



December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Gaudete Sunday! Break out the Rose vestments. A reminder of joy in this season of preparation. In life and in the faith we are to find joy. Jesus speaks of it in the Gospel of St. John and wants our joy to be complete. Do we have that? Joy and joy that is radiating out of us?

One of the ways to have the joy of the season is our school Christmas program. We have it this Sunday at 1 pm in the school gym. They have been practicing and getting ready to sing their hearts out. I encourage you to come and enjoy their efforts to spread Christmas cheer.

Another way in which people's lives will be filled with cheer is the Christmas boxes that the churches of Mauston will be handing out on December 17th from 9 am until all are gone or 11 am. We prepare 150 boxes with food for a Christmas meal. If you know of a neighbor who is in need or a family that may be struggling as prices have gone up on everything, feel comfortable stopping and picking one up for them. The Methodist Church is hosting the Christmas box give away. What a great way of living out the Work of Mercy: feeding the hungry.

If you are hungry next Sunday we are having our Knights of Columbus and Seventh graders putting on a Pancake Breakfast. A nice hot breakfast in December, what a treat. Please stop in and support them and enjoy the meal.

Getting ready for the birth of Jesus happens on many different levels. One obvious one is spiritual. To help with that we are having our communal penance service on December 22nd at 7 pm. There will be neighboring priests here to hear confessions and help you prepare for Christmas welcoming baby Jesus and all the graces of the season.

A completely different area of preparation has been the Inspired by the Spirit campaign. Many have been generous in making their pledge. Because of those pledges and gifts to the parish we are able to start the "refreshing" of the church interior. The plan to paint, replace the current carpet and add a wood floor to the sanctuary is able to begin on May 1, 2023. If all goes according to plan the project will be completed before the Fall Festival. If you were wondering about the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and would like to offer your pledge, there are cards in the back of church or feel free to stop by the office. Such a big project needs many hands to make it happen. I am grateful to the Building and Grounds Committee, Finance Council and our ad hoc interior design committee for all their help, support and advice as this project goes forward.

Now for a little joy with the following.

- So there was this pirate who was walking around wearing a paper towel for a hat. I asked him, "What's with the paper towel?" And he replied, "Arr, I got a Bounty on me head."
- What time do most people go to the dentist? At tooth-hurty.
- How do you clean a sousaphone? With a tuba toothpaste.
- What do you call a camel with three humps? Humphrey.
- Knock, knock! Who's there? Freddie. Freddie who? Freddie or not, here I come!
- My therapist said I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.
- There were two fish in a tank. One said to the other, "Do you know how to drive this thing?"
- What do you call an impolite kangaroo? Kanga-RUDE.

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 11, 2022

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>
Tue.	Dec. 13	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
Wed.	Dec. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
		6:15 PM	For <i>the Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Joe Buttner Sr. Family</i>
Thu.	Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For <i>All Deceased Members of the</i> <i>Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Fri.	Dec. 16	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Elton & Dorothy Noble and Alphonse & Sena Schwab</i>
Sat.	Dec. 17	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Sun.	Dec. 18	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</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 Euclono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nicolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Dougherty, 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 Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Janel and Randy Mulenberg.

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.

Congratulations to Tyler Dolata & Danielle Spencer who were married in our church this weekend! Let us all pray for God's blessings for them as they begin their married life.

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.

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.

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.

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 ~ December 3rd & 4th, 2022
(506 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 5,404.00
On-Line Giving		2,670.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	23.00
Loose Offering	385.00	413.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 8,510.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 199,066.12
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 182,804.95

*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. 13	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Dec. 14		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 15	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday	Dec. 16	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Retirement for Religious Collection: Give in Thanksgiving ~ This Weekend—December 10th & 11th. 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 second collection this weekend, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. May God reward you for your generosity.

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".

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.

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 7th grade St. Patrick's class after Mass on Sunday, December 18th for a pancake breakfast in Reardon Hall. The K of C and the St. Pat's 7th graders are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with sausage, juice and fresh cut fruit. Funds raised from the breakfast will go towards a fun class event at the end of the year for the 7th graders. The breakfast is open to all parishioners and the community. Invite others to come with on Sunday December 18th anytime between 8:30 and noon.

The annual Report to the Parish is now available. This report is for the July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022 fiscal year. The cover letter is included in this bulletin with full copies of the report available on the table in the gathering area. The report was also emailed out to those parishioners who we have email addresses for.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 17th & 18th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jeri Kolba
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians:
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearers: Veronica Sustar
Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca
Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Bridget Neitzel
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack
Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Bill Curran
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik
Servers: Caroline Marien, Leia Kocyan
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Bill and Joelle Curran
Scrip Sellers: Jeri Kolba, Julie Whitney

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Please use *SCRIP* whenever you can to help support our school.

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.

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. 11th
Does Jesus understand everything about me?**

Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him. This week, read how the angel appears to Joseph and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in Matthew 1: 18-25. Note: Mary and Joseph were married in the Jewish tradition, which is referred to as being betrothed. There are 2 parts to betrothal: marriage and then, after one year, sharing a common home.

Our Savior is Born!
Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Advent Penance Service—Thursday, December 22—7 PM

Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses on Saturday, December 24
— 4 PM and 11 PM
(Singing of Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30 PM)

Christmas Day—Masses on Sunday, December 25
—8 AM and 10 AM

Feast of the Holy Family—Mass on Friday, December 30
—8 AM

Solemnity of Mary—Masses on Saturday, December 31
—5 PM and Sunday, January 1—8 AM and 10 AM

Epiphany of the Lord—Masses on Saturday, January 7—5 PM
and Sunday, January 8—8 AM & 10 AM

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