



# December 15, 2019

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FROM OUR PASTOR

Rose Sunday. Rejoice Sunday. We are deeper into the Advent season. We have been preparing our hearts and heeding the words of St. John the Baptist from last week and repenting, turning our hearts to the Lord who is coming. It is that sense of anticipation we are to be building. The high feast days of the Church gives us much to reflect upon. Yes we look forward to the birth of Jesus, but are we also enjoying the journey to get there?

The prophets, especially Isaiah, have much to say to us. Jesus has come to fulfill all their words. Jesus is the answer that the Father has spoken to His people. We also have St. John the Baptist preparing the way. Both his actions and words speak to us, calling us as the people of God ever closer to the Lord's plan for our salvation.

God has a plan for His people (salvation) and a plan for each one of us, known as our vocation. For the last number of years Eric Mashak and Timothy Reither have answered God's call with their time of preparations in the seminary. They both are studying in Rome at the North American College. Eric and his family are parishioners at St. John the Baptist in Cooks Valley where I was pastor. I had Eric serving for me at the Sunday Masses. Timothy is a member at St. Charles parish in Chippewa Falls and he had served as organist at many of the Masses at St. John Parish.

I will be leading, along with Msgr. Gorman, a pilgrimage to Italy for their ordination to the Diaconate. The dates to plan and look forward to are September 23-October 3, 2020. Which seems like a long way off, but with any planning the sooner you start the better. It is open to anyone in the diocese or with connections to the families of Eric and Timothy.

Some of the stops on this great trip are: Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Manoppello and Rome. Mass is planned for each day at some of the key sites. There will be brochures at the rectory for more information.

So there is much to prepare for. What do we look forward to? Plan for? How in the midst of all our plans, does Jesus fit in? That is the point of Advent, this season of preparation; especially on Rose/Rejoice Sunday knowing how much closer our Lord is to coming to us!

On that note of joy, enjoy the following.

- What did the pessimistic snowboarder say when he got off the lift? It's all downhill from here.
- What is an astronaut's favorite place on a computer? The space bar.
- I got fired from my job as a taxi driver. My customers didn't like it when I went the extra mile.
- Which bird has the worst manners? A mocking bird.
- What type of computer does a horse like to eat? A Macintosh.
- What kind of tree grows in your hand? A palm tree.
- What do you get when you cross a pig with a Christmas tree? A porcu-pine.

*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

### **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 15, 2019**

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of  
*Francis Morrissey*

Sun. Dec. 15 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of  
*Laverne & Rose Schaller*

10:00 AM For *our Parishioners*

Tue. Dec. 17 5:30 PM For *Kelsey Motyka*

Wed. Dec. 18 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of  
*John Modjeski*

2:00 PM FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME  
For the *Deceased Members*  
*of the Sersen, Peseck, Narowitz and Reindel Families*

6:00 PM For the repose of the soul of  
*Jan Schmitt*

Thu. Dec. 19 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of  
*E. Jay Valitchka*

Fri. Dec. 20 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of  
*Carol Bonafacchi*

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of  
*Howard G. Rose*

Sun. Dec. 22 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of  
*Don Strack*

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, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, 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, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz and Dave Lewis.

**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 and Will Post.

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

**Thank you to EVERYONE** for supporting our PCCW Christmas Cookie Sale. We appreciate you—whether you donated or bought cookies!! Thank you! Thank you! We made \$939.00 on the sale!

**Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 7th & 8th, 2019  
(535 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 6,457.00
Immaculate Conception		338.00
Christmas		100.00
On-Line Giving		2,255.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	10.00
Loose Offering	596.15	651.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 9,811.50
Budget Contingency Fund		\$
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 273,399.60
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 242,288.68

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 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. 17	7:00 PM	KC's Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Dec. 18		Rel. Ed Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 19	10:30—1	Rosary Makers—RH
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Dec. 20	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

**Making a good confession is the best way to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Christmas. Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be this week on Thursday, December 19th at 7 PM.**

**Attention Men**—The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, December 17th 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 18th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

