



**December 23, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**FROM OUR PASTOR:**

**Blessed 4th week of Advent and a very Happy,  
 Grace-filled, and Merry Christmas to all!!**

For Advent Pope Benedict XVI says, "Mary went without delay to communicate her joy to her cousin Elizabeth....This is the real commitment of Advent: to bring joy to others. Joy is the the true gift of Christmas."

For Christmas Pope Francis says, "The birth of Jesus bring us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God, and he not only enables us to know this love, he also gives it to us, he communicates it to us!"

From the Mass readings during the night, St. Paul writes to St. Titus; "Beloved: the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good."

I hope that the coming days are spent with family and friends. Also that you have some time to reflect on the words above so that Christmas may more deeply enter your life and actions in a way that makes the glory of God known; Jesus is clearly seen in the manner in which we live.

Christmas Day is a great celebration but it is the first day of the Christmas season. So feel free to tell people Merry Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 13). It is these days of Christmas that we allow all that happens, whether in the manger or in the fields, to speak to our hearts the great love God has for us by becoming one like us in the flesh while remaining fully divine.

For all who travel may you do so safely. I pray that time away may refresh you and fill you with new energy to proclaim Emmanuel, our God who is with us. To all of our students and their families, may this break allow you to ponder as Mary did all that happened at the manger and where this gift can take us.

Merry Christmas to all!! Blessed Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord to you!!

*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 23rd, 2018

Sat. Dec. 22	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dr. C. J. Laridaen</i>
Sun. Dec. 23	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Mon. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For our Parishioners
	11:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Maurice Murray</i>
Tue. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Waffle</i>
Wed. Dec. 26		NO MASS
Thu. Dec. 27		NO MASS
Fri. Dec. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Pat &amp; Sue Madden</i>
Sat. Dec. 29	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ken Lechleiter</i>
Sun. Dec. 30	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>
	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, Sandy Wilke 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.

**We welcome Westin Ray Belk**, son of Brandon and Mallory (Taake) Belk, who is being baptized this weekend.

**Christmas Food Baskets**—The Mauston Area Ministerial Association gave out 100 Christmas food baskets last Saturday. Thank you to the 32 ladies from St. Pat's who baked pies for the occasion.

**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. Merry Christmas!

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

### Stewardship Corner ~ December 15th & 16th, 2018 (539 Registered Families)

	<b>WKLY BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,090.82	\$ 5,379.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,520.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$ 17.00
Loose Offering	596.15	\$ 464.76
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,715.81	\$ 7,380.76

Budget Contingency Fund	\$ 34.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement	\$ 239,895.25
Year-to-date amount contributed	\$ 209,375.20

\*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

Thursday Dec. 27 10:30—1 Rosary Makers - RH

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 24th & 25th**

#### **Monday, December 24th— 4:00 PM**

Lectors: School Children

Extraordinary Ministers: Roxanne Shragal, Rita Hamm, Deanna Vieth

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: The Catherine Murray Family

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, Harry & Shirley Buttner

Servers:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary

Gift Bearers: The Beth Waffle Family

Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby, Steve Powers

### 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 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: Shirley Buttner  
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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 29th & 30th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann  
Extraordinary Minister: Roxanne Shragal  
Servers: Braden Heath, Nolan Powers, Elliot Hines  
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer, Doug Martin  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Jessica Powers  
Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath  
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,  
Matt Lubinski

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lectors: Mary Ann Strack, Veronica Sustar  
Servers: Noah Fry, Johann Wolf, Cody Komiskey  
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Dee Powers, Carol Gross  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary  
Gift Bearers: Members of the Knights of Columbus  
Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry  
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires,  
Arris Sullivan

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Jaime Pouillie  
Extraordinary Minister: Mary Beth Crowley  
Servers: Justina Jakacki, Jasper Walsh, Dylan Walsh  
Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bill Ryan  
Gift Bearers: Kim & JK Walsh  
Scrip Seller: Kim Walsh  
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby,  
Steve Powers

**10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:**  
Marcia Jakubik & Bonnie Duffy

**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.

**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](http://www.catholicicing.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Our 2019 St. Patrick's Gala will be Saturday, February 9th—mark your calendars!!

**You're Invited on a Pilgrimage to France with Bishop Callahan & Bob Dolan! Dates: May 27th - June 4th, 2019** This spring, join Bishop Callahan and Bob Dolan (brother of Cardinal Dolan) on a once in a lifetime Pilgrimage to France! Enjoy time in Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette, and visits to Lisieux, Omaha Beach, Mont St-Michel, and the many sites of Paris including the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, Notre Dame, and Sacre- Coeur. Daily Mass will be celebrated along the way. For details or to register please call 800-653-0017, or go to <https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/allpilgrimages/dolan-france>.

**Safe Haven Sunday – March 10 ~** In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the harms of pornography. Why is this important? Let's look at a few facts about youth and pornography. In 2016, a study by the Barna Group discovered among teens age 13-17:

7% came across porn daily; 8% intentionally sought it out daily.  
21% came across porn weekly; 18% sought it out weekly.  
21% came across porn once or twice a month;  
11% sought it out.

In total, 57% of teens sought out porn at least monthly.

Learn more about ending porn exposure on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10.

**FORMED....Pick of the Week**

It's nearly Christmas and this week's FORMED Pick of the Week is a fast-paced look at the true story of Christmas! Explore the beautiful truth about Mary and Joseph's marriage, Jesus's miraculous conception, the journey to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem and more!

This week, go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch "*The Story of the Nativity*".

**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](http://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!)