

## 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

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

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| Sunday           |                   |
| Saturday (Vigil) | 5:00pm            |
| Sunday           | 8:00am<br>10:30am |

### Confessions

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday     | 4:00pm-4:45pm                   |
| Sunday       | 7:00am-7:30am<br>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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## January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

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

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### **Quotes on Becoming a Saint**

Dear Family,

What's the purpose of life? It's to become a saint! After all, there is nothing else that matters in life. To be a saint is to be in heaven for eternity. To not be a saint is to be in hell for eternity. So, here are a number of quotes from saints on becoming a saint. This is from <https://catholicquotations.com/becoming-a-saint/>.

Become a saint, and do so quickly.

*Saint John Paul the Great*

Be not afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!

*Saint John Paul the Great*

It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with ourselves.

*Saint Teresa of Ávila*

Those who risk all for God will find that they have both lost all and gained all.

*Saint Teresa of Ávila*

You cannot be half a saint. You must be a whole saint or no saint at all.

*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*

Why don't you give yourself to God once and for all...really... NOW!

*Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

Follow the saints, because those who follow them will become saints.

*Pope Saint Clement I*

You will not see anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

*Saint Athanasius of Alexandria*

Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary well.

*Saint Gabriel Possenti*

O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen.

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.

*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*

The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder... What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection.

*Saint Padre Pio*

One earns paradise with one's daily task.

*Saint Gianna Molla*

May God bless and Mary keep you all and give us the grace to all become saints!

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Monday, January 22 – No Mass - Office Closed**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
6:30pm Choir Practice

#### **Tuesday, January 23 – No Mass**

Memorials of Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, virgin

#### **Wednesday, January 24 – No Mass**

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church  
7:00pm CCD – Grades 7-12

#### **Thursday, January 25 – No Mass**

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

#### **Friday, January 26 – No Mass**

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

#### **Saturday, January 27 – Incense Free**

Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, virgin  
8:00am No Mass  
4:00pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass: † Danny Bravener

#### **Sunday, January 28**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00am Confession  
8:00am Mass: † Charles & Terri Galetka and Sue Daniels  
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

**January 13-14, 2024**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Tithe              | \$3,540.00        |
| Student            | 2.25              |
| Offertory          | 468.51            |
| Mary Mother of God | 45.00             |
| CCD Tuition        | 50.00             |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$4,105.76</b> |

**Weekly Budget \$5,600.00**

### Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday-Sunday January 27-28**

#### Lectors

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

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

|               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>5:00pm</u> | <u>8:00am</u> | <u>10:30am</u> |
| Mary Sladich  | Kim Swita     | Phyllis Carney |

#### Altar Servers

|                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>5:00pm</u>  | <u>8:00am</u> | <u>10:30am</u> |
| Andrew Hoesser | Faustina      | Theodora       |
| Adam Hoesser   | Thomas        | Hannasch       |
|                | Perpetua      | Kennedy Kren   |
|                | Thomas        |                |
|                | Angeline      |                |
|                | Thomas        |                |
|                | Gibeon        |                |
|                | Thomas        |                |

#### Cantor

10:30am  
Jody & Judy  
Conner

#### Ushers for January

|                |               |                 |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>5:00pm</u>  | <u>8:00am</u> | <u>10:30am</u>  |
| Richard Hagen  | Clinton       | Larry Kyle      |
| Al Spaete      | Hannasch      | Kevin Schoen    |
| Doug Spaete    | Cody Kallian  | Dan Schreiner   |
| Jim Zschernitz | Kent Luedtke  | Tom Silbernagel |
|                | Rodney        |                 |
|                | Schoen        |                 |

#### Rosary Leader

|               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>5:00pm</u> | <u>8:00am</u> | <u>10:30am</u> |
| Rogene        | Bonnie        | Kathy Nicks    |
| Matuszak      | Langreck      |                |

#### Proverbial Wisdom

He who says to the wicked man, "You are just",  
Men will curse him, people will denounce him.  
But those who convict the evildoer will fare well,  
And on them will come the blessing of prosperity.  
--Prov 25:24-25

## Parish Announcements

Father Greg will be on Retreat starting January 22<sup>nd</sup> thru January 30<sup>th</sup>. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or daily Masses starting Tuesday January 23<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>. Masses will be celebrated at their regular times on Saturday and Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**End of Year Statements** - Your 2023 end of year statements are ready. Please pick your copy up in the Narthex. Thank you.

Thank you to Gross Motors, Inc. for their sponsorship of St. Mary's Church bulletins. It is greatly appreciated.

### PCCW News

There will be a PCCW Meeting, Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. If possible, please attend Mass and pray for the PCCW; then join your fellow PCCW members for the monthly business meeting which will also feature a special presentation, "Answering God's Call to become Catholic" by Earl & Jennifer Elmhorst. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.



**Mark your calendar for Hawaiian Themed Trivia Night** – Saturday February 3, 2024 starting at 7pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. 8 members per team at \$15 a person. Teams can dress

Hawaiian!! Please call Larry Hooser to register at 715-937-5831. Proceeds will go to help the people of Hawaii who had wildfires in early August of 2023.



