



December 24, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. As we are at the close of Advent season and about to enter into Christmas season. I find the following lines are beautiful and I thought these lines will be meaningful when we ponder over it. Jesus is better than Santa. It insists that keep Christ in Christmas, which means give importance to Christ, rather than making fun all around.

Santa lives at the North Pole... JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh... JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year... JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies... JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited... JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa... JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap... JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"... JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly... JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is "HO HO HO..." JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You'd better not cry"... JESUS says, "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys... JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but... JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree... JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about. We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season. Yes, JESUS is better, He is even better than Santa Claus.

WISH YOU ALL DEAR ST. PAT FAMILY MEMBERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS! 2023

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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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 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 24th, 2023

Sat. Dec. 23	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald & Beverly Steiner</i>
Sun. Dec. 24	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald & Monica Niles</i>
	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Art Vinopal</i>
	11:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Mon. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Waffle</i>
Tues. Dec. 26		NO MASS
Wed. Dec. 27		NO MASS
Thu. Dec. 28	8:00 AM	For <i>the Mary Hopper Family</i>
Fri. Dec. 29	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>
Sat. Dec. 30	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Art, Don & Christopher Vinopal</i>
Sun. Dec. 31	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Tom & Joanne Quinn</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, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Larry Purvis, Linda Serrurier, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Tom and Joyce Czynsz, Jordan P., and John Hersil.

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

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

5 PM:
8 AM:
10 AM: Janna Stevens

Next Monday, January 1st we celebrate *The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.* Mass times are Sunday, December 31st at 5 PM and Monday, January 1st at 12 noon.

We will be purchasing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to have available in the church. The cost is about \$3,000. If anyone would like to contribute to this, please drop your gifts at the rectory office. Thank you!

Stewardship Corner ~ December 16th & 17th, 2023

(493 Registered Families)

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 2,994.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,821.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42	\$ 12.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 402.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$ 5,229.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement \$237,874.52
Year-to-date amount contributed \$189,340.84

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 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. 26	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
Thursday	Dec. 28	10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Dec. 29	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

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

Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th. Office hours for Tuesday, December 26th through December 29th will be reduced and varied. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available if you are planning to come to the rectory. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you to the wonderful people who decorated our church so beautifully for the Christmas season!

Jamie & Adam Pouillie and family
Lisa and Clinton Pouillie and family
Deb Cook
Deanne Vieth
Connie and Rod Walhovd
Jessica Stevens
Our 8th grade students

Flowers for Mary

The bouquet for December 16th -31st, is in memory of:

*Children of the Boehm and Maxson Families

*John Francis Sustar Jr. who died at 4 weeks old in an auto accident. His parents and his younger siblings know him and love him.

If your child is remembered in this Bulletin please take a Single Rose from the Bouquet in honor of your child.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Patrick School Winter Bash (formerly the Gala) is Saturday, February 24th! The event will be at The Lodge of Mauston again this year. Tickets will be available starting in January. Look for more information coming out after January 1st. (P.S. If you would like to donate items, services, gift certificates, etc. to our silent auction, please feel free to drop off your items at the rectory or school office). Your support of our school is always appreciated!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 23rd & 24th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hespriich
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Doug & Tammy Nedza
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker
Greeters: Donna Miller, Joe Buttner, Vicki Boehm
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: No Sales - Merry Christmas

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: The Szwajnos Family
Scrip Seller: No Sales - Merry Christmas

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 24 & 25th - Christmas

Sunday, 4:00 PM - Children's Mass

Lector: School Students
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney
Servers: School Students
Musicians: Ann Benz, School Students
Greeters: School Students
Ushers: School Students
Gift Bearer: Lynda Vinopal

Sunday, 11:00 PM

Lector: Naome Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Weston & Garrett Pouillie
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters:
Ushers:
Gift Bearers: Chris & Erin Lund

Monday, 10:00 AM Christmas Day

Lector: Howard Boppart
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart
Servers: Canaan and Vivianna Becker
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, The Becker family, Gail Fleming
Greeters:
Ushers:
Gift Bearers: The Beth Waffle Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 30th & 31st

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector:
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Landynn & Theron Miller
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: The Vinopal Family
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector:
Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, Spencer Turpin
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: Therese & Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: The Knights of Columbus
Scrip Seller: No Sales - Happy New Year

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector:
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Braden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau
Musicians: Ann Benz, Bridget Swanson
Greeters: Bill Thill
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Clint & Lisa Pouillie
Scrip Seller: No Sales - Happy New Year

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Jean Bonin who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Community Christmas Dinner~ Mauston Methodist Church, 420 Suszycki Dr. Monday, December 25th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Please come and fellowship with others from the community while you enjoy a free ham dinner. Reservations are not necessary but are appreciated.—608-847-5964.

