



St. Mary Parish

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Hours
Monday Closed
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Daily Adoration 1 hour prior to Daily
Mass except Saturday

Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am
Thursday-Saturday	8:00am
First Friday	7:00am

Sunday	
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am
	10:30am

Confessions

Saturday	4:00pm-4:45pm
Sunday	7:00am-7:30am
	9:45am-10:20am
First Friday	6:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Gregory A. Michaud
Pastor
Emergency Cell: 906.282.2049

Judy Conner
Coordinator of Religious Education

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March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 15:1-39

*"In the divine image He created them
male and female; He created them." Genesis 1:27*

Dear Family,

I received an amazing article from someone via email the other day. The article spoke eloquently on true leisure; the art of slowing down in quiet to prayerfully contemplate the important things of life, be it a sunset, the love of my life, or the Passion of Christ. How much more meaningful would Jesus' death and resurrection be for me if I have taken the leisure time to contemplate it, to take in the very nature of His saving action. Enjoy the leisure time to read and contemplate this poem from that article. (<https://catholicgentleman.com/2024/03/leisure-the-basis-of-manliness/>)

Leisure

by W. H. Davies

What is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs

And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,

Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,

Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,

And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can

Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

God bless and Mary keep you!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 25 – No Mass - Office Closed

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 26

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Larry Mayer

Wednesday, March 27

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Callie Quinell

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday - Office Closed

10:00am Mass: Neillsville Retirement Community

12:15pm Mass: Riverside

5:30pm Server Practice

7:00pm Mass: † Mark Lezotte

Adoration to follow Mass until midnight

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday - Office Closed

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00am Server Practice

1:00pm Veneration of the Cross and Holy

Communion

3:00pm Chaplet with the Stations of the Cross to follow

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday

4:30pm Servers Practice

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass: † Judy Pinter

Sunday, March 31

Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: † Gene & Donald Bryan

General Parish Information

Father Greg's Emergency Cell 906.282.2049

New Parishioners We invite you to join St. Mary's Parish family! Please contact the Parish Office at 715.743.3840

Prayer Chain Parish Office – 715.743.3840

Meal Ministry Mary Sladich – 715.743.4466

Elizabeth Ministry Renee Schoen – 715.743.4059

Holy Matrimony Contact with the parish is required six months to one year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms May be celebrated during or following any of the Masses. Preparation classes are required. Please call the Parish Office for details.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gretchen Fitzmaurice – 715.486.6674

Weekly Collection

March 16-17, 2024

Tithe	\$5,297.00
Student	2.40
Offertory	1,131.00
Easter Flowers	827.00
Total	\$7,257.40

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Uganda – Orphanage

\$100.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday March 30-31

Lectors

<u>8:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Phyllis Carney	Cheyenne	Phyllis Carney
Sherry Hickey	Thomas	
Larry Hoeser		
Donna Kuhn		
Rick Kuhn		
Rogene		
Matuszak		
Gary Veltus		

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>8:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Kim Swita	Wayne Thomas	Bob Barth

Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Andrew & Adam	Faustina,	Theodora
Hoeser	Perpetua,	Hannasch
Colton & Carter	Angeline &	Kennedy Kren
Hannasch	Gibeon	Colton & Carter
Henry Schoen	Thomas	Hannasch
Brody Swita		

Cantor

10:30am
Renee Schoen
Kathy Nicks

Ushers for March

<u>8:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Larry Nauertz	John Langton	Rick Fitzmaurice
Richard Hagen	Walter	Gretchen
Larry Hoeser	Domaszek	Fitzmaurice
Cindy Hoeser	Ritch	Michael Norks
	Kohlhofer	William Poeschel
	Bev Friemoth	

Rosary Leader

<u>8:30pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Larry Hoeser	Jack & Theresa	Phyllis Carney
	Hammond	

Proverbial Wisdom

"It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it."

— Hans Urs von Balthasar, [Unless You Become Like This Child](#)

Parish Announcements
Office Hours for Holy Week

Office Hours for the week of March 24th are as follows:

Monday, March 25: Closed

Tuesday March 26: 9am to Noon

Wednesday March 27: 9am to 4pm

Thursday and Friday, March 28-29: Closed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday, March 26 by Noon

Schedule for Pascal Triduum
March 28th – March 31st

Holy Thursday 7 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday 1pm: Veneration of the Cross
& Communion
Everyone is invited to stay after for the Chaplet &
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 8am and 10:30am: Mass

Liturgical Ministries – Sacred Triduum
Holy Week

Lector Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28 – 7pm: Larry Hoeser

Good Friday March 29 – 1pm: Rick Kuhn and Gary Veltus

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Holy Thursday: Phyllis Carney

Good Friday: Mary Hartung

Servers

Holy Thursday, Good Friday: Andrew & Adam Hoeser,
Colton & Carter Hannasch, Brody Swita and Henry Schoen

The Stations of the Cross will be available as follows:

- Wednesdays starting February 21st and every Wednesday to follow thru Wednesday March 27th

The Stations of the Cross will start at 7pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday following Easter is the pinnacle of Easter where God's mercy is poured out like no other day of the year. Our parish family is having our Third Annual Divine Mercy celebration with prayer, confessions, a talk on Divine Mercy by Father Aaron Becker, and Mass at 3:30pm. Come for some or all of it. The profound peace of God's Divine Mercy awaits you!

