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No king kneeling by St. Pius nativity

Church still missing King taken from scene last year

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The Christmas song may say, "We three kings of orient are," but at St. Pius V Roman Catholic Church, 425 Grand Ave., Mukwonago, one of those magi lost its way during the Christmas journey last year.

Throughout Advent, figures in the St. Pius nativity setting progress around the church mirroring the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph traveling to the manger with the three wise men bearing gifts, traversing great dis-

tances to pay homage to baby Jesus. However, last year when Ray Hajewski, St. Pius church coordinator, went to move the kings closer to the nativity scene, the king kneeling at the manger was gone.

While Hajewski reported the missing nativity sculpture to the Village of Mukwonago Police, the king has yet to appear.

"I thought maybe a farmer would find it lying in his field," Hajewski said.

As St. Pius parishioners set up the nativity scene on the west side of the church this past weekend and placed Mary and Joseph at the beginning of their journey on the east side of the church, Hajewski puzzles over what to do



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Ray Hajewski looks at the figure of a kneeling shepherd which he guesses is about the same size as the kneeling king that was stolen from the St. Pius nativity last year. Hajewski has been searching for a king to replace the missing king to complete the church's nativity scene this Christmas season.

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about the missing piece to the nativity scene.

He's searched online for a replacement to the colorful fiberglass figure, which resembles a wood-carved kneeling king, but has had no luck finding anything similar. The standing kings measure 2-feet, 2-inches high with a head circumference of 14 inches and a head that measures five and a half inches from the top of the head to the chin.

As the figures of Mary and Joseph progress around

front of the church in the next few weeks, arriving at the stable on Dec. 23 with the infant Jesus joining the scene on Christmas Day, the magi will be set to start their journey after Christmas. However, until a replacement can be found, only two kings will be "bearing gifts" to "traverse afar."

"It's unfortunate," said Hajewski.

Anyone with information about the missing king or who is interested in helping replace the figure can contact Hajewski at rmhajewski@gmail.com or (262) 470-5217