### The Annual Soup-er Bowl Soup Can Collection Challenge

The local Churches in Neillsville are having a Soup Can collection to help keep the Food Pantry stocked. The Church with the most collected soup cans will have bragging rights. The collection will run through Super Bowl Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a display in the Narthex for you to drop off your cans. Kick off the new year by helping those in need. Thank you! (Food pantry soups will be added to this collection also)

**Winter Parking:** The Pastoral Council strongly advises all people to park in the main parking lot during the winter months (November through April). Clearing of the snow from the back parking lot and the sidewalks to the north of the Church may not be complete prior to Mass. For you and your family's safety, please park in the main parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.



The beautiful poinsettias from the Christmas Season will be available to take after the weekend Masses. Please see the table in the Narthex.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### Faith Formation News



The next Family Formation meeting for children and parents will be February 7 at 6pm.

The meal planned is Italian Night! Spaghetti with meat pasta sauce or chicken alfredo sauce, garlic bread, side salad, desserts and white and chocolate milk. Serving from 5-6:30 pm 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 for grades 7-12 resumes January 24.**

### This week's at home lesson

**Third week in January – God's call to us** – "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him and to love him with all his strength."CCC 1

\* From the moment of Baptism, it is the job of all Christians to grow every day in holiness by following Jesus. Everyone should be the best family member they can be by listening to parents and doing their part to share to make their homes a peaceful and happy place.

\*You can and should ask God what he wants you to do with your life. Remember He gave you life and He loves you!

\*Jesus taught that everyone is important to the kingdom. He also invited people to share His mission, to share His ministry. God has given each of us special gifts to serve as members of the assembly. No matter what vocation God calls us to, we are, first and foremost, called to be holy and to live a life of prayer.

### Memory item:

**Grades K-3:** "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."  
1 Samuel 3:9

**Grades 4-6:** Family Vocation Prayer: *Oh God, We earnestly ask You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless your children. Choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests and religious, obtain for us many more. Amen.*



There will be a Bruce Mound Tubing Night for Grades 6-12 on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. This will be a fun night joining with our community's protestant brothers and sisters families for fun and laughter. Families will need to provide transportation for their children. Cost is \$10 per student. Please RSVP by Feb 2 to Judy Conner, CRE at [cre@stmaryneillsville.org](mailto:cre@stmaryneillsville.org). Please submit payment to St. Mary Parish, drop it off at the office or put it in an envelope with your name on it and put it in the collection at Sunday Mass.



**“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. **Tickets will go on sale Dec. 15, 2023.** 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.

**Chrism Mass Pilgrimage** - One of the most beautiful rites of the Catholic Church is the Chrism Mass celebrated during Holy Week at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse (as well as all Diocese throughout the world). The Bishop concelebrates the Mass with all the priests during which he consecrates the sacred Chrism for Baptisms and blesses the other oils which will be used by each Parish throughout the coming year for Confirmations and Anointing's. A bus is being planned to take parishioners of St. Mary's **Tuesday, March 26** to witness and partake in this most sacred rite. The cost of the bus for the Chrism Mass will be \$30/person. We have to have so many people signed up in order to secure a bus. **The deadline for signing up will be February 5.** Contact Mary Luedtke at 715-937-5054 with and questions and to reserve a spot.

**Domestic Church Retreat - Save the Date** – The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat's goal is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and for more information, click this link: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

**2023-2024 Assessment**

**\$45,050.00**

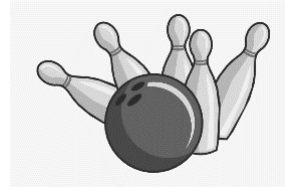
**As of January 18, 2024**

**\$18,865.00**

**Parishioner participation: 21%**

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.

**Area Events**



**Harrington Family Benefit**

14-year-old Alexis was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in mid November. Her father, Andrew has recently become paralyzed with a spinal cord contusion. There will be a benefit for the family Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> at Strike Time Lanes in Neillsville. There is cosmic/moonlight 9 pin-tap bowling \$20 a person. 1<sup>st</sup> shift – registration at noon, 12:30 bowling, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift – 3pm registration, 3:30pm bowling. There will be a raffle, silent auction and a live auction at 6pm. Drop off baskets, silent auction items, monetary donations, at Citizens State Bank of Loyal or Gross Motors. For pick up call Marcia at 715-797-4335, Jayne at 715-937-1505 or Derek at 715-937-3908.



Matching funds by Catholic Financial Life.

**Melody Gardens Skateland** - There will be a *Christian Music Skate* on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Admission is \$3.00 and a \$1.00 skate rent. Families and groups welcome.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Catholic Financial Life & St. Anthony Holy Name Society in Loyal are having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12:30pm at St. Anthony's Parish. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for ages 5-12, preschoolers are free. They will be serving regular, blueberry and potato pacakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese curds and applesauce. Matching funds by Catholic Financial Lfe.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending a pancake breakfast at St. Joseph's Church in Boyd on Sunday Janauary 28 from 9:30am until 1pm. Adults are \$10, children 4-12 are \$8 and children 3 and under are free. They will be serving pancakes, strawberries, eggs and sausage links. Matching funds provided by Catholic Order of Foresters CT 1536. All funds will benefit the school.

**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 Immacualte Heart of Mary Reparatrix. Mission Trip cost: \$2500. More info: contact Julie Studinski 715-340-4846 or julieastud@gmail.com

