



December 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR:

Dear people of God!! Greetings from Fr. Cruz Divakaran!!

Do we have books that give fragrance in all the pages of the year?

During the Christmas holidays Riney and Philip were playing in the garden. Suddenly an angel appeared to them. The angel gave each one a gift, wished them Happy New year and disappeared. Before disappearing promised them that he will appear again at the end of the next year. When they opened the gift, they found a book with beautiful pictures and dates of the year. As soon as the book was opened the whole house was filled with beautiful fragrance. Every day they opened the book to see the pictures.

On the 31st of December the following year the same angel appeared to them as they were playing in the garden. This time also the angel had gifts in his hands. They were very happy and came running to the angel and wanted to get the gifts. The angel said, please bring the gift that I gave you last year. They ran to the house and brought the books. The angel lighted a beautiful light and opened the books of Riney and Philip. The first page was giving good fragrance, but many pages were torn and dirty and they cried out "Who made this book so dirty? We had kept it very clean." They looked at each other and "asked who did it so?"

The angel said like this, "Nobody did it, the book is like this." They did not understand. The angel explained. "In those days when you were obeying the parents, the teachers, shared your things with the needy, the page is still giving the good fragrance. But in those days when you disobeyed and misbehaved the pages are looking dirty and without the fragrance." Philip said, "when you come back in the next year all the pages will bring fragrance." But the angel said, "Now I am going with the book. This is not for you again. Next year I will come and give you another book that gives better fragrance." The angel gave the gifts and disappeared.

Do we have books that give fragrance in all the pages of the year?

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Yours in Christ

Fr. Cruz

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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
Sundays ~ 7:30 AM—7:50 AM
Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM

All other Fridays following the
8 AM Mass
Benediction at 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions for the week of December 22, 2024

Sat. Dec. 21	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased Members of the John & Mary Vinopal Family</i>
Sun. Dec. 22	8:00 AM	For our <i>Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald & Beverly Steiner</i>
Tues. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>
	11:00 PM	For our <i>Parishioners</i>
Wed. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Waffle</i>
Thu. Dec. 26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Fri. Dec. 27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Sat. Dec. 28	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bette Smart</i>
Sun. Dec. 29	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>
	10:00 AM	For our <i>Parishioners</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Helen Eucolono, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gilen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Ron & Lisa M., Diane & Bill Brinkley, Jo, Nancy Albreck, Eymard Krupa, the Burzynski Family, Denise Householder, Anna Madden, Tom Schoettler, Sarah, Marie, Grace, Elsie Roberts, Kathy, John & Family, Debbie Parker, Kathryn Kurtz & family, Abby DeSanto, Linsey Casper, Jeff & Kylie J., Dave & Pam, Dakota, Mary Jo Link, Matt Pope, Judy Gregory, Cia, Mary Jo Link and Steven Slowinski.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski, Ethan Jasinski and Mark Curran.

This Advent Season, our 2nd Grade First Communicants have the opportunity to participate in the parish life of our church by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath. This weekend's students are:

- 5 PM: Camille Sparby and Emry Walsh
- 8 AM: Julia Franck and Hanley Gosda
- 10 AM: Audrey Laack

Fr. Cruz will be preparing a traditional Indian meal on Friday, January 17th for 50 parishioners. If you would like to sample authentic Indian food (and check out Fr.'s cooking skills), please call the rectory to RSVP. We are limiting the number to 50 since this will be his first time cooking for a large group. There are some openings left if you would still like to sign up!

ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$ 43,070.00

Amount Pledged: \$14,077.50 Number of Pledgers: 46

Amount Collected: \$13,640

Stewardship Corner ~ December 14th & 15th, 2024

(502 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08	\$ 3,482.00
On-Line Giving		1,507.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	7.00
Loose Offering	480.75	558.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,668.25	\$ 5,554.50

Year-to-date* budget requirement \$216,706.25
 Year-to-date amount contributed \$204,974.88

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,783.00 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.24	4:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass
		10:30 PM	Caroling by the Choir
		11:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Wednesday	Dec.25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Friday	Dec.27	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

24 Hours of Adoration

In preparation for the new year, we will be having 24 hours of Adoration beginning after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 29 and ending with Benediction at 11 AM on Monday, December 30.

We hope that ALL parishioners will take this opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer and reflection. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart and soul for a new year. You can sign up individually, as a couple or as a whole family. Worship / prayer aids and reflections will be available for you to use if you would like.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area or you may email the rectory with your time choice. The time slots are in hourly increments but, if you can only come for a short time, please still sign up and indicate the time that you will be here in adoration.

Fr. Cruz asks that all parish families consider being a part of this special time. You are free to sign up for any time that works for your family.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are so glad that you have chosen this place of worship to honor the Lord's name with us. If you are new to this church or just visiting, we would like to thank you for worshipping with us and we warmly welcome you to St. Patrick's as our brothers and our sisters. If you would like more information about St. Patrick's in general or would like to join our parish, please check out our website: stpatrickismauston.com or give our rectory office a call.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 21th & 22nd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser
Servers: Ryleigh & Toby Vinopal
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Anita & Danelle Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field
Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Shirley Buttner
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Becker
Servers: Canaan, Vivianna, & Solomon Becker
Musicians:
Greeters: Bridget Neitzel, Jim & Deb Bires
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Robert & Chelsey Turpin
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller, Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Caroline, Cecilia, & Harper Marien
Musicians: Schmitz/Choir
Greeters: Jen, Brix, Berkle Barnharst
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg
Gift Bearers: Doug & Tammy Nedza
Scrip Sellers: Diane Kocyan, Jeri Kolba

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Christmas—December 24th & 25th

Tuesday, 4:00 PM

Lector: School Students
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: School Students
Musicians: Ann Benz, School Students
Greeters: School Students
Ushers:
Gift Bearer: School Children

Tuesday, 11:00 PM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie, Naome Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Warrick, Kellen, Liev, & Declan Housworth
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters:
Ushers:
Gift Bearers: George & Ruth Treml

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Leia Kocyan, Vivianna & Solomon Becker
Musicians:
Greeters:
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg
Gift Bearers: The Beth Waffle Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 28th & 29th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Ariana Porkorney, Isabella Kolba, Whitney Klapps
Musicians:
Greeters: Kevin Quist, Volunteer
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Ron & Mary Kaiser
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Turpin
Servers: Spencer & Makayla Turpin
Musicians:
Greeters: Joe Buttner, Russ & Donna Miller
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Members of The Knights of Columbus
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Howard Boppart
Eucharistic Minister:
Servers: Hudson Randall, Teddy Pfaff, Brix Barnharst
Musicians:
Greeters: The John & Ann Hersil Family
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg
Gift Bearers: Matt & Michelle Komiskey



Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council 2770 is spearheading an effort to replace the old and weathered Saint Patrick's Catholic Church sign on Highway 58 (Reel Brothers Harley-Davidson Dealership) with one that is identical to the newer sign placed on Highway 82 (Speedway Service Station). The total cost for the replacement sign is \$942.12, plus some peripheral costs for new support timbers and hardware. The Knights of Columbus Council membership fully intends to support the costs associated with this replacement; however, if you are willing and able to donate toward this project, please let Jennifer know or drop your donation off at the parish office. Visitors to our community will certainly appreciate your generosity!! Thank you!

Our Savior is Born!

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses on Tuesday, December 24
— 4 PM and 11 PM
(Singing of Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30 PM)

Christmas Day—Mass on Wednesday, December 25—10 AM

Feast of the Holy Family—Masses on Saturday, December 28
—5 PM and Sunday, December 29—8 AM and 10 AM

24 Hours of Adoration ending Mon., December 30th at 11 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God —Masses on Tuesday,
December 31 —5:30 PM and Wednesday, January 1—12 Noon

Epiphany of the Lord—Masses on Saturday, January 4—5 PM
and Sunday, January 5—8 AM & 10 AM



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