

## February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Romans 8:31b-34  
Mark 9:2-10

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

## St. Mary Parish

1813 Black River Road  
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### Parish Office

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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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Dear Family,

This is for a good confession this Lent. God bless and Mary keep you!

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

- Did I purposefully withhold a serious sin in any previous confession?
- Did I fail to do my penance?
- Have I neglected my duties at home, work, or school?
- Have I missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation without a serious reason? (Work, traveling, and sports do not normally constitute a serious reason. "Essential service" workers can be excused such as E.R. doctors/nurses; firefighters, police, etc.)
- Have I used God's name (Father, Son, or H.S.) irreverently or in vain?
- Do I spend Sunday in extra prayer and time with family or do I work, treating Sunday like any other day of the week?
- Have I failed to spend time with God in prayer, daily?
- Have I participated fully in Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and other forms of preparation for the coming of Easter?
- Have I disobeyed, or been disrespectful to my superiors (parents, teachers, employer)?
- Have I quarreled with, or purposefully hurt, anyone?
- Have I been cruel (physically or mentally) to anyone?
- Have I made use of horoscopes, ouija boards, fortune tellers, séances, or anything considered New Age or occult?
- Have I had an abortion or assisted or referred someone to have an abortion?
- Have I caused or led anyone else to commit sin?
- Have I used pornographic material?
- Have I offended against purity in thought, word, or action?
  - With another outside the sacred bonds of marriage
  - With self
- Have I stolen or destroyed another's property?
- Have I accepted stolen goods?
- Have I failed to pay my just debts?
- Have I lied?
- Have I gossiped?
- Have I told another's faults, though they may be true, without a good reason to do so?
- Have I made up lies about another in order to hurt them?
- Have I failed to be thankful to God for the gifts He has given me?
- Have I drunk alcohol (for adults, have I drunk to excess) or taken illegal drugs?
- Have I failed to observe the Church's laws of fasting and abstinence?
- Have I failed to receive communion during Eastertime?
- Have I received Holy Communion in a state of unconfessed mortal sin?
- Have I approached Mass unprepared and without due reverence?

### **For Married People**

- Have I sinned against the duties of married life?
- Have I failed to show the love, respect, and good example due my spouse?
- Have I neglected my duties to my children concerning their religious instruction, education, or cultivation of good habits?
- Is there anything else that is on my heart and soul?

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Monday, February 26 – No Mass - Office Closed**

6:30pm Choir Practice

#### **Tuesday, February 27**

*Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church*

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Glenn Harker

7:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting - Narthex

#### **Wednesday, February 28**

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Anne Durst

7:00pm CCD: Grades 7-12

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Thursday, February 29**

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Jean Kuhn

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

6:00pm Jesus & the Eucharist Study – Parish Office

#### **Friday, March 1 – First Friday**

7:00am Mass: † Deceased family members of the Boyer's & Turczyn's

7:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00pm Confession

5:45pm Benediction

6:00pm Soup & Stations – Church Hall

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday, March 2 – Incense Free**

8:00am Mass: † Rose & Ed Burns

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Roger Ingold

#### **Sunday, March 3**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: † Glenn Harker

8:00am Family Life Pancake Breakfast

9:45am Confession

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

### 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

#### **February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday**

Tithe	\$230.00
Ash Wednesday	992.00
Offertory	265.10
Fuel Offering	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,497.10</b>

#### **February 17-18, 2024**

Tithe	\$5,916.28
Student	2.10
Offertory	428.11
Fuel Offering	180.00
Ash Wednesday	50.00
Catholic Times	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,596.49</b>

#### **Weekly Budget**

**\$5,600.00**

### Liturgical Ministries

#### **Saturday-Sunday March 2-3**

#### Lectors

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

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Mary Hartung	Jack Hammond	Bob Barth

#### Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Andrew Hoerer	Colton Hayden Poeschel	Hayden Poeschel
Adam Hoerer	Hannasch Corbin Wirkuty	Corbin Wirkuty
	Carter	
	Hannasch	
	Clayton	
	Hannasch	

#### Cantor

<u>10:30am</u>
Mike Hart
Mary Ann Ingold

#### Ushers for March

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Larry Nauertz	John Langton	Rick Fitzmaurice
Richard Hagen	Walter Gretchen	Gretchen
Larry Hoerer	Domaszek	Fitzmaurice
Cindy Hoerer	Ritch	Michael Norks
	Kohlhofer	William Poeschel
	Bev Friemoth	

#### Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Rogene	Bonnie	Phyllis Carney
Matuszak	Langreck	

### Proverbial Wisdom

Do not look at the faces [online];  
Look at the faces on the streets.

--GK Chesterton

*The word in [brackets] replaced "Illustrated Papers" to bring it up to date with today's media.*

## Parish Announcements

There is a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 7pm. Please meet in the Narthex.

PLEASE  
NOTE...

Father Greg will be gone starting Tuesday March 5th thru Friday March 8th. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or daily Masses during that week.

Masses will be celebrated at their regular times on Saturday and Sunday March 9th and 10th.

## *Come and Pray*

### **First Friday Adoration and Devotions**

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**7:30 am to 6 pm**

**Confession available from 5 pm to 5:45 pm with  
Benediction to follow**

**Sign-up sheet located in the carport vestibule**

*"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."* St. John Paul II, Church of the Eucharist Encyclical (April 17, 2003).



