



December 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

“Since the Ascension, Christ’s coming in glory has been imminent, even though ‘it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.’ This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are “delayed’.” CCC 673

“The Word became flesh so that thus we might know God’s love: ‘In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him’ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.’” CCC 458

These two quotes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church highlight what we are preparing for in the Advent season. One aspect is looking ahead to the second coming of our Lord in glory. Jesus is very clear that we will not know the day or the hour. But be prepared to welcome Him. Yes, that was 2,000 years ago, nonetheless we await Him. All the more reason to prepare. It is too easy to think it will be years from now or not in our lifetime. But are we ready?

That is the annual aspect of the season of Advent. To get ready. That our hearts are ready. That we prepare ourselves, our soul, for the gift of grace that the Lord wishes to give to us each year at Christmas. There can be many layers of our celebration but the foundation is Jesus. He was born in a very concrete way; in Bethlehem and placed in a manger with shepherds to visit. How have we concretely prepared ourselves so that our Lord may be placed in our hearts? How do we live that out in the little daily things?

We have heard many times that God is love or that God loves us. Has it become a throw away line? What does it mean to us today? How is that lived out at school or our place of work? The word “love” has been redefined in many ways. Some have reduced it to “an intense feeling or deep affection.” Which could mean a number of things. There are four classical Greek words that try to deepen our understanding of love. Eros which is erotic passionate love. Philia which is a love between friends or equals. Storge which is the love of parents for their children. Agape is the love of all mankind because of God’s love for us and is sacrificial in nature.

We can deepen our sense of love by understanding it as an act of the will. St. Thomas Aquinas describes love as willing the good of the other. That it is a decision. Perhaps you had that experience of not liking someone yet still loving them. It is also a theological virtue. As a virtue it can be strengthened. It can also be a gift.

On all of these levels we see Jesus manifesting them to the world. So how do we do that? Are we prepared to do that? Can we get beyond that it is just a feeling? Feelings, emotions change all the time. Our hearts long to be loved with a love that does not change. That fills our hearts. That is Christmas when Love was born. The world doesn’t get Christmas because it doesn’t get what Love is. There is such a richness, an infinite depth that we need Christmas; Love to be born, to enter our hearts. May we prepare well for such a wonderful gift.

Father John

PASTORAL STAFF
& RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

401 Mansion Street
Phone (608) 847-6054
Fax (608) 847-3288

Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com

Father John Potaczek, Pastor
Juan Delgado, Deacon
Jennifer Laursen, Parish Secretary

ST. PATRICK GRADE SCHOOL

325 Mansion Street, Mauston
Phone (608) 847-5844
Fax (608) 847-4103

Toni Ross, Principal
Anita Czajka, School Secretary
Larry Moore, Maintenance

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 18, 2022

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 our Parishioners
Tue.	Dec. 20	5:30 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Tracy Hans Family</i>
Wed.	Dec. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Beverly & Gerald Steiner</i>
		2:00 PM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
		6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Elaine Garrigan</i>
Thu.	Dec. 22	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
Fri.	Dec. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jerry Boehm</i>
Sat.	Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Greg Cowan</i>
		11:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun.	Dec. 25	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Heather Tremi</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Waffle</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 Nancolas, 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.

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 20th 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.

The annual Report to the Parish is now available. This report is for the July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022 fiscal year. Copies of the report available on the table in the gathering area or at the rectory.

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 10th & 11th, 2022
(506 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 5,033.00
On-Line Giving		2,025.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	14.00
Loose Offering	385.00	420.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 7,492.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 208,114.58
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 196,129.96

*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. 20	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
		7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday	Dec. 21		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
Thursday	Dec. 22	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Dec. 23	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Retirement for Religious Collection: Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests. *Our parish collected \$1,637.00 for the Retirement for Religious.*

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 7th grade St. Patrick's class after Mass this 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. Serving from 8:30 AM—12 noon.

RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Our rectory office hours will be limited during Christmas week. Our office will be open on Friday, December 23rd until 2 PM. Our office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th. Hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (December 28th—30th) will be limited. If you are planning on stopping in, please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office. If you have an EMERGENCY, please call Father John on his cell phone at 715-933-1645.

For gifts made to the parish and dropped off during Christmas week: If your gift is dated for 2022 and dropped off or mailed during Christmas week, it will be recorded for 2022. The collection taken at Mass on Saturday, December 31st will be recorded for 2022. The collection at Masses on Sunday, January 1st will be recorded for 2023.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 17th & 18th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist

Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser

Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski

Musicians:

Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,

Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearer: 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 Bearer: 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 24th & 25th

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Lectors: Mia Wang, Hudson Randall, Caroline Marien

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Aedyn Lubinski, Owen Lubinski, Jack Vinopal

Musicians: St. Patrick School Choir

Greeters: Spencer Turpin, Elizabeth Wolf, Harper Marien

Ushers:

Gift Bearers: Brix Barnharst, Toby Vinopal, Caleb Turpin

Saturday, 11:00 PM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Gift Bearers: Volunteers Needed

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: David Hoffmann

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Seth Schwedrsky, Canaan Becker

Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson

Greeters: The Becker Family

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearers: George & Ruth Trembl

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers: Kaden Cook, Johnny & Eddy Riley

Musicians: Ann Benz

Greeters: Bill Thill

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Steve Powers

Gift Bearers: The Beth Wafle Family

(We're in need of some volunteers for the 11 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you can help out greeting, ushering or bringing up the gifts, please give the rectory a call.)

Gala 2023—Save the Date! Saturday, February 18th—This year's theme ~**MARDI GRAS!!** Cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Musical entertainment provided by Pat McCurdy. Raffles, silent auction, drawings and more! Tickets will be available soon.

