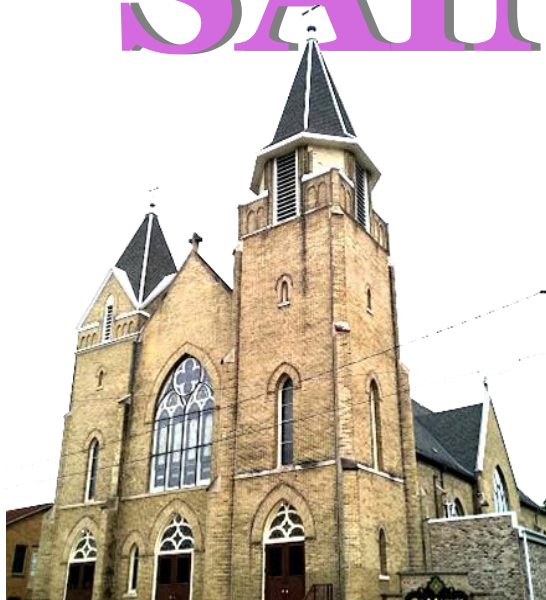


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tue, 5:30 pm
Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
Also by appointment

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm
Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Mark 13:33-37

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 5
5:30 pm † Marion Walsh
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Wednesday, December 6
8:30 am † Tony Jurkowski
By: Lynn Novak

Thursday, December 7
8:30 am Maria Brady
By: Dethloff Family

Friday, December 8
7:00 pm † John Hall
By: Hall Family

Saturday, December 9
7:00 pm † Edward & Lidia
Miszczyszyn
By: George Miszczyszyn

Sunday, December 10
9:00 am † Eddie & Marion
Walsh
By: Family

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at St. Mary's is at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Christmas Brunch with Santa

December 3rd after 9 am Mass

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
December 8th - 7:00 pm

Land of Peace

Selling religious articles from Holy Land after Masses
December 9th & 10th

Finance Council Meeting

December 12th - 6:30 pm

Advent Penance Service

with Adoration, Confessions, & Benediction

December 13th - 6:00-7:15 pm
Mass @ 7:15 pm

Decorating the church for Christmas

December 21st - 6:30 pm

If you're unable to come to the Christmas Brunch, you can pick up your family's gift from St. Mary's, the book *Beautiful Eucharist*, in the vestibule available next weekend



A Message from Fr. Cryton

Let Us Watch our Watch

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT directs us also towards the necessity of waiting faithfully for the certainty of the second coming of our Lord. When our Lord will return, what does the Lord expect from us and are we ready to meet His expectations? Are we ready to welcome Him into our hearts and be our guest for the rest of our lives?

According to Fr. Simplicio Apalisok in his homily book, *Markings on the Desert*, is the word **WATCH**. According to him, which I quote word for word, W-A-T-C-H stands for:

W stands for Words: Our irresponsible use of words can hurt and destroy people. Many relationships had been broken with onslaught of vile language, cursing and gossiping. Let our mouths be instruments of blessing rather than cursing and gossiping. Let our mouths be instruments of blessing rather than cursing, of kindness than condemnation, of appreciation than destructive criticism and of praising than blaspheming.

A stand for Action: If we are to be jailed today for being a Christian, what proof can our accusers show that we are really one? If actions speak louder than words, do our actions reflect profoundly our faith? We know that mere profession of faith is not enough. We need to express it concretely in deeds. Can we be more loving, caring and forgiving in our lives?

T stands for Thoughts: A wise man once said: "All that we are is a result of what we have thought. It begins with our thoughts; it is carried on with our thoughts and ends with our thoughts." The New Testament standard is that it is never enough to avoid doing wicked things; it is to restrain our thoughts not to even desire them. The word may never be concerned with judging the thoughts of humans. But for Christ, thoughts are just as important as actions.

C stands for Character: Saint Paul says: "Fortitude produces character" and "character produces hope," (Rom 5:4). When trials afflict people, some may allow themselves to whine and grovel in despair, other may spur themselves with the opportunities of merging stronger and greater and nearer to God. Christians are those who set efforts and hopes in bringing about God's kingdom in their midst. What is the character of our lives? Is it devoted to our own glory or God's glory?

H stands for Hearts: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," (Matt 6:21). If our hearts fixed on possessions, we become greedy; if they are directed to having popularity and power, we become proud; if our hearts are set on worldly security, we become people of fear. What is in our hearts? Is it a heart full of love for God and for those whom we have committed ourselves to love?

Or is it a heart full of H-Hatred, E-Envy, A-Anger, R-Resentment and T-Timidity?