## *Come and Spend Time with Jesus*



### **The Stations of the Cross will be available as follows:**

- Wednesdays starting February 21<sup>st</sup> and every Wednesday to follow thru Wednesday March 27th
- Fridays starting February 16th and every Friday to follow thru Friday March 22nd

**All Stations of the Cross will start at 7pm**

**SOUP and STATIONS:** A beautiful Lenten devotion is walking the passion of Christ through praying the Stations of the Cross. We invite everyone in our parish family to gather every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Church Hall to enjoy a simple soup supper. If you would like to help prepare the meal, bake bread or help cleanup, there is a sign up in the carport. Childcare will be provided during the 15-minute presentation. Following the meal, we will all go up into the Church to pray the stations together.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### Faith Formation News



The next **Family Formation** meeting for children and parents will be March 6 at 6pm. The meal planned is Grilled Cheese Night! Enjoy thick and hearty grilled cheese and ham sandwiches with tomato soup. Also serving veggies and fruit, desserts as well as white and chocolate milk. Serving from 5-6:30pm to accommodate middle and high school students. There is a sign-up sheet in the carport vestibule if you would like to bring a treat.

**CCD students (grades 7-12)** will be attending Stations of the Cross on February 28 at 7 pm and confession will be offered for the 10th, 11th and 12th grade that night. They will be going again on March 13 and the 7th, 8th and 9th grade will have the opportunity to go to confession. If time runs short for all to have the chance to go to confession, know that there are confessions on the weekend before each Mass and on March 1 at 6pm

### Family Formation

#### **This week's at home lesson - Third Week of February**

**God's Covenant with Abraham** – "In Abraham's progeny all nations of the earth will be blessed. This progeny will be Christ himself, in whom the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will 'gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.'"

\* Abraham began a covenant relationship with God, full of ups and downs. We can learn a lot about the person of God, who never gave up on His end of the Covenant and how many times it was the human side that turned away.

\*The amazing story of Abraham taking his only son up Mount Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice to God is a type or prefigurement of how in the fullness of time God would be offering His only son as a sacrifice on the same mountain.

#### **Memory item:**

**Grades K-3:** "By His stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:3

**Grades 4-6:** *The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary: 1- The Agony in the Garden, 2- The Scourging at the Pillar, 3- The Crowning with Thorns, 4- The Carrying of the Cross, 5- The Crucifixion*

\*Next Faith Formation meeting is March 6 at 6pm. Dinner served before lesson at 5:00 pm.

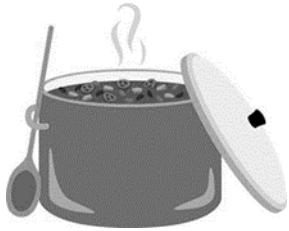
**Soup-er Bowl Collection** - Thank you to everyone who donated soup to the Soup-er Bowl Collection this year. We collected 209 lbs. The Clark County Food Pantry thanks you all for your generosity.



**Family Life Pancake  
Breakfast  
Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Serving 8am to 12:30pm**

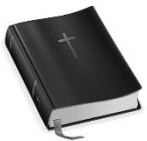
Menu will include buttermilk, blueberry and potato pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, coffee, milk, juice & breakfast bars. Free will offering! **Proceeds will support interested Youth attend "The Answer" Eucharistic Rally in La Crosse on June 7, 2024.** Catholic Financial Life will be matching funds.

**If you would like to volunteer to help at the pancake breakfast, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.**



The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Chili Take Out/Drive Thru Charity Fundraiser Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. **Chili will be available after each Mass until it is gone. Free Will Offering!** If you would like to

bring your own container for you purchase of chili, please feel free to bring one from home. Proceeds will go to Pro Life. To order call 715-937-6551. Come taste the almost World Famous Yoooper Chili!



**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. The group meets in the Church Hall.

**St Mary's First Responder Ministry** - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal 6:2 The Family Life Commission has formed a First Responder ministry who are looking for new members. This ministry, made up of parish volunteers, would respond early and expediently to catastrophic events within our parish family as well as the local and surrounding community. Anyone wishing to be a part of this important ministry should contact Mary Luedtke at 715-937-5054. Contact the Parish Office or Mary Luedtke as soon as you become aware of a situation.

**Mission Uganda 2024** – Join Father Woody Pace on a Mission to Uganda May 7-23, 2024. Join a group to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe School which was founded through a faithful relationship with St. Mary Parish, Neillsville. The host will be Sr. Salome Nambi and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix. Mission Trip cost: \$2500. More info: contact Julie Studinski 715-340-4846 or julieastud@gmail.com



**"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 cost for this event is only \$15 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. **St. Mary's is organizing a bus to make the trip. There is a sign-up sheet for the bus with the display that is in the Narthex.**

**A Catholic Women's Retreat – Embracing Your Call to Holiness**– Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at St. James the Greater 2502 11<sup>th</sup> St. Eau Claire, WI from 8am to 4pm. An uplifting one-day retreat featuring Melanie Frei, a former Protestant Missionary, now Catholic and a leader in the Council of Catholic Women along with Fr. Timothy Wells who will share inspiring presentations in story, song and testimony which will help attendees to learn more about Mary and her influence on our daily lives. Attendees will also enjoy an elegant lunch as part of the retreat, Informational flyers and registration form are in the carport.

**La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention** – The convention is a one-day event on April 13, 2024 at the Radisson Hotel 200 Harborview Plaza La Crosse, WI. The convention will start at 9:30am and run until 4:30pm. Guest speaker is Abby Johnson former Planned Parenthood Director and the author of Unplanned (Movie Unplanned) Tickets will sell quickly! Go to [www.ldccw.org](http://www.ldccw.org) now to register and get more details. **Deadline for registration is March 10<sup>th</sup>.** \$65 per person. There is a small block of rooms available if there is lodging needed. Contact the Radisson Hotel for reservation.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

**2023-2024 Assessment**

**\$45,050.00**

**As of February 22, 2024**

**\$21,190.00**

**Parishioner participation: 22%**

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.