



December 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR:

Please put on your calendar December 20th at 7 pm for our communal penance service. We probably have done a great deal to get ready for Christmas, yet I think that would be the outside stuff. Our penance service allows us to prepare our heart and soul where our Lord longs to be so that we can know the peace the angels sang of on the night of His birth.

To help us meditate more deeply in this Advent season on what God is doing for us, I offer you the words of Douglas Bushman.

“Our love for God is a response to his love for us: ‘We love because He first loved us’ (1 Jn 4:19). Faith in God’s love cannot remain mere data to be acknowledged because love desires to make a gift of itself. God reveals his love so that we might receive it. He wants us to know that He loves us because He wants us to desire to be loved. At that moment, we desire what He desires; God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

God’s love is transformative, making us participate in His own love. This in turn orders all of our love. Because He is infinite in perfection and goodness, we love God without measure, with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mk12:30). Our love for others, including ourselves, is rightly ordered when we love them as God loves them, desiring their happiness, which comes by fulfilling His plan for their lives, that is, their vocation. We love others for God and because of God by supporting them--by prayer, example, teaching, encouragement--to respond to God’s love by embracing their vocation in order to live fully his plan of love.”

So as we hear that Love is incarnate and has taken on our flesh, lets look at the ways we can do that in our daily lives. How can we express love? The Father gives us the Son for our salvation. What do we give one another? May we consider those things that can not be wrapped up and placed under a tree. What can we offer to answer some basic needs of people such as: the need to be understood, the need to belong (even in our own families), the need to be transparent (in appropriate ways), the need to think critically about our faith and life (hence the willingness to deepen our faith in prayer and study), and the need for guidance?

In other words, how are we there for one another? Jesus is our Good Shepherd, He walks with us always. In these remaining days of Advent may we joyfully walk with each other wherever the road of life may take us. As we are not perfect, may we be open to His mercy and grace to help us all along the way.

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

HOLY HOUR

Mondays at 2:00 PM

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 16th, 2018

Sat. Dec. 15 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Francis Morrissey

Sun. Dec. 16 8:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
Mary Jane & Carl Pfaff

10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Tue. Dec. 18 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Vivian Moore

Wed. Dec. 19 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Shirley Craine

2:00 PM FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME
For the repose of the souls of
Bernard & Gale Ryczek

Thu. Dec. 20 8:00 AM For *Marie Boehm*

Fri. Dec. 21 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased*
Members of the Irvin Osterloh Family

Sat. Dec. 22 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Dr. C. J. Laridaen

Sun. Dec. 23 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, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, John Kueppers, Shirley Mills, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Sandy Sarazin, 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, John Sustar, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Kelly Kellaher, Mary Taylor, Paulette Wells, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Fran Skalak and the Johnston Family.

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 and Zachary Bader.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council 2770 will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and car magnets after Mass during Advent. Cost is \$ 5.00 each. Please help spread the Good News of Christ's Birth by purchasing a sign or magnet today.

Stewardship Corner ~ December 8th & 9th, 2018
(539 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,090.82	\$ 6,958.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 1,174.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 980.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$ 18.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$ 996.75
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,715.81	\$ 10,126.75
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 331.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 230,179.44
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 201,994.44

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 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

Monday	Dec. 17	2:00 PM	Holy Hour
Tuesday	Dec. 18	7:00 PM	KC Meeting—RH
Wednesday	Dec. 19		RE Classes
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Dec. 20	10:30—1	Rosary Makers - RH
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Dec. 21	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Sunday, December 16th from 9 AM—12 noon in Reardon Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the St. Patrick's School 7th grade class. Free will offering (suggested is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for the family). Join us for some great food and fellowship!

Attention Men—The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, December 18th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!
Scrip is available during the week at the school office and at every weekend Mass.

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 20th at 7 PM.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th at 4:00 PM and 11:00 PM
—Caroling at 10:30 PM

Tuesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
(No Masses—December 26th and 27th)

Friday, December 28th at 8:00 AM

Saturday, December 29th at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 30th at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
(No Mass—Monday, December 31st)

Tuesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM
(Mary, Mother of God)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 15th & 16th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Roxanne Shragal
Extraordinary Ministers: Roxanne Shragal
Servers: Zach, Annah & Logan Lund
Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker
Musicians: Ann Benz, Haley Heath, Doug Martin
Gift Bearers: Jim & Jeri Kolba
Scrip Seller: Erin Lund
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Matt Lubinski

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Bridget Gunther
Servers: Emma Eilers, Dylan & Carson Demaske
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm, Ron & Marge Bailey
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan
Gift Bearers: Kevin Pfaff, Sara Pfaff, Celia Jump
Scrip Seller: Molly Demaske, Nancy Schaller
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Howard Boppart
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Beth Crowley
Servers: Alexis Brow, Ali Roose, Myra Hancock
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Bill & Joelle Curran
Scrip Seller: Carrie Kudick, Amy Goodman
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,
Steve Powers

10:00 AM: Nursing Home Service:

Deacon Juan Delgado

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 22nd & 23rd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: David Hoffmann
Extraordinary Minister: David Hoffmann
Servers: Elliot Thayer, Carter Scully, Sena Vinopal
Greeters: Joan Potter, Monica Niles, Donna Bollig
Musicians: Ann Benz, Heidi Randall
Gift Bearers: Heath & Cassie Thayer
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Matt Lubinski

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore
Extraordinary Minister:
Servers: Christopher Fry, Jacob Barnes, Matthew Gunther
Greeters: Geri Shore, Kathleen Quinn, Bridget Gunther
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,
Arris Sullivan

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran, Olivia Lulich
Extraordinary Minister: Sue Hollenbeck
Servers: Eli Boppart, Ethan Lulich, Landynn Miller
Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan
Gift Bearers: Howard & Gina Boppart
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,
Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary: No Rosary this week.

