

August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

No Politics or Religion Discussed Here

Political elections can bring out the best and worst in people. Despite a growing cynicism, polls show that our individual opinions are still deeply held and strongly defended. Many of our political allegiances are formed early in life, by ethical, moral and religious codes. As we mature we may find ourselves on the opposite political side from spouses, children or friends. In fact, the combustible subject of politics has been banned from many dinner tables for fear it will permanently sever otherwise peaceful relationships.

If politics divides our households, how can the gospel do less? Jesus' message evokes powerful responses, whether positive or negative. What we feel depends on where we stand, for Him or against Him. As today's gospel says, He has come to draw the battle lines and each of us must choose. It won't always be easy to stand with Him. We may be the only one holding up His banner in our family. We may find ourselves estranged from people we love and respect for His sake. But He offers us this comfort: He is standing beside us, arms open, waiting for them too.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 19

Memorial of Saint John Eudes, priest

No Mass

Tuesday, August 20

Memorial of Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

7:00 am: Mass: Rise' Schoen

6:00 pm: Cemetery Committee Meeting

7:15 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, August 21

Memorial of Saint Pius X, pope

8:00 am: Mass: Daniel Walter

7:00 pm: Justice & Peace Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am: Mass: Cecelia & William J. Erpenbach

10:00 am: Riverside Mass

Friday, August 23

Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, virgin

8:00 am: Mass: Father Henseler

2:00 pm: Mass: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, August 24

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, apostle

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Laverne Schmitt

Sunday, August 25

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Walter Augustine

10:30 am: Mass: St. Mary Parish Family

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New Parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office (715) 743-3840

Prayer Chain: Jean Kuhn (715) 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Mary Sladich (715) 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Visitation Ministry: Anne Durst (715) 743-3352 or Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Renee Schoen (715) 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are required.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Gretchen Fitzmaurice (715) 486-6674.

Weekly Collection

August 11, 2019

Tithe	\$2,434.47
Assumption	15.00
Offertory	349.75
Student	5.40
Total	\$2,804.62

Weekly Budget

\$4,479.79

Paving the Way

\$880.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, August 24-25

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Delores Schmitt	Larry Hoerer
Sun. 8:00 am	Allen Mohr	Anne Augustine
Sun. 10:30 am	Sherry Hickey	Mary Hartung

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Delores Schmitt/Volunteer/ Volunteer
Sun. 8:00 am	Anne Augustine/Allen Mohr/ Bonnie Langreck
Sun 10:30 am	Sherry Hickey

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Lorraine Spencer/JoAnn Blum
Sun. 8:00 am	Rose Marie LaBarbera/Jeff McNeely
Sun. 10:30am	Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Andrew Hoerer	Adam Hoerer
Sun 8:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun 10:30 am	Volunteer	Volunteer

Ushers for August

Sat 5:00 pm	Bill Krzyzanowski / Larry Kyle / Donald Kotcon / Volunteer
Sun. 8:00 am	David Bohac/Kent Luedtke/Rodney Schoen/Volunteer
Sun. 10:30am	Ken Wirkuty/Volunteer/Volunteer /Volunteer

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Marian Ball
Sun 8:00 am	Jack & Theresa Hammond
Sun 10:30 am	Joel & Christine Feucht

Greeter Schedule – August

5:00 pm:	Tony Langreck
8:00 am:	Tom & Kelly Silbernagel
10:30 am:	Karen Gilbert & Mary Hartung

Parish Announcements

Seminarian Corner

The year of formation that is completely unique to our diocese, and where I'll be next year, is the Regency program. To be completely honest, I don't entirely know what it is because the program is only in its fourth year and keeps evolving. What I do know is that the Regency is a year away from the rigorous demands of the seminary itself, which involve full-time class work along with a host of other responsibilities (my Wednesdays last semester were booked from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm). Instead of heavy intellectual work, the Regency program more on making men into balanced, healthy human beings. Men coming into seminary come out of a culture that is very toxic. Regency is meant to be a time where the men can work on any bad habits or receive help for some trauma that they have suffered earlier in their life. To that end, men on the Regency program receive weekly counseling sessions. They also hold a part time job, so as to become accustomed to working with people, as well as one class at a local university to either help them with their required degree or to help them to further grow in whatever area they need to (a common one is public speaking). The Regency program has been praised by everyone who has participated in it as well who has seen the fruits it has borne in the men who have been through it, and we as a diocese are blessed that all of our priests moving forward will have had this experience. From the desk of John Duranso, our visiting Seminarian.



Accompanist Needed!

We are searching to fill a rotation for an accompanist. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Rotation should be 2 to 3 masses per month.

If God has given you this great gift, please consider sharing it!

LOST & FOUND ITEMS – There were some precious items found on Church property. If the items belong to you, please come to the Parish Office to redeem them. Thank you!

Knights News

There will be a Knights of Columbus Meeting this **Tuesday August 20th** Rosary at 7:15 pm and meeting to follow in the Church Hall.

THIS SUNDAY

***4 Person K of C Charity - 9 Hole
Scramble***

**Sunday, August 18 @ 3:00 PM
Hole in One Contest**

Prize: \$10,000.00

**Cost \$ 40.00 per person (cart not
included)**

Men and Women invited

Included are door prizes and a Steak dinner

**Additional Steak Dinner tickets available
at \$15 each!!!**

Raffle with a \$250 1st prize and \$50 BP

Amoco Gas Card for 2nd

50/50 Raffle Too!

*Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and
Sisters*

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4963



PCCW Fall Harvest & Bake Sale – The PCCW will be having a Fall Harvest & Bake Sale **the weekend of Sept. 7th & 8th after each Mass**. Anyone interested in sharing baked items of all kinds and their canned goods (jelly, jams, salsa, refrigerated pickles, soups & salads of the season, fresh produce, etc.) can drop their donation off prior to the sale that Saturday & Sunday.

Potluck

**St. Mary's Parish Potluck is scheduled for
Sunday, September 15, 2019**

If you would like to help organize children's games, serve food, etc. for the potluck, please contact the parish office.

FYI from the Prayer Garden: While Barb Krultz was working in the garden, a gentleman stopped to thank her and the members of St. Mary's for the beautiful garden. He said that he visits it often and that he appreciates its beauty and peace. The garden is open to everyone. Our Blessed Mother would love to have you visit too.

Men of the Cross Catholic Men's Conference



The 5th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Saturday October 26th at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Register online or for more information visit: menofthecross.org.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

CCD Registration has begun. Registration and Re-enrollment forms were mailed last week. Please turn in completed registration forms to the parish office by Monday August 18th. If you didn't receive a form, please contact the parish office.

First Day of CCD will be Wednesday September 11th. Classes meet on Wednesday at the following times: K-6 3:50 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and for grades 7th-12th 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Families are asked to contribute a tuition of \$30 for each child (up to \$75 as a family maximum) A full calendar and handbook will be available in the Narthex in the coming weeks.

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin in the fall. If you or someone you know are interested in beginning the process to become Catholic, please contact the parish office.

Please "Save the Date" for the Annual Thorp Deanery Convocation-"Sharing the Light of Faith" will be held **September 4th 6pm-9pm at St. Anthony's Loyal.** Please join the parishes of the Deanery for an evening of discussion and planning in order to improve our Deanery from every Parish. A new format this year will include interactive sessions on these topics: How to take the next steps in the fight against pornography (after Safe Haven Sunday), Why Christians Sing when they Pray (and how to do it better), The importance of Cultural Tolerance, Aging Gracefully. **Brochures are available in the Narthex. All are welcome and there is no cost for this event.**



Rural Life Day Mass and Celebration Friday, Sept. 13th.

Plan to attend this year's celebration, hosted by Otter Creek Farms located at 6608 County Road A, Pittsville, WI 54466. Bishop Callahan will celebrate

Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a program and meal. This day is set aside to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large.

Uganda Pilgrimage 2020

The dates for 2020 pilgrimage will be June 8th thru June 23rd, 2020 (approximately). During our visit the group will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Prior to the pilgrimage we will be raising funds to build a dining hall for the campus. If you would like to join the group a \$500 nonrefundable down payment payable to St. Mary Parish, is required to hold your spot. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000. Please contact Martha Opelt at 715-937-0576 or via email opeltem@yahoo.com with any questions or to sign up.

Area Events



American Red Cross Neillsville Blood Drive - at the American Legion Post 73 - 6 Boon Blvd. Monday August 19, 2019 from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm

Holy Family Parish in Willard will hold its Annual Bazaar and Buffet Style Chicken Dinner on Sunday, August 25th. There will be Mass at 9:30 a.m. Buffet Style serving from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults and Carryouts: \$10.00, Children 6-10: \$5.00 & 5 & under: FREE. The church & dining hall are air conditioned and handicap accessible. There will be a bake sale, Bucket Raffle, produce and children's games. The Rummage Sale will be held on Sat. Aug. 25th and Sun. Aug. 26th from 8:00 - noon on 8:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Homelessness in Clark County Presentation

September 9th, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Held at the American Legion Hall, 6 Boon Blvd., Neillsville

Presented by: Michael Basford Director of the Wisconsin Interagency Council of Homelessness

Please come and be part of the solution!

**Listen To Register Radio - Sunday mornings at
9 am on 1370 AM WCCN**

Register Radio shines the truth of the Gospel on the events of the day...to equip Catholics with the insight and encouragement necessary to engage the culture for Christ.

GIVE A SHOE CHANGE A LIFE.

Back to School Shoe Drive August 1st-30th

Thrivent has teamed up with Samaritan's Feet to help bring shoes to children in need. Join Thrivent by providing new shoes to kids in need. Drop off new children's athletic shoes at Thrivent's located at 209 E. Division St. Neillsville, or 230 S. Central Ave. Marshfield.

Second Chance Thrift Store

(241 N. MAIN, LOYAL)

Thank you all for your support of our Thrift Store and the mission to help in the support the House of Mercy Programs, Stop in to see what we have to offer. We've had many generous donors fill our store with wonderful items.

This week's sale – 50% off all home décor.

Summer Store Hours

Tuesday thru Friday 12:30 – 5:30

Saturday 9-Noon

**Help us Support the Programs
of the House of Mercy**

**Check out our Facebook page (Second Chance, Loyal)
for weekly sales.**

Please pray to root out wickedness and evil from the Catholic Church.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen