

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Blessings On Your First Reconciliation



Please pray for our second grade class who just received First Reconciliation last Saturday and are preparing for First Holy Communion in May.



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 29 – No Mass - Office Closed

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 30 – No Mass

Wednesday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, priest

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † June Mazola

7:00pm CCD: Grades 7-12

Thursday, February 1

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † JoAnn Hubing

Friday, February 2 – First Friday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Mass: † Felix and Roselyn Kotcon

7:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Benediction

Saturday, February 3 – Incense Free

Memorial of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr

8:00am Mass: † Janet Boh

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Ed, Mary and Lawrence Prem

7:00pm Trivia Night for Hawaii – Church Hall

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Confession

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

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: † William A. 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

January 20-21, 2024

Tithe	\$3,612.00
Student	1.75
Offertory	450.33
Mary Mother of God	10.00
Catholic Times	60.00
Total	\$4,134.08

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

Building Fund \$70.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday February 3-4

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Jeanne Strey	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Gregory Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Phyllis Carney
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u> Mary Hartung	<u>8:00am</u> Scott Swita	<u>10:30am</u> Bob Barth
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Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoesser Adam Hoesser	<u>8:00am</u> Colton Hannasch Carter Hannasch Clayton Hannasch	<u>10:30am</u> Henry Schoen Nathaniel Schoen
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Cantor

10:30am
Renee Schoen
Kathy Nicks

Ushers for February

<u>5:00pm</u> Brent Ahlgren Al Durst Gary Nauertz Mary Nauertz	<u>8:00am</u> David Bohac Walter Domaszek John Langton Sandy Mayer	<u>10:30am</u> Byrne Family
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Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Hoesser	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Gregory & Linda Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Phyllis Carney
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Parish Announcements

Come and Pray

First Friday Adoration and Devotions

Friday, February 2, 2024

7:30 am to 7 pm

Confession available from 6 pm to 6:45 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

End of Year Statements and Tithing Envelopes - Your 2023 end of year statements and 2024 tithing envelopes are available. Please pick them up in the Narthex. Thank you.

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.



Trivia Night – Time is running out to sign up your team for Trivia night, Saturday February 3, 2024 starting at 7pm at St. Mary's Church Hall. 8 members per team at \$15 a person. Dressing

Hawaiian is optional!! 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 11th. 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)*

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.

This week's at home lesson

Fourth week of January – Saint Stories – "More closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us." CCC 956

*Saints come from all walks of life and have many experiences like us. All it takes is a brief search to find a saint with similar interests or life situations. Their life and love of Jesus can be an example to us!

*The Saints gave of themselves out of love for Jesus. How can you give of yourself to help others around you?

Memory item:

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

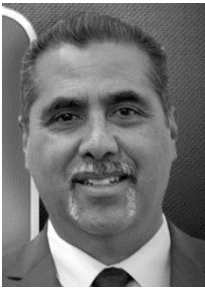
Grades 4-6: Family Vocation Prayer: Oh God, We earnestly ask You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless your children. 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

*Next Faith Formation meeting is February 7 at 6pm. Dinner served before lesson at 5:00 pm.

* February 14th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Mass at 12:10pm and 7:00pm



There will be a Bruce Mound Tubing Night for Grades 6-12 on Saturday, February 10th 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. 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.



Parish Lenten Mission

Jesse Romero will be offering a talk entitled *What is Authentic Eucharistic Revival* on Wednesday, February 21, beginning at 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Marshfield. Jesse is a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat, Christ centered preaching. His preaching apostolate is "On Fire Evangelization." Jesse has been on Catholic radio for over 15 years, currently on virginmostpowerfulradio.org hosting "The Terry and Jesse Show," and "Jesus 911." Admission is free and the event is open to the public.



"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, 2024** 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 is February 5, 2024.** Contact Mary Luedtke at 715-937-5054 with and questions and to reserve a spot.

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.

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, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

Diocesan Annual Appeal
2023-2024 Assessment
\$45,050.00
As of January 25, 2024
\$20,115.00
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

71st Annual Turkey Dinner – Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Owen is having their Drive-thru Carry-out ONLY 71st Annual Turkey Dinner Sunday February 4th. Pick-up starts at 10:45am UNTIL GONE!! Delivery is available to shut-ins in the City of Owen and Village of Withee ONLY. Call 715-229-2013 by 10am Sunday February 4th for deliveries. The dinner is being prepared by the Men of Holy Rosary Parish and sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Parish.

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

Christmas Angel Project 2023 – In the 20th year, the Christmas Angel Project served 235 children of 95 families! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this past Christmas wonderful for these children and their families.



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