Retirement Fund for Religious (Share in the Care) Collection—thank you for supporting our senior religious last weekend. Our parish collected \$3,115.21 You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity. Thank you again.

Thank you to EVERYONE for supporting our PCCW Cookie Walk. We appreciate you—whether you donated or bought cookies!! Thank you! Thank you! We made \$776.00 on the sale!

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 19th in time for the names to be published at Christmas.

Our Knights of Columbus men are now selling raffle tickets for their annual raffle. Top prize is \$50,000! Purchase your ticket(s) from any KC member!

Families – Your Feast Day is Almost Here! ~ Dec. 30th is the feast of the Holy Family. It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist. What will your family do on the 30th to celebrate your feast day? For ideas go to: www.catholicicing.com.

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those that we love. What better gift could you give someone than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic or practicing Catholic to attend Mass with you this Advent Season. And for Adults that have not received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, please join us for our Inquiry sessions on Tuesday Nights at the School 6pm following the Daily Mass at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend these sessions and explore what it means to be Catholic. Call Cassandra at 847-6054 or email questions to re@stpatricksmauston.com.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our goal for this year is \$37,390.00

Pledged to date: \$25,465.00

77 families have pledged

FORMED....Pick of the Week

In this third week of Advent, as we get close to Christmas, add this week's FORMED Pick to your Christmas movie watch list! Kids will love watching their favorite character, Brother Francis, as he reminds us who we celebrate at Christmas with heartwarming lessons and joyful tunes.

This week, go to formed.org and watch *Brother Francis: O Holy Night*.

Schwan's Cares Program

Through December 27th, Schwan's will donate 20% of your purchases back to St. Patrick's School if you use our school code: 43373.

Please invite your family and friends to support our school by using this code too. To place an order, visit schwans-cares.com/c/43373 or call 1-855-870-7208 and provide campaign ID #43373. (From December 28th through March 27th, we will earn 5% back!)

ADVENT IS A TIME FOR JOY.

This joy is rooted in the knowledge that God has loved us so much that he sent a Savior to us, in order that we ourselves might be saved.

Other area Communal Penance Services are Sunday, December 16 at Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah at 3 PM and on Tuesday, December 18 at St. Patrick in Sparta at 7 PM.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th. Hours during the remainder of Christmas week will be limited. If you are planning to come to the rectory, please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

The Mauston United Methodist Church will be hosting Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, December 25th, from 11 AM—2PM. All are invited to join them. Reservations are not necessary but are helpful for planning. Please call MUMC at 847-5964.

Year-End Giving ~ The last collections for the calendar year of 2018 will be the weekend of December 29-30. Contributions will be applied in the year received. If contributions are mailed, the envelope must be postmarked before the end of the year in order to be applied to this year. Thank you for your generous giving.

Please join us in Reardon Hall for making rosaries for the missions, Thursdays from 10:30 - 1pm. Materials and instructions will be provided. For more info please call: Fran Watry 565-6897 or Shirley Buttner 666-2955.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago ~ There are two excellent opportunities to March for Life in 2019.

The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 16-20, 2019. Visit www.dioc.org/yya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up.

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

~~~ON LINE GIVING~~~

There are post cards in the pews with instructions on setting up your On—Line Giving Account. Need more help? Just call the rectory. Or you can visit our website, www.stpatrickismauston.com and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 24th & 25th

Monday, December 24th— 4:00 PM

Lectors: School Children
Extraordinary Ministers: Roxanne Shragal
Servers: School Children
Greeters: School Children
Musicians: School Children
Gift Bearers: School Children
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman, Matt Lubinski

Monday, December 24th—11:00 PM

Lectors: Gracelyn Footit
Extraordinary Ministers: Carrol Kaiser, Corinne Kaiser
Servers:
Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan

Tuesday, December 25th—10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran Paul Curran
Extraordinary Ministers: Gina Boppart
Servers:
Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: The Beth Wafle Family
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby, Steve Powers

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on weekends. Parents may request baptism for their child by calling the rectory to schedule a preparation class for Baptism.

Marriage: Couples requesting marriage in the Church should contact the parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Individuals who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion should contact the rectory.

New Parish Members: All adult Catholics (who have turned 18) should be registered in a parish community. To register, please contact the rectory for this easy process.

Christian Initiation of Adults: We welcome those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please call the rectory for information on our welcoming ministry.

ST. BENEDICT FUND

Named for the Patron Saint of School Children, the St. Benedict Fund is a Tuition Assistance Program that helps families with tuition costs. This is not an endowment or trust; all donations go directly to a student or family in need of tuition assistance. Your tax deductible donation will help to ensure that every family that values a St. Patrick's education can receive it. **If you would like to donate to the St. Benedict Fund**, please pick up a brochure in the Gathering Area or contact the rectory or school office.