

The Holy Family

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are St. Blaise (February 3), St. Agatha (February 5), St. Paul Miki & Companions (February 6), St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8), St. Scholastica (February 10), Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11), the Chair of St. Peter (February 22) and St. Polycarp (February 23).

A Prayer for the Family
Composed by St. Mother Teresa

Heavenly Father, You have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.
Amen.



I am so excited to feature some of our students from the Religious Ed Program. I love receiving updates! Email me @ re@stpatrickmauston.com

Religious Ed Students



Congratulations to the RWD Varsity hockey team on winning the Monks Cheeseburger Classic Tournament! Pictured in this crew are **Trey Laridaen** and **Carter Scully**!



Congratulations to Mauston FFA on their success at the Leadership Development Events! The Parliamentary Procedure team received 1st. Pictured are **Nathan Field** and **Ethan Lulich**



Congratulations the Mauston High School Wrestling team for placing 1st at the Independence 16 team tourney. Pictured here are **Jackson Whitney**, **Brandon Dolata**, and **Drake Gosda**.

Head Coach **Tom Miller**



Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God! - Saint Josephine Bakhita



A FAMILY OF FAITH
Family Catechesis
for Our Parish

Our Elderly Care Packages

Thank you to all who helped out in any way for our Elderly Care packages! We were able to fill 50 walker bags with grippy socks, puzzle books, and crayons/colored pencils. We also had door decorations that helped to brighten spirits and the hallways! A special thanks to Veronica Sustar for sewing all of the walker bags and making them so bright and cheerful. As one of the ladies said, "I've been wanting one of these for awhile! It will help me a lot."



Father Cryton is pictured delivering some of our packages to the Fairview Nursing Home. We also were able to purchase Dementia Blankets with some of the monetary funds that were donated. Thank you!

If 'going back to Mass' has been in the back of your mind for some time, but you're worried or anxious or just a little unsure about it, here are some tips for returning to Mass: 1. Prepare in Advance~ Maybe if mornings are rushed, pick out your clothes the night before. Or plan to take the family out for breakfast afterwards to make the morning special...or if you have sports tournaments out of town take a look at a Mass time that will work for you!

2. Find someone you can go with: It is tough to go anywhere new alone and it's no different if you are returning to Mass after some time. If you want to go to Mass but have no one to go with, contact me and I will set you up with someone who could go with you.

3. Page through our Hymnals~ Our hymnals have Mass parts, responses, and prayers. Feel free to use them! :)

4. Children are Welcome (Even if they are crying!)~ Maybe you are returning to Mass with children for the first time. If so, please don't worry if your baby is

crying at Mass. There are many of us who are parents and remember what it is like taking a baby to Mass.

5. Communion~ If you are in circumstances that mean you cannot receive the Eucharist (if you aren't able to make it to confession prior to Mass), we suggest that you remain in your pew in prayer. Incidentally, we all (especially those of us who attend Mass regularly) need to be reminded of the importance of not taking the Lord for granted. Don't worry about what other people think. It is between you and God. No one should be judging people from the communion queue to the pews, or vice versa.

6. Afterward ~ Take some moments to reflect on what just happened. Was there anything that struck you? How should this change your life? Also introduce yourself to the priest!

7. Don't Expect Perfection~ Sometimes when we go to Mass, things don't go as well as we would wish. Sometimes others around us may look bored, still half asleep, or the priest may give a lackluster homily. Other times the congregation at Mass is full of life and joy, and the priest gives an inspirational homily and everyone walks away feeling completely one with God. Regardless of your experience of Mass, remember this- Christ is truly and objectively present in the Mass. God is not limited by our human imperfections. God wants to be with us, in every part of our lives.



If you are looking for a Church Home we invite you to consider Saint Patrick's to be that place of worship.

February Schedule

- **February 5th** ~ Father Cryton's Birthday! Happy Birthday!
- **February 9th** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm // RE class with 6th grade and Confirmation I 6:15pm-8pm
- **February 16th** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm // RE class with 7th/8th grade and Confirmation II 6:15pm-8pm
- **February 19th** ~ 1st Reconciliation Retreat for our 1st Communicants and Parents. In Reardon Hall 9am-Noon
- **February 22nd**~ Holy Happy Hour @ State Street Tap 6:30pm-7:30pm
- **February 23rd** ~ RE class 1st-5th grade 4pm-5pm// Mass @ 6:15pm// YOUTH NIGHT :)
- **February 27th** ~ Social Sunday following the 8am & 10am Mass



On February 11th the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This feast day "marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernade (St. Bernadette) Soubirous.

Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity." ~ Catholic Culture