



December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

This season of Advent, of conversion and preparation, of waiting for the coming of the Messiah, is a full one. We began the month with the arrival of Fr. Cryton. He is settling in and this past weekend celebrated Mass with us here at St. Patrick. Please stop and say "Hi" and perhaps introduce yourself again as all of our faces are new to him.

This past Monday was the feast day of St. Nicholas. What a great story of faith and witness. He was a martyr of the early church. Coca-Cola may have given us the image of what we think of when we think of Santa Claus, but the red is for the shedding of his blood.

This past Wednesday was our patronal feast day; the Immaculate Conception. Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin and was kept sinless her whole life. What a great gift that Jesus gave her. She had total freedom to say "Yes" to the Archangel.

Perhaps there are things that keep us from that freedom to say "Yes" to what God asks of us. We can be very focused on ourselves or our plans in our very busy lives. That is where the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation comes into play for all of us. That gift is not one we will find under a tree but was won for us on the tree of the Cross.

So as a reminder confessions are heard at St. Patrick's on Saturdays from 4 pm till Mass at 5 pm. (You could receive two sacraments in one day!) Also on First Saturdays following Mass. God's mercy is always there for us, we just need to show up.

In this season of Advent there will be an additional time for confession.

December 16th at 7 pm for our communal penance service.

Nothing like last minute shopping, I mean confessing, to get ready for the celebration of Christmas.

Our readings focus us on Joy, a gift of the Holy Spirit. The people ask St. John the Baptist, "what should we do?" Always a good question to ask, especially of Jesus in our daily lives. Is what we are doing bringing us joy? Which is different from happiness or satisfaction. The Rose candle and vestments are that outside manifestation and reminder of the joy we are to have in our lives. Advent is a time of preparation to receive the source of joy, Jesus. So in these remaining weeks, where is our joy or what do we need to change to live joyfully? To freely say "yes" to all the good that Jesus has planned for us because of His birth, death and resurrection.

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

Thursdays at 2:00 PM

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 12, 2021

Sat.	Dec. 11	5:00 PM	For <i>All Deceased Members of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Sun.	Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tue.	Dec. 14	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dennis Schmocker</i>
Wed.	Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Carl, Marion & John Modrich</i>
		6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joe Krhounek</i>
Thu.	Dec. 16	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
Fri.	Dec. 17	8:00 AM	For Kelsey Motyka
Sat.	Dec. 18	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Maurice Murray</i>
Sun.	Dec. 19	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 Eucono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Marty, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplowski, Emma Boehm and Liz A.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, 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, Will Post, Adam Field, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasinski.

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 16th at 7 PM.

Retirement Fund For Religious ~ The annual collection for the national *Retirement Fund for Religious* is this weekend ~ December 11-12. This collection helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Religious in our diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Please plan to give generously.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your January issue is available at the rectory.

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

Stewardship Corner ~ December 4th & 5th 2021 (524 Registered Families)

**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING		ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,384.62	\$ 5,500.00
On-Line Giving		2,854.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	4.00
Loose Offering	385.00	400.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,779.23	8,758.00

Budget Contingency Fund	\$ 35.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$201,922.29
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$193,136.47

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to current date

**** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 170,603 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. 14	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Wednesday	Dec. 15		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
		8:00 PM	Time of Prayer in Church
Thursday	Dec. 16	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		2:00 PM	Rosary in Church
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Dec. 17	6:30 AM	"That Man is You"
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, December 21st at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

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 20th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

Bishop's Annual Appeal ~ Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards so far. Our goal for this year is \$41,140. **We currently have 63 families who have pledged \$25,945.** If you did not receive a pledge card, please give the rectory office a call and we will be happy to send one to you.

Our St. Patrick School Christmas Program is THIS Sunday, December 12th at 2 PM (doors open at 1:30 PM). All are invited! Please come and enjoy some holiday cheer!

Plan on coming to next Sunday's (December 19th) Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Breakfast will be served from 9 to noon in Reardon Hall. Students and parents of St. Patrick's 7th grade class are assisting the Knights for this event. A suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family free will offering will be collected with all proceeds over costs going to the St. Pat's 7th grade class needs. Join us for breakfast after Mass and share fellowship with parishioners.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 11th & 12th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser
Servers: Jack Vinopal, Landynn and Theron Miller
Musicians: John and Nancy Noga
Greeters:
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Jacob Barnes, Holden Eckerman, Eli Schanke
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Jonathan Riley, Edmund Riley, Kaden Cook
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Kris Mazur
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppart

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 18th & 19th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Sharon Kelly
Greeters:
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Fran Lunenschloss, Tom Schoettler

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Cody & Blake Komiskey
Musicians: Ann Benz, Cristina Becker
Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Sue Hollenbeck
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Avery Thayer, Caroline Marien, & Johann Wolf
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters:
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli & Johannes Boppart

Food Fight Night ~ St. Patrick's Boys Basketball teams will be having a bake sale on Monday, December 13th during their basketball games starting at 5 PM. Everyone is invited to St. Patrick's School and watch our boys take on Baraboo's St. Joseph's School and purchase some individually wrapped home baked items. Proceeds will go to the Mauston Community Sharing Pantry and will be matched by the First Weber Foundation.

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays at 3 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world. For more information, contact Deacon Juan or Jan Mullenberg.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Time: The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.

Praying the Rosary: Join us on Thursdays at 2 PM in church to pray the rosary. The intention for each week is posted on our parish Facebook page.

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.

Our Savior is Born!

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Advent Penance Service—Thursday, December 16—7 PM

Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses on Friday, December 24
— 4 PM and 11 PM

Christmas Day—Mass on Saturday, December 25—10 AM

NO Saturday, December 25—5 PM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family—Masses on Sunday, December 26—8 AM and 10 AM

Solemnity of Mary—Mass on Saturday, January 1—10 AM

Epiphany of the Lord—Masses on Saturday, January 1—5 PM and Sunday, January 2—8 AM & 10 AM



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