

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

Cindy Hooser
Administrative Assistant



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April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 2:11-18

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

Dear Family,

Here is a poem I want to share with you that maybe describes what love truly is. So often we "love" because of characteristics or other attributes someone possesses because of how those attributes make us feel or what they do for us. But, what if they all went away? Would you still love anyway? Just some questions about love to ponder. God bless and Mary keep you.

Because You're You
Why do I love you?
I can't count the ways!
How long have I loved you?
I can't count the days!
But there's no-thing about you,
Just no this or that.
I love no-thing about you,
It's just where I'm at.

There was a day
When what I'd see
Meant everything to me
Your beauty drew me in
But now I want to know your truth within.

You make me feel so real
So loved, so fulfilled
And my feelings come and go
But my love for you, my choice for you
Means I'll never go!

I really love how you look,
How you smile and make me laugh.
I really love how you walk,
Your blue eyes and how you talk.
But, if it all went away
I'd still love you every day.
'Cause I love no-thing about you
I love you, just 'cause you're you.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 22 – Office Closed

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 23

Memorials of Saint George, martyr; Saint Adalbert, bishop and martyr

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Quentin Hagen

Wednesday, April 24

Memorial of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Dr. John Foster

7:00pm CCD: Grade 7-12

Thursday, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Bernard Langreck & Ellen Aumann

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

10:00am Mass: Neillsville Retirement Community

12:15pm Mass: Riverside Assistant Living

Friday, April 26

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Deceased family members of the Grota & Stein families

Saturday, April 27 – Incense Free

8:00am Mass: † Benjamin & Cecelia Fabiszewski

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Leroy Johnson

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family
Baptism – Howard Olin Canfield

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: † William Kastern

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

April 13-14, 2024

Tithe	7,232.00
Student	6.50
Offertory	629.02
Easter	20.00
Catholic Times	20.00
Total	\$7,907.52

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

Building Fund	\$320.00
Uganda Orphanage	\$150.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday April 27-28

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Delores Schmitt	Wayne Thomas	Gary Veltus

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>3:30pm</u>
Mary Sladich	Kim Swita	Phyllis Carney

Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Andrew Hoerer	Joseph Roehl	Theodora
Adam Hoerer	Veronica Roehl	Hannasch
	Peter Rosno	Kennedy Kren

Cantor

<u>10:30am</u>
Renee Schoen
Kathy Nicks

Ushers for April

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Larry Nauertz	Ray	Larry Kyle
Richard Hagen	Pagenkopf, Sr.	Wayne Opelt
Larry Hoerer	Ray	Dan Schreiner
Cindy Hoerer	Pagenkopf, Jr.	Kevin Schoen
	Jack	
	Hammond	
	Clinton	
	Hannasch	

Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Mary Hartung	Wayne Thomas	Phyllis Carney

Proverbial Wisdom

Only the chaste man and the chaste woman
Are capable of true love.
--Karol Wojtyla, Love and Responsibility

Parish Announcements

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

There will be a meeting to discuss parish security. It will be Friday, May 10th at 5pm at Schmitt's in the downstairs dining room. All ushers need to be in attendance since it directly involves you. Any other parishioners are welcome to attend as well. Officer Isaac Guyer will speak about situational awareness and those "red flags" that, if noticed, can help stop a threat to the parish before it happens. Thank you for your attention to the extremely important matter. Please call the Parish Office to sign-up.

Mother's Day Banquet

Saturday May 11th

The evening will begin with the May Crowning during 5pm Mass and the banquet to follow in the Church hall. The sign up is available in the Narthex. Plan to come and enjoy. All are welcome!!!

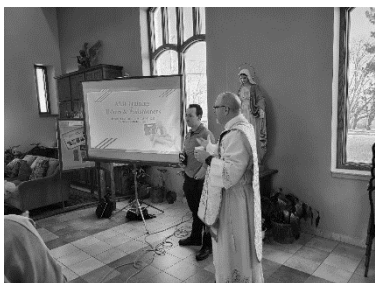
Volunteers for Mother's Day

Banquet: Looking for men and boys to help set tables, serve food and clean up at the banquet. The sign up is available the Narthex.



