "coming", is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the second coming of Christ. We have four themes for weeks of Advent. These themes are symbolized by Advent candles on an advent wreath. First candle / Sunday: HOPE (The Prophecy Candle), Second candle / Sunday: PEACE (The Bethlehem Candle), Third candle / Sunday: JOY (The Shepherd's Candle), Fourth candle / Sunday: LOVE (The Angel's Candle). This week I write also about Saint Nicholas' Story. The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to Saint Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast.

In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop. The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding Saint Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season, and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need. Saint Nicholas is a Patron Saint of Bakers, Brides and Grooms, Children, Greece, Pawnbrokers and Travelers.

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 th, 2023

Sat. Dec. 9	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners	
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of John Sustar	
	10:00 AM <i>Members</i>	For the Living & Deceased of the John & Mary Vinopal Family	
Tues. Dec. 12	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Jeri Delgado	
Wed. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Barreau	
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of John E. Walsh	
Thu. Dec. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jean Toth	
Fri. Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Jack Koca	
	10:30 AM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the soul of Bernard Barreau	
Sat. Dec. 16	5:00 PM	For <i>Kelsey Motyka</i>	
Sun. Dec. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Don & Mary Ann Strack	
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners	

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, 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, 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-Villrreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, Fran Schroeder and Kevin.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, 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 Sarazin who passed away last week.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Alice (Donlin) Conrardy who passed away last week. Alice's funeral will be celebrated at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Menomonee Falls, WI on Friday, December 15th. May perpetual light shine upon her.

The St. Patrick Parish Meals Ministry is still looking for volunteers. This ministry operates on an "as needed" basis and is a very minimal commitment. You might be called on to prepare a meal for a Parishioner who has just come home from the hospital and needs a little help with meals for a few days, or for a new mom coming home from the hospital with a baby. You would probably prepare and deliver a few meals per year. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently you will be called. Please call Laurie Oldigs—Pastoral care, at 608-747-2681 to join this wonderful ministry.

Stewardship Corner ~ December 2nd & 3rd, 202	3			
(493 Registered Families)				

**V	VKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 5,003.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 2,882.00
Children's Envelope	es 14.42	\$ 7.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 469.00
Total Weekly Offering	ng: \$ 9,149.02	\$ 8,361.00

Year-to-date amount contributed
*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

Year-to-date* budget requirement

\$219,576.48

\$169,316.65

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. 12	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face		
			to Jesus Devotions		
Wednesday	Dec. 13		Religious Ed Classes		
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
Thursday	Dec. 14	9:00 AM	PCCW Breakfast		
		10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH		
Friday	Dec. 15	8:45 AM	Friday Folders		

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 placed on the memorial tree and published in the bulletin for Christmas.

This Advent Season, our 2nd Grade First Communicants and their families 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: Avalynn Lubinski & Atty Tambornino

8 AM: Charlotte Graves 10 AM: Riley Fuller

Flowers for Mary

The bouquet for December 1^{st} – 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.

^{**} Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 for this fiscal year.

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 Treml, 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 16th & 17th Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jeri Kolba

Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Gorski

Servers: Owen Lubinski, Jack & Mary Vinopal

Musicians: Ann Benz Greeters: Kevin Quist

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field

Gift Bearer: Dick & Natalie Schwab Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM Lector: Bridget Gunther

Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, Canaan Becker

Musicians: Ann Benz

Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Pam Zolondek

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

Gift Bearers:

Scrip Seller: Donna Miller, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 10:00 AM Lector: Connie Walhovd

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney

Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, Johann Wolf

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Bill Thill Ushers: Clinton Pouillie

Gift Bearers: Matt & Michelle Komiskey Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney, Jeri Kolba

Thank you all of the ladies that donated cookies, helped package and sell cookies for our COOKIE SALE last weekend. It was a huge success! Truly appreciated!

~ Mary Ann Allaby, Organizer

Spirit and Spark will be sharing the sounds of Christmas at the Hatch Public Library at 2PM on Saturday, December 16th. All invited to come and listen!

Community Christmas Dinner~ Mauston Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Dr. Monday, December 25th from 11 AM to 1 Pm. Please come and fellowship with others from the community while you enjoy a free ham dinner. Reservations are not necessary but are appreciated.—608-847-5964.

Our Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection is THIS WEEKEND. 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.

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal has begun. 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. Information regarding the appeal was mailed to every parish family this week. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support this appeal and please be generous in your giving.





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: style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; would like to join our parish, please check out our website: style="color: blue;">style="col

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