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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” - Jn 10:27-28b

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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In Christian charity we pray for **James Blume** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to his family. Eternal rest grant unto James, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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We would like to welcome Pamela Smith who has recently joined the parish.



Celebrate With Us!

Father Robert (Bob) Thorn's Retirement

Sunday, June 5, 2022
 St. Matthew's School
 225 South 28th Avenue
 Wausau, WI 54401

Reception in School Cafeteria
 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Parish Stewardship for May 1, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 12,081.60
Easter	\$ 30.00
Students	\$ 25.75
Plate	\$ 903.36
Automatic Direct Donation avg	\$1,992.76
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 15,033.47</i>

Cemetery Reminder: Between now and the spring clean-up in May, please check any decorations you have placed on headstones. Please reattach decorations that may have come loose or detached. This will help greatly once the weekly mowing and trimming operations start.

Marathon County Transportation Program is recruiting volunteer drivers to take elderly and developmentally disabled people to their medical appointments and grocery shopping. Due to increasing demand for rides, we need additional drivers to accommodate rides requested.

If you have free time and would like to help the elderly or developmentally disabled people, we have a program that could be tailored to your schedule. People in need of transportation will be matched with drivers from their area to take them to their appointments. In turn, drivers will be reimbursed at 58.5 cents a mile.

If you have any questions about the Program or are interested in an application, please call Jenny McKenzie at the Marathon County Transportation Program 715-841-5101. Your help is greatly appreciated.

St. John Parish, Edgar, is seeking a full-time administrative assistant to the pastor. Applicants should have proficient computer skills with knowledge in MS Office. Must be able to multitask through the busyness of an office setting. Excellent communication skills are necessary in-person and on the phone. Enjoys working with numbers as this person will assist the parish/school bookkeeper. Training will be available. This position is 33-35 hours/week, Monday-Friday. Benefits available include: health, life, dental and vision insurance. In addition, retirement 403B, personal leave time and paid holidays. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm Monday, May 16, 2022. Send letter of interest resume and 3 references to: Pastor@stjohnedgar.org or to Rev. Alan Wierzba at 103 N. 4th Ave., Edgar, WI 54426

Week at a Glance

- Wed., May 11** Gr 10 HSRE 6:30pm
- Wed., May 11** .. Communal Rosary 7:00pm

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For so the Lord has commanded us,
"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth." (Act 13:47)

PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

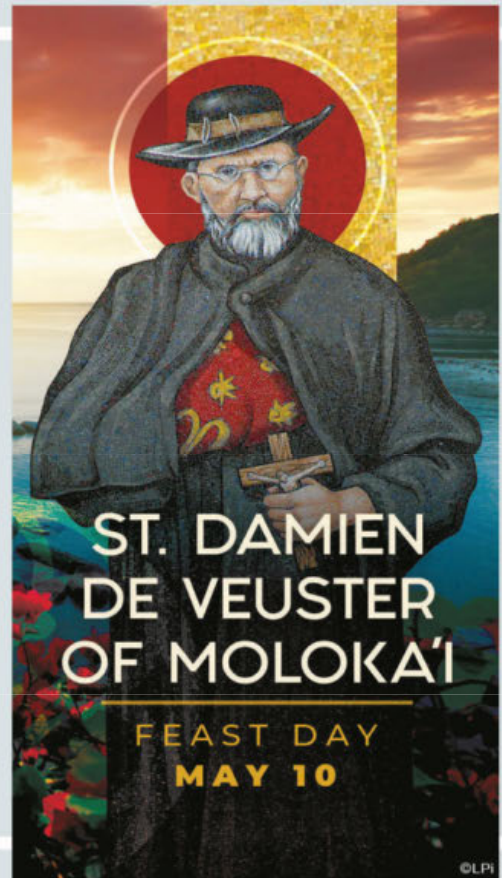
GOSPEL:

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
(Jn 10:27-28)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore



Saint of the Week

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick


Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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