



# December 20, 2020

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FROM OUR PASTOR

Wow, fourth week of Advent! Christmas is only 5 days away. How have you prepared? We had our Communal Penance service last week, in case you couldn't make it I am around all week. Give a call or stop in for confession. On Friday we had our holy hour, a wonderful time to spend with Jesus. Perhaps that is something to put on your calendar in 2021. This Saturday morning was the day the Mauston Area Ministerial Association handed out the Christmas meal baskets. It is a great example of the Mauston Churches working together to care for those in need. Looking ahead, January 1st is a Feast day of Mary, Mother of God. Mass is at Noon.

As we are only days away from the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass, I encourage you to look at going to the 11 pm Mass or on Christmas Day at 10 am. We are very close to our capacity at the 4 pm Mass and our ushers will be busy seating those who have signed up. We will plan on seating couples on the sides and families in the center pews. We hope all of our Christmas Masses are times of prayer and reflection without concern for health. As we are closing out 2020, prayer and asking for grace and wisdom are a great focus. We never know what the future holds. Yet the scriptures constantly remind us "Be not afraid." Jesus is always right there with us.

To more prayerfully prepare for Christmas, I offer you these antiphons from the different Mass Settings that will be prayed.

*--Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.*

*--The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.*

*--Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

*--The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.*

*--Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.*

*--Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.*

*--A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.*

*--All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

The following weekend is the feast of the Holy Family. Turn to them for any needs your family may have. St. Joseph is a part of that family. As both Pope Francis and Bishop Callahan have called for a year to St. Joseph, this would be a good time to consider a particular devotion to him or find a special prayer addressed to St. Joseph and make it your own.

Blessed rest of Advent and a very Merry Christmas to all.

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 20, 2020**

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 our Parishioners
Tue. Dec. 22	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sally Haas</i>
Wed. Dec. 23	8:00 AM	For the <i>Health of Jerry Neve</i>
Thu. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Carl, Marion &amp; John Modrich</i>
	11:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Fri. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Waffle</i>
Sat. Dec. 26	5:00 PM	For the <i>Deceased Members of</i> <i>the Howard Rose Family</i>
Sun. Dec. 27	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Henry Janecek</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners

**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.

**The Knights of Columbus and St. Pat's 7th grade** class are holding a "no bake" pancake breakfast fundraiser after each of the Masses this weekend, 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 weekend Masses in place of the traditional pancake breakfast. Funds will go towards a fun class activity at the end of the school year.

**Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him** lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

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

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 12th & 13th 2020  
(521 Registered Families)**

	<b>WKLY BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 3,153.00
On-Line Giving		1,688.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	0.00
Loose Offering	688.68	124.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$13,572.77</b>	<b>\$ 4,965.00</b>
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 304.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$339,319.25
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$208,288.86

\*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. 22 6:00 PM Soup w/ Substance—RH

**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*)



**PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S  
MARCH FOR LIFE MADISON  
JANUARY 2 | MADISON, WI | 11:00 A.M.**

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin on the sidewalks outside the Wisconsin State Capitol to march for the preborn!

Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own!



**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK ~ CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY** ~ No where celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup).

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**Through Wed., Dec. 23 – Friends of the Hatch Public Library** – Any child wishing to receive a free new book may contact the Library at 847-4454 to schedule a time to pick up this free gift, curbside.

**Retirement Fund For Religious Collection—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 collection. Our parish collected \$865.00 for the Retirement for Religious Fund.

**Soup with Substance** on December 22nd. 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@stpatricksmaston.com](mailto:re@stpatricksmaston.com) or call 747-2681 if you plan to attend the light dinner and discussion.

**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.

**If the unpredictability of COVID** has you waiting until the end of the year to decide whether to donate, the CARES act provides a benefit to those who give prior to December 31, 2020. This year only, you can claim a deduction for up to \$300 in donations even if you claim the standard deduction on your income taxes. If you have already given, you are also eligible for the deduction.

**Christ, Our Cornerstone Campaign~** Please remember to send your gifts for the restoration of our beautiful cathedral as soon as you are able. No gift is too small. If you need an envelope to send your gift, please give the rectory a call or stop by and pick one up.

**Please join us in Reardon Hall** for making rosaries for the missions, Thursdays at 2 PM. Materials and instructions will be provided. For more info please call: Fran Watry 565-6897 or Shirley Buttner 666-2955.

**ON LINE GIVING**—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: [stpatricksmaston.com](http://stpatricksmaston.com) (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

**Save the Date! January 30 – Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection:** “Walking with Mom’s in Need” Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. More details coming soon!

**U.S. Bishops’ Statement on ethics of COVID-19 Vaccines:** There are currently three vaccines that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative. To read the full statement on the vaccines, visit [usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines).



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