Congratulations to Fr. Jey who became a Knight of Columbus Tuesday night in a ceremony held in the church at St. Patrick. We invite all practical Catholic men, 17 ½ or older to join the Knights. A simple online application takes 5 minutes to complete the first step of membership at www.kofc.org/join.



Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

To date our parish has pledged \$7,815.00

Our shortfall is \$32,870.00

The appeal supports the many ministries of our diocese as well as the ministries of the greater Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support this appeal and please be generous in your giving.

Our Savior is Born!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses on Sunday, December 24
— 4 PM and 11 PM

(Singing of Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30 PM)

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

Feast of the Holy Family—Masses on Saturday, December 30
—5 PM and Sunday, December 31—8 AM and 10 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God —Masses on Sunday,
December 31 —5 PM and Monday, January 1—12 Noon

Epiphany of the Lord—Masses on Saturday, January 6—5
PM and Sunday, January 7—8 AM & 10 AM

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 worshiping 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: stpatricks-mauston.com or give our rectory office a call. Welcome!

Christmas Memorials

Marv Mullenberg
Matt, Magdalene, Norman,
Myron Mullenberg
Joseph, Rosella, Mike, Carl, Gene,
Dennis & Claire Schaitel

John Hayden
Jerry Ledermann
Wayne Butz
John & Mathilda Gedel
John Gedel Jr.
Rosemary Wier
Clifford Bader Sr.
Leo & Natalie Steiner
George & Catherine Woelfl
Peter & Lily Resch
Verena Pfaff
Lauretta Woelfl
Christine Sample
Mary Ann Strack
John, Peg & Chuck Nicksic

Jack Koca
Lillian Olson
Kathryn Mead
John DeHaan
Emil & Veronica Schmitz
Robert & Catherine Schmitz
Rick Finucan
Dorothy & Arnold Neve
Jerry Neve
Kevin Neve
Robert Fleming
Lucille Fleming
Beverly Fleming Schmidt
Derek Joseph Hines

Helen Slowinski
Nancy Slowinski
Larry & JoAnn Wright
Edward Hamil I Family
Truman Forsyth Family
Charles Noe Family
Jerry Ledermann
Don & Mary Ann Strack
Donald Vinopal
Christopher Vinopal
The John & Mary Vinopal Family
Owen & Frieda Phillips
Leo, Emily, LeeRoy & Ron Cuba
John Randall
LaVerne & Rose Schaller
Pat & Sue Madden
Ronald Tremain
Harold & Mary Tremain
John & Matilda Schlicht and
Deceased Family Members

Ray & Donna Gruber
Gene Gray
Hermann Klingemann
Louie Varga
Dennis Crowley
Carl & Frances Wilke
John Grzenia
Avery & Dorothy Nuttall
Colleen Newman
Henry Grzenia
Sally Plischke
Albert, Jonetta, Anthony, Anton,
Marian, Michael & Bernice
Zukauskis



Christmas Memorials

*John Sr., John Jr., John III, Bob,
Minnie, Anne, Herman, Louie, Ray,
Joseph, Aldona, Patricia & Stella
Steiner*

Evelyn Wayer

Rose Smith

Fr. Edward Hartung

George & Edythe Gutknecht

Lydia Davis

Joe Seczkowski

Randolph & Renee Hoffman

Fr. James Lesczynski

James R Allaby

Mary Helene Allaby

The Schroeder Family

The Pajak Family

Mary Buttner

Heather Tremel

Ferd & Veronica Tremel

Peter & Frances Schneider

Greg Cowan

Helen Siegler

David Siegler

William & Joyce Lueder

Francis & LaVerne Hesprich

Gerald & Patricia Spirek

Donald Cocot

Norman & Mary Zolondek

Thomas Zolondek

Ed & Mary Riley

Terrance Riley

Bernard Riley

James (Gilley) Riley

Margaret Riley



John Riley

The John F. & Barbara Vinopal Family

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Marion Modrich

John Modrich

Rose & Francis Lubinski

Winslow & Anna Gardner

Joseph Skalak

Peter Bosgraaf

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Sue Hogan Molquentin

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Mary Ann Lunenschloss

Richard Lunenschloss

Father John T. Murphy

Father Stanley Chilicki

Father Robert B. Houston

Tim Curran

Jim Schoff

Bill Shelton

Shirley Craine

Michael Hannafin

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