



December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday". The antiphon for the Mass begins with "Rejoice". As we should since Christmas is that much closer. The Savior that much closer. God in the flesh with us. We should be filled with joy. Why not cry out and rejoice?

Looking ahead to that great day of rejoicing, we have been keeping track of how many have signed up for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We are currently up to about a 100 people. That is getting us close to our 25% capacity. So I am encouraging you to look at the 11 pm Mass Christmas Eve night or the 10 am Mass on Christmas Day.

December 17th is the date of our parish Communal Penance Service. The service begins at 7 pm. There is so much going on or details to take care of for Christmas, even in 2020. But we can't forget to get spiritually ready also. Please take the time for prayer. To find those moments that are quiet and peaceful.

It has taken me a bit of time, but I realized that we have three Rose vestments. Since it is Gaudete Sunday I am looking forward to wearing a different vestment for each Mass. Rose is the liturgical color of joy. So as we light the third candle, the rose candle, we are reminded of the joy Jesus brings. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is more than just being happy. Happiness can come and go very easily and is usually based on outside influences. Joy as a gift/fruit is not lost until we let go of it. May your time of prayer this Advent season allow God to make room in your heart for all of His gifts, especially that of Joy.

As we think of joy, enjoy the following to add a smile to your day.

- Today I screwed in a light bulb, crossed the road, walked into a bar, and realized my entire life is a joke.
- My brother accidentally swallowed a frog! *Oh, no! Is he okay?* No! He could croak at any moment.
- What is the definition of a good tax accountant? Someone who has a loophole named after him.
- What's the one thing that never works if it's fixed? A jury.
- What do you call Santa when he forgets to put on underwear? Saint Knickersless.
- Why did the cowboy get a lot of laughs? Because he was always horsing around.
- Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor? He felt crummy.
- What does an astronaut use to keep his feet warm? A space heater.

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 beginning at 12 Noon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of December 13, 2020

Sat. Dec. 12	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Marcella (Judy) Prengel</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Kueppers</i>
Tue. Dec. 15	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i>
Wed. Dec. 16	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ruth Penzkover</i>
Thu. Dec. 17	8:00 AM	For <i>Kelsey Motyka</i>
Fri. Dec. 18	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Baby Elledge</i>
Sat. Dec. 19	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis Morrissey</i>
Sun. Dec. 20	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, Joe Dolphin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil., MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Randall Stanke and Jerry Neve.

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, Will Post, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

We welcome Vivian Jo Pingel, daughter of Lee and Christa (Beranek) Pingel, who is being baptized this weekend.

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

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 17th at 7 PM.

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 5th & 6th 2020
(521 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 7,307.00
On-Line Giving		3,132.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	1.00
Loose Offering	688.68	88.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$10,528.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 45.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$325,746.48
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$196,071.48

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 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

Tuesday	Dec. 15	6:00 PM	Soup w/ Substance—RH
		7:00 PM	KC Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Dec. 16		Religious Ed Classes
Thursday	Dec. 17	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 PM
(registration is required for this Mass)
- Thursday, December 24th at 11:00 PM
—Caroling at 10:30 PM
- Friday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
- Saturday, December 26th at 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 27th at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- Thursday, December 31st at 5:00 PM
(*Mary, Mother of God*)
- Friday, January 1st at 12:00 noon
(*Mary, Mother of God*)



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK ~ SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE ~ Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Retirement Fund For Religious Collection—December 12 & 13 ~ Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. This week's collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously. You may leave your donations in the collection boxes—please mark them "Retirement for Religious".

Soup with Substance on December 15th. We will meet for Mass at 5:30pm and then head down to Reardon Hall for a light dinner and discussion ending right around 7pm. Please bring a Bible and notebook if you would like. Email re@stpatrickismauston.com or call 747-2681 if you plan to attend the light dinner and discussion.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Tuesday, December 15th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Mauston Area Ministerial Association Christmas Dinner Basket Give Away will be Saturday, December 19th from 9 AM until 11 AM (or until gone) at Faith Christian Church (Hwy 12 & 16 North). You do not need to pre-register.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Pat's 7th grade class are holding a "no bake" pancake breakfast fundraiser after each of the masses December 19th and 20th. Due to the restrictions during the pandemic, the St. Pat's 7th grade class and Knights members will collect donations in the gathering area after each of the weekend masses in place of the traditional pancake breakfast. Funds will go towards a fun class activity at the end of the school year.

Christmas Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection boxes or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by December 18th in time for the names to be published for Christmas.

Attention Ladies ~ The PCCW will NOT meet in December or January. Circle treasurers should make sure to include the \$100 per circle assessment on their next treasurer's report.


SCRIP
Need GIFT CARDS for Christmas shopping or to give as gifts? Stop by the rectory and see what we have for Scrip Cards!

Christ, Our Cornerstone Campaign

This weekend we will have a special presentation for you regarding our Cathedral steeple renovation project and the **Christ Our Cornerstone** campaign. Since its dedication in 1962, St. Joseph, the Workman Cathedral has been an icon of faith and a magnificent place of worship. As the Mother Church of the Diocese, she has welcomed all within her walls, whether it be generations of faithful parish families or visitors from near and far. As Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, our Cathedral is the cornerstone of our diocese.

More than simply a building, Father Billy Dodge, Pastor of the Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse, reminds us that our Cathedral is "a book, but in structure. It is our faith in stone and as Catholics, wherever we are in the Diocese of La Crosse, we have a building to be proud of. This is a statement of our faith."

Now, it is our time to make a difference in the life and future of our Mother Church. This weekend, we will be unveiling an unprecedented opportunity for us to join together as one body united in Christ and take part in this momentous effort!

Gaudete Sunday—The Third Sunday of Advent

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The Term "Gaudete." Gaudete is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in looking back to remember the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened by the importance of his birth that he was born to save people from their sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

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