Schedule for Divine Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration	Noon
Confession	Noon
Speaker	1pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	3pm
Holy Mass	3:30pm

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Students in CCD grades 7-12: NO CCD class on March 27 due to Holy Week. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

The next **Family Formation** meeting for children and parents will be April 3rd at 6pm. The meal planned is Breakfast night! Homemade French toast with berries and whipped cream, breakfast sausage, apple sauce, and desserts along with orange juice and apple juice. Serving from 5-6:30 pm to accommodate middle and high school students. There will be a sign up sheet in the carport vestibule if you would like to bring a treat.

This week's at home lesson- Third week of March –

Holy Week- Holy Week is rich in tradition, history, and imagery and is the culmination of our Lenten journey. We walk with Jesus through the most important week of the entire Liturgical Year. It begins with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers of Easter Sunday, the entire Church unites herself to Jesus.

* Palm Sunday is our first glimpse of joy since Lent began; we join in Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

* Good Friday has a communion service, there is No Mass celebrated on Good Friday. We receive the Eucharist saved from Mass on Holy Thursday.

Memory item:

Grades K-3: "Teach me wisdom and knowledge, for in your commands I trust." Psalm 119:6

Grades 4-6: The Ten Commandments: I am your God. You shall not have other gods before Me.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day. 4. Honor your father and mother. 5. you shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, 10, You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

*Next Faith Formation meeting is April 3rd at 6pm. Dinner served before lesson at 5:00pm.

Lenten Mite Boxes - MCA Mite boxes were distributed to children at the beginning of Lent. The money helps support children enrolled in catechesis and Christian formation programs, including health care, advocacy and outreach. They may return their MCA box in the collection during the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday Masses or the week after Easter. Thank you for your support of these children in need.

Spiritual Bouquet - Spiritual bouquets are a beautiful Catholic tradition of presenting prayers or acts of charity, mercy or devotion that someone has or will offer for someone else. As a gift to Bishop William Patrick Callahan and to Bishop-elect Gerald Battersby, Father Greg would like to send both of them a Spiritual Bouquet from St. Mary's Parish Family. In the Narthex you will find a sheet to fill out. Please take 2 sheets if you would like to give to both Bishops. There will be a box to put the spiritual bouquet in when it is completed.

AED Training for all Ushers and Medical Volunteers – There will be an AED training Saturday and Sunday April 13-14th after each Mass. Office Isaac Guyer is volunteering his time to train this weekend. All ushers and medical volunteers are asked to attend one of the sessions. Any questions, please call the office.



An Invitation - Currently there is a group of men and women that meet every Thursday morning from 9-11am to reflect on and discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel and readings. Workbooks with Sunday's readings and reflections are available to order for \$20.00 (Or just bring your bible, or just yourself!) All who attend have said this weekly reflection has made the Sunday Gospel so much more meaningful and with added anticipation for Father' Greg's homily. Come every week, once or twice a month. All are welcome any time. Meetings are in the Church Hall.



Shadow Stations - Christ the King Youth Group presents: SHADOW STATIONS Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30pm at the Lucille Tack Center in Spencer. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Pro-Life Event - Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on April 18, 2024 from 6pm-8pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. **Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25.** For more information and to register go to ProLifeWI.org/spring-social.

Walk To Mary – United in Step from Shrine to Shrine – Why we walk - We walk to Her because she calls us. Walk To Mary will be Saturday May 4, 2024. The walk is a 22-mile walking pilgrimage starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, Champion, WI. (Shorter routes are available). For more information and to register go to WalktoMary.com.

Adventure Camp – There are 2 weeks available this year. Week 1: June 23-28, 2024 and Week 2: July 7-12, 2024. These two weeks are for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$430 per person (including adults) for an early bird registration (registered before June 10, 2024). The regular price after June 10, 2024, rises to \$450 per person (including adults). Funds are available thru the Family Life Committee to help with cost. For more information, registration link, click here: diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.



"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. **The early bird special is now over, the cost for this event is now \$20 per person.** This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/> or scan the QR code above.

Our Lady of Fatima Home of the Needy Children – Uganda – Sister Salome, formerly Head Mistress of Uganda's St. Kizito High School, and now head of Our Lady of Guadalupe High School (which some members of our parish helped build) is currently filling her days with running the Our Lady of Fatima Orphanage. Sister Salome is in the process of building more rooms for the orphaned children. In this season of Lent as we focus on the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving please pray for Sister and the people of Uganda. When almsgiving, if you can find it in your heart to make a donation to the worthy cause so that we can make Sister's Easter one of greater joy, put an envelope in the offertory collection with your name and labeled UGANDA. If writing a check, please make it to St. Mary Parish. If you have questions, please contact K Weirauch at 715-797-7157. Thank you!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of March 21, 2024

\$24,400.00

Parishioner participation: 25%

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your pledge card in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.