

December 22, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Blessed 4th week of Advent and a Merry Christmas to all!!

On Christmas we recall the birth of Christ, our God in the flesh. Perhaps after all these centuries we take that for granted and the full impact of the infinite God becoming a helpless baby does not enter deeply into our hearts to transform them with gratitude.

One of the ways that the Church has given us to grow in appreciation of Jesus coming to us in the flesh has been the praying of the Angelis. It is prayed at 6 am, Noon, and at 6 pm. I encourage you to pray this prayer not just at Christmas or it's season, but make it a daily habit.

- -- The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
- ----And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary....

- --Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- ----Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary....

- -- And the Word was made Flesh.
- ----and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

- -- Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
- ----That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

et us pray,

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,

Your grace into our hearts,

That we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your son

Was made known by the message of an angel,

May by his passion and cross be brought

To the glory of his resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



We also remember that Jesus was born into a family, Mary and Joseph. Seeing that God works through the family, I encourage you to pray for your own family since none of us are a part of THE Holy Family. Enjoy your time with your family and friends during the Christmas season recalling that Christmas does not end until January 13, 2020!!

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 22, 2019

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		
Tue. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Greg Cowan		
	11:00 PM	For our Parishioners		
Wed. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jon Wafle		
Thu. Dec. 26		NO MASS		
Fri. Dec. 27		NO MASS		
Sat. Dec. 28	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners		
Sun. Dec. 29		For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> bers of the <i>Knights of Columbus</i>		

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.

10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of

Sandy Sarazin

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.

We welcome Joseph Michael and Jay James Taylor, children of Jon and Heather Taylor, who are being received into the church this weekend.

Lector, Greeter, and Communion Minister schedules for January and February are available in the rack in the gathering area.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

Antonio & Concetta Triolo and all deceased Triolo Family Members Dagmar Marks-Brady and all deceased Brady Family Members The Pollina Family Carol Barreau

Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 14th & 15th, 2019 (530 Registered Families)

I WKLY	BUDGETED	Α	CIUAL	
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 7,686.00		
On-Line Giving			1,355.00	
Children's Envelopes	19.23	10.00		
Loose Offering	596.15	376.25		
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 9,427.25		
Budget Contingency Fund			267.00	
Year-to-date* budget requirement			\$ 284,791.25 \$ 251.715.03	
Year-to-date amount contributed			\$ 251,715.93	

^{*}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.

The Tradition of the "Nativity Scene" ~ Families are encouraged to set up the Christmas crib at home together so that children learn the facts of the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. The Nativity Scene can help us understand the true meaning of Christmas because it expresses the humility and merciful goodness of Jesus Christ, who though He was rich He made Himself poor for us (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Christmas brings joy, peace and hope to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel's words: "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2: 10-12)

This is still the true meaning of Christmas. We need a Savior; the Son of God came to us as a tiny infant in the poorest of circumstances. Jesus is the Savior because in Him and through Him is the grace necessary for us to overcome all of the dysfunction, sinfulness, shame and guilt which separates us from God and from one another. In Him is the grace to overcome all obstacles to friendship with God. In Bethlehem "a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."

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
Thursday, December 26th—NO MASS
Friday, December 27th—NO MASS
Saturday, December 28th at 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 29th at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 5:30 PM (Mary, Mother of God) HO
Wednesday, Jan. 1st at 12:00 noon (Mary, Mother of God) HO

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"
Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

76 families have pledged \$20,980 to date. Thank you!

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

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: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer

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: Bill Ryan

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 28 & 29

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba

Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm Servers: Aedyn & Owen Lubinski

Greeters: Joan Potter, Ernie & Audrey Schmocker

Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer Gift Bearers: Matt & Danelle Lubinski

Scrip Seller: Erin Lund

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,

Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack Servers: Eli Schanke & Jacob Barnes Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Gift Bearers: Members of the Knights of Columbus

Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,

Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM Lectors: Paul Curran

Extraordinary Minister: Gail Boehm

Servers: Makenna & Ellie Pouillie, Dylan Loftus

Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray

Musicians: Ann Benz, Martin Wolf Gift Bearers: Jaime & Adam Pouillie

Scrip Seller: Diane Kocvan

Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,

Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 24 & 25

Tuesday, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lectors: School Children

Extraordinary Ministers: David Hoffmann, Gail Boehm.

Joelle Curran, Mary Beth Crowley

Servers: Jackson Whitney, Ellie Pouillie, Weston Pouillie

Greeters: School Children

Musicians: Ann Benz, School Choir

Gift Bearers: School Children

Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,

Dustin Ryberg

Tuesday, 11:00 PM Lector: Grace Footit

Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir Gift Bearers: Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,

Dave Netzer

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Larry Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Gina Boppart, Harry Buttner,

Shirley Buttner

Servers:

Greeters: Amelia and Bridget Gunther

Musicians: Bill Rvan

Gift Bearers: The Beth Wafle Family

Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,

Jim Allaby

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.

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 oun raffle. Raffle tickets available from our KC's.

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020 ~ Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

March for Life! Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020 ~ Diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. For information or to register on line, visit www.diolc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/

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!

GIVEN: Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage: Marriage Enrichment Retreat ~ Saturday, January 18th from 8:30 am—2:30 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. For more information, visit: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment

Local Scrip Merchant of the Week:

Northside Mobil—705 N. Union Street ~ A gas station and so much more. An Auto Value Certified Service Center, wrecker service, car rental, fishing and hunting supplies to name a few.

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