There is a food pantry donation basket in the Narthex in the seating area. Feel free to make a donation any time,

weekend or week day, of non-perishable food/paper supplies/baby needs. When the basket is full, it will be delivered to our local food pantry in the name of St. Mary Parish. (If any organization has a food drive, the items will be donated to their cause as well.) This is an opportunity for the family of St. Mary's to praise and give thanks to God. "Your generosity will give thanksgiving to God" 2Cor 9:11



Thank you to Catholic Financial Life Chapter 150 and Isaac Guyer!! AED training was conducted at St. Mary's in Neillsville on the weekend of April 13-14 after each of the Masses. Officer Isaac Guyer conducted the

training sessions for the ushers and parishioners. 2 AED devices were purchased last year in an effort to be prepared for any serious situation. Catholic Financial Life Chapter 150 also donated monies for the purchase of the AED's in 2023. Chapter 150 assisted in supporting the event and served cheese, sausage and bars for those who wished to participate. Over 100 people were in attendance for the 3 training sessions.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Family Formation

Please keep the second grade children in your prayers. They will be receiving Jesus for the first time at the First Holy communion Mass on May 5th!

The final CCD and Family Formation classes will be May 1st.

For the last Family Formation meeting May 1st, the meal menu will be Pizza Hut Night! Enjoy a variety of pizza, veggies, fruit, homemade desserts, white and chocolate milk as well as Root Beer Floats in celebration of another successful year! Serving from 5-6:30 p.m. to accommodate middle and high school CCD students.

Family Formation and CCD Registration for the 2024-2025

- We ask parents with children that will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade this fall fill out and submit with your payment the Registration forms located in the Narthex or on St Mary's website under Religious Education. We ask that you return them along with your payment by June 30, 2024 to get the early bird discount of \$10! After July 1st, there will be an additional \$10 late fee added.

This week's at home lesson- Third week of April – Sacramentals and Indulgences Sacramentals and indulgences are two means given to us by Jesus, through the authority of the Church, to help us grow in holiness.

* Sacramentals help us to receive the graces of a sacrament but they do not give us grace themselves. They help us prepare for the graces of the sacraments.

* Indulgences are given through the binding and loosing authority given by Christ to the Church. The Church intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens the treasury of merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the father of mercies the remission of temporal punishments for their sins.

Memory item:

Grades K-3: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20:29

Grades 4-6: The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary: The Baptism in the Jordan, The Wedding Feast at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Eucharist

***This year's final Family Formation May 1 at 6pm. Dinner served before lesson at 5:00pm.**

Relevant Radio – Please see the brochures and bumper stickers available from Relevant Radio located in the carport. Relevant radio is a great source of knowledge about the Catholic Faith. Tune into 93.9FM, 92.9FM, online at Relevantradio.com or the free app.



We would like to offer Vacation Bible School for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade this summer. This is a fun and energetic program designed to enhance the children's knowledge of their Catholic faith through lessons, music, crafts and games. We would like to switch it up and have a morning VBS from 9 am until 12 noon. Tentative date is July 29-August 2nd or other dates based on volunteers and their availability to teach the different areas. We are in need of youth grades 6 and up, adult leaders for each of the following areas: Bible/faith lessons, snacks, games and childcare. **If you can help with this, please call or talk to Judy at the Parish office by April 23.** We will then determine if we have enough help to provide this great summer program.

Adventure Camp – There are 2 weeks available this year for Adventure Camp. 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/.

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.

Project Milk Fundraiser: No Bake Bake Sale

The PCCW will be having a “No Bake Bake Sale” to raise money for Project Milk. Hundreds of families in Peru are struggling to put food on the table for some that means rotating days on which children can eat. Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Ladies are requested to contribute monetarily instead of making bake goods. The envelopes can be found in the carport. Thank you for your generosity.



Doris Dux would like to thank Father Greg, Carol, Mary S., Penny, Officer Guyer and the ambulance crew for all the help they gave her when she fell. Also thank you for all the prayers and phone calls.



Spring Change of Season Saturday May 18th

The annual Spring Change of Seasons project co-sponsored by Saint Mary's Justice and Peace Committee and Interfaith Caregivers of Clark County will be Saturday May 18th. Cleaning consists of gutter cleaning and window washing. The event will start at 8:45am with breakfast at the United Church of Christ on 2nd Street. Please contact Interfaith at 715-743-2885 or email judymorrow@hotmail.com or contact Gary Veltus at 715-937-6551. Remember we can only accomplish this program with enough volunteers. This would be a good project for Scouts, FFA and Church groups. Consider volunteering to help those in need.



“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.

Come celebrate Larry Kyle's 80th Birthday Party and Sister Marie Kyle's 70th Jubilee Saturday April 27th from 3-7pm at Strike Time Lanes in Neillsville.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of April 18, 2024

\$26,575.00

Parishioner participation: 28%

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.

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