We who 'wait' for the coming of the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with His grace and saving help. Do we watch for the Lord's action in our lives with expectant faith and with joyful hope? Let us watch our watch.

The Prayer Shawl ministry will have a Christmas potluck Saturday, December 9th at Sacred Heart parish house starting at 10:00. The parish house is on Willow St. in Reedsburg. Bring a dish to pass along with your shawl you're working on.

Pancakes with Santa! At St. Patrick's Church Hall

401 Mansion St., Mauston - Sunday, December 10th 9 AM-12 Noon

Kids will be able to visit with Santa and have their photo taken!

Suggested \$5 per person or \$10 per family free-will offering

Raffle tickets for Knights of Columbus are available to purchase after weekend Mass. See Ted Czajkowski or Tony Oldigs

St. Mary's Advent Penance Service December 13th at 6:00 pm

Adoration, Confession, Benediction, and Holy Mass (at 7:15 pm)

Upcoming Area Advent Penance Services:

St. Joseph's - Baraboo - Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 pm

St. Cecilia's - Wis Dells - Saturday, Dec. 16th after 8:15 am Mass

St. Patrick's - Mauston - Thurs, Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm



LAND OF PEACE



Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive

wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, MV, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends, please... **PRAY THE ROSARY!!!**

December Birthdays:

Daniel Kohne, Rachel Dombrowski, Jeanette Crowley, James Walsh, Carl Miller, Linda Nate, Tony Oldigs, Kathy Bermeo, Kevin Heimerl, Carol Cauley, Craig Finucan, Micah Grigsby, Brandon Werla, Julieanna Bermeo, Chloe Walsh-Laehn, Victoria Hamus, Chelsea Thompson, Eloise Erickson, Alexander Moore, Camilla Moore



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Christmas will be here very soon. If you would like to donate to the flowers in memory or honor of someone, we are now taking donations. Be sure to have your donation into the parish office by **December 17th**. This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and get it in the Christmas Bulletin.

Did You Know/Tour of the Church By Deacon Tom

Pictured here is our Vestibule. Did you know a vestibule is defined as an empty space or small area located just inside the entrance to a building. A church vestibule is a little area just inside the main door, but before a second door. The practical reason is to help keep heat from escaping every time someone enters or exits.

So, what's the difference between a vestibule and a foyer; and what's the difference between a vestibule and a narthex? A foyer is an entrance hall or other open area in a building used by the public especially a hotel or theater. The terms narthex and vestibule are used almost interchangeably, but there is a slight difference. A vestibule as we noted before is that spaced between the outer door and the interior of a building, whereas the narthex is a porch or lobby that connects the outside to the main worship area. In more modern churches this area has become larger and is called "A Gathering Space."



The Main area where the pews are is called the Nave. The part of the church in front of the nave is called the Sanctuary. Our Choir Loft is the elevated area above our vestibule.

To sum it up the parts of our church are: The vestibule/narthex; the choir loft; the nave; the sanctuary; the sacristies.

Financial Stewardship

November 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1364.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$420.00
Votive Candles.....	\$53.00
Total	\$1840.00

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$60,446.91

Prayer Chain Assignments this Week:

- December 4** Pete & Linda Lochner
- December 5** Angela Locken
- December 6** Garrett & Dominique Madland
- December 7** Troy & Sandy Madland
- December 8** Mary Claire Marshall

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 9, 7:00 pm

- Lector**.....Joyce Fuller
- EMC**.....Joyce Fuller
- Servers**.....Katelyn Browne
-Aron Browne
- Ushers**.....Dan McGowan
-Bob Dethloff
-Arthur Dethloff
- Gift Bearers**.....Jim & Vicki McGowan
- Musician**.....Sharon

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 am

- Lector**.....Ted Czajkowski
- EMC**.....Carol Cauley
- Servers**.....Anton Erickson
-Nellie Jo Erickson
-Brian Fox
- Ushers**.....Tony Oldigs
-Earl Verette
-Tom Guyse
-Jim Cauley
- Gift Bearers**.....Moore Family
- Musician**.....Heidi Finucan

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 pm

- Lector**.....Rochelle Crowley
- EMC**.....Zach Housworth
- Usher**.....Zach Housworth

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Let's take a look at the meaning of the Advent Wreath and Candles! (Part 1 of 4)

Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. It is often decorated with berries and pinecones. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. The Advent wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle."

Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent. This first week of Advent, the "Prophecy Candle" is lit which represents **HOPE**.

This candle's color is Purple. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