Flowers for Mary ~ We are looking for someone to head up this ministry. If you are interested in being a part of this very important ministry, please contact Father John.

Footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijeski Pilgrimage - July 5-15, 2023 This unique spiritual journey will be led by Fr. Woody Pace and Julie Studinski as the group follows the missionary footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijewski. This trip is designed primarily for a first-time visitor to Casa but previous participants may apply to be added to a waitlist. The Footsteps of Fr. Joe Pilgrimage is \$2,500 and includes: airfare, meals, lodging and transportation in Peru. Personal encounters with families, staff and the community and behind the scenes tours. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Julie Studinski at 715.340.4846 or julieastud@gmail.com.

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. 18th Jesus wants to stay with us always.

Jesus loves each one of us so much that He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion at Mass. We receive Jesus Himself. When the priest prays the words of Jesus over the bread and wine at Mass, they are no longer bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus gives Himself to us because He wants to stay with each one of us always. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "*Jesus, thank You that You desire to stay with us always.*"

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

St. Patrick Catholic Church
401 Mansion Street, Mauston WI ~ www.stpatrickismauston.com
608-847-6054

Castle Rock Realty

BRINGING BUYERS AND SELLERS TOGETHER

gary@castle-rock-realty.com

OFFICE: 608-847-6020 CELL: 608-547-6885

Gary Rose Parish Member!

Castle Rock KENNELS



Dog Boarding
608-408-9043

Nick and Taylor Litty
W4167 49th Street • Mauston WI

CASTLE ROCK STORAGE INC

608-847-1000

CastleRockStorageUnits.com

THE BANK OF mauston



"Helping Our Community Grow!"

608.847.6200
WWW.BANKOFMAUSTON.COM

CBD American Shaman

BY TOMAH WALMART
THE MOST POWERFUL CBD HEMP OIL PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Why Choose CBD American Shaman?



not all cbd is created equal
Is your CBD U.S. Hemp Authority Certified?

20%OFF for Parish Members.

FREE SAMPLES!

CBD American Shaman



Veteran Owned and Operated
Phone: (608)562-5858
www.tmcautomotive.com



N7329 State Rd. 58
New Lisbon, WI 53950

Full-Service Automotive Center

Jim, Jon & Heather Taylor



Professional HEARING CARE

Better Hearing is Better Living!

info@profhearingcare.com • www.profhearingcare.com

509 N Union Street • Mauston, WI 53948
Laura Vinopal, Au.D. 608.847.2444



Accounting
Business Consulting
Bookkeeping
Payroll

www.mbe.cpa

Mauston MBE CPAs
803 N Union St.
Mauston, WI 53948

Frank Vinopal, CPA
Call Today! 608.847.1040

KUDICK CHEVROLET BUICK

Parish Member
Accepts Local Scrip

802A N. Union St. • Mauston, WI

608-847-6324

1-800-448-4670

YOUR KEY TO
A GREAT DEAL!

FIND NEW ROADS



Locally Owned Community Minded



Parish Member Accepts BP Scrip

Mauston Interstate BP with Taco Bell
Lyndon Station BP with Subway
Camp Douglas with Hunt Brothers Pizza
Gasoline, Diesel and Lubricant Delivery

608-666-2662

www.scullyoil.com

H & H STORAGE

10 x 10 — 10 x 15 — 10 x 20

10 x 25 — 10 x 30

Units Available!

3/4 mile east of I-90-94 on Hwy. 82

Call 847-6159

BTU

Management Inc.

Heating • Cooling • Refrigeration

System Design - Installation - 24 Hr. Service

534 La Crosse Street • Mauston, WI 53948

Phone: (608) 847-4600 • Fax: (608) 847-2257

www.btumanagement.com

Email: btu@btumanagement.com



LRSRECCYLCS.COM



844.WI.TRASH

Powers Gourmet

Fine Chocolates & Condiments

W3857 Hwy. 12&16

Lyndon Station, WI 53944

(414) 539-0181

MATT LUBINSKI CONSTRUCTION, LLC

LICENSED & FULLY INSURED

Matt Lubinski, Owner

608-547-8866

MattLubinskiConstruction.com



WISCONSIN DENTAL IMPROVEMENTS
Marcie Yang DDS, MS, LLC

510 East State Street, Mauston, WI 53948

Phone #608-847-5614 • Fax #608-847-7265

Email address: improveyourmile@wdimprovements.com

Website: www.wisconsindentalimprovements.com



Discover the Catholic Difference

Rely on the Knights of Columbus to help protect your family's future.

A name you know and trust.
An organization you can believe in.

Contact me today to learn more about our products
Gregory Helgeson, LIC
Field Agent
608-462-3372
gregory.helgeson@kofc.org



LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES



INSURE CAREFULLY. DREAM FEARLESSLY.

Joey Van Dinter, Agent

801 Vine St

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Bus: (608) 253-6051 Fax: (855) 226-0416

jvandint@amfam.com



Castle Rock Realty

BRINGING BUYERS AND SELLERS TOGETHER

Email: marketleaders@castle-rock-realty.com

OFFICE: 608-847-6020

Bobbi Jo Brandt

Archie Monuments

Serving Families Since 1865

Area's Largest Indoor Display

Pete • 608-963-5748

ArchieMonumentsAndStone.com

Sheila & Jason Rodebaugh

517 State Rd 82 E

Mauston, WI 53948

Homemade soups and salads

Fresh subs and sandwiches

Take or bake pizzas

Gyros and Chicago Hot Dogs

Wisconsin cheese and more!

608-548-4610

www.logcabindeliandcheese.com/

facebook