**Are you looking for ways to help out** your community and spread Christmas Cheer? Go to this link and sign up to help the Salvation Army ring bells!! Lots of shifts are still available at the Walgreen's and Festival in Mauston through December 24th. <https://www.registertoring.com>

**Community Christmas Dinner** at the Mauston United Methodist Church ~ 420 Suszycki Drive on Wednesday, December 25th. Serving from 11 am—2 pm. All are invited to this free ham dinner. Reservations not necessary but appreciated. Please call 847-5964 by December 21st. Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul for your help in sponsoring this community event.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"**

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

**72 families have pledged \$20,580 to date. Thank you!**

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 14 & 15**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba  
Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski  
Servers: Landynn Miller, Gracey & Karter Kobylski  
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Claire Fischbach  
Musicians: Bill Ryan

Gift Bearers: Jim & Jeri Kolba  
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske, Laura Schwab  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack  
Servers: Eli Schanke, Matthew Gunther  
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Amelia Gunther  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Gift Bearers:  
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther, Nancy Schaller  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,  
Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Jaime Pouillie  
Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Jackson Whitney, Johann & Martin Wolf  
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Gift Bearers: Julie & Kevin Whitney  
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney, Gina Boppart  
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,  
Jim Allaby

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:**

Deacon Juan Delgado

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 21 & 22**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie  
Extraordinary Minister: David Hoffmann  
Servers: Braden Heath, Ali Roose  
Greeters: Monica Niles, Donna Bollig, Dustin Ryberg  
Musicians:

Gift Bearers: Gary Rose  
Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,  
Dustin Ryberg

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Gail Boehm, Veronica Sustar  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, Cody Komiskey  
Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore  
Musicians:

Gift Bearers: The Mary Ann Strack Family  
Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,  
Dave Netzer

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck  
Extraordinary Minister: Mary Beth Crowley  
Servers: Christian Brow, Jasper & Dylan Walsh  
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Naomi Pouillie  
Gift Bearers: JK & Kim Walsh  
Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh  
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,  
Jim Allaby

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:**

Chitra & Elaine Garrigan

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, December 15th from 9 AM—12 noon  
in Reardon Hall.

**Religious give thanks.** “Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection. Our parish collected \$2,134.11 for the Retirement for Religious Fund.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be holding a WILD GAME FEED on Saturday, January 11th from 6—8 PM in Reardon Hall. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will also be a gun raffle. Watch for more details.

**March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020** ~ Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah See [www.dioc.org/respect-life](http://www.dioc.org/respect-life) for more information

**March for Life! Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020** ~ Diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit [www.dioc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/](http://www.dioc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/) for information and online registration.

**2020 Gala ~ Saturday, February 8th at The Lodge in Mauston!** Mark your calendars! Tickets will be on sale soon. Entertainment provided by “Piano Fondue” Dueling Pianos!

**Formed ~ Pick of the Week**

Join Dr. Scott Hahn in preparation for Advent by listening to “*Prepare the Way of the King*” on [formed.org](http://formed.org). This talk by Dr. Hahn invites us to journey deeper and further into the season in order to truly be prepared for the coming of Christ.

**Planning for the future is hard when you’re still paying for the past!** Listen—there’s a better way! Join the Financial Peace University class and learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . Interested? Join Maggie Horabik at St. Francis of Assisi Parish starting Monday, January 27, 2020.

Feel free to message Maggie at [maggie.horabik@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.horabik@gmail.com) with your questions or sign up at [fpu.com/1103758](http://fpu.com/1103758) !

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM and 11:00 PM  
—Caroling at 10:30 PM  
Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, December 28th at 5:00 PM  
Sunday, December 29th at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30 PM (*Mary, Mother of God*)  
Wednesday, January 1st at 12:00 noon (*Mary, Mother of God*)

**Local Scrip Merchant of the Week:**

**MBMC Phillips Pharmacy** ~ We hope you are not sick for Christmas, but if you are, stop at MBMC Phillips Pharmacy for medicines and remedies to help you fill better!

**DON’T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR  
SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!**