



July 14, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

*"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

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Laughter, The Best Medicine

Dear Family,
Enjoy a couple laughs!

Mortal: What is a million years like to you?
God: Like one second.
Mortal: What is a million dollars like to you?
God: Like one penny.
Mortal: Can I have a penny?
God: Just a second.

A priest was completing a temperance homily; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring homily during Mass. Suddenly, the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

The 98 year - old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die." She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

God bless and Mary keep you,

Weekly Calendar

Just a reminder that Mass Intentions are \$20. If you have any questions, please stop in the Parish office. Thank you!

Monday, July 15 – Office Closed

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church

6:30pm Choir practice – choir loft

Tuesday, July 16

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Louis Kessler

7:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, July 17

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Mary Charlton

Thursday, July 18

Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Henry & Florence Pasciak

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

Friday, July 19

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

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

Saturday, July 20 – Incense Free

Memorial of Saint Apollinris, bishop and martyr

8:00am Mass: † Mark Lezotte

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Quentin Hagen

Sunday, July 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: † John Hammond

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

July 6-7, 2024

Tithe	4,550.00
Student	6.00
Offertory	640.00
Catholic Times	20.00
CCD Tuition	2,850.00
CCD Donation	160.00
Total	\$8,226.00

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Green Envelope Fund	\$255.00
Uganda Orphanage	\$100.00

Liturgical Ministries

Reminder – If you are unable to fulfill your assignment please remember to get a replacement. Thank you!

Saturday-Sunday July 20-21

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Jeanne Strey	Rick Kuhn	Sherry Hickey

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Peter Rosno	Landon	Hayden Poeschel
Andrew Hoerer	Schoen	Corbin Wirkuty
	Brody Swita	

Cantor

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

Ushers for July

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Donald Kotcon	Robert Bautch	Wayne Opelt
Michael Norks	Jack	Dan Schreiner
Russell Ratsch	Hammond	Mike Gross
Eugene Walter Jr	Jim Langreck	Tom Silbernagel
	John Langton	

Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Jared Thomas	Jack & Theresa Hammond	Gary Veltus



Parish Announcements

Save the date to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church Building, Sunday August 18, 2024 after the 10:30am Mass. We will also celebrate Father Greg's 15 years of being a Priest along with Father Nate's 10 years and Father Alex's 1 year. Also, Sister Anna Cecelia's final vows into the sisterhood, which has been 3 years. Father Woody will be joining us to celebrate his birthday too. There will be a pig roast with coleslaw, beans and cheesy hashbrowns with beverages and dessert. **If you are interested in helping set-up and tear down please see the sign-up sheet in the carport. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.**

Historical Knowledge Wanted!!! With the upcoming celebration of the Church building's 100th anniversary, Jody Conner is updating the St. Mary History document. We are especially hoping to find some additional historical pictures. Could you look through your family pictures for anything relevant to St. Mary's. We are especially keen to find a photo from the dedication on July 5, 1925. If you have something, please leave it at the office or contact Jody Conner at (715) 650-0682. We will return any photos after making copies. Family accounts relating to St. Mary's are welcome as well. Thank You.



Diocese of La Crosse Missionary Cooperative Program

- Fr. Peter Manickam, Pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be here **NEXT WEEKEND**, Saturday and Sunday July 20th & 21st to speak to us about St. Joseph's Orphanage. The diocese of Kumbakonam, S. India sponsored this

project. St. Joseph's orphanage is managed by (SMMI) Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate. 125 orphan children are supported with education, uniforms and sanitary facilities. Fr. Peter is grateful for the opportunity to speak about this mission. "Do small things with great love", St. Mother Teresa.

The Word Among Us - The Word Among Us publication will be available through the summer months for all parishioners. The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations based on the daily Mass readings. The July/August issue talks about Jesus' invitation to receive his New Wine of the Holy Spirit, and it includes an article about Blessed Benedetta Bianchi Porros and an article about Mike Timmis, chairman of Prison Fellowship International, and his decades of service in prison ministry. Please pick up a copy as each issue becomes available and experience the joy of hearing from God in Scripture each day! You will find them in the carport vestibule. Thank you to St. Mary's PCCW for sponsoring the book throughout the summer.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Family Formation

Thank you to all who submitted their registration for Family Formation and CCD! The packets for Family Formation have been ordered. If you were unable to get your registration in and still plan to have your children attend classes, please call or stop in the office and we can still add you, but know that you may not receive the September packet. If you have not paid the fees for Religious Education along with your registration, please submit those. If you have a financial hardship, please give what you can to support the Religious Ed program. Please continue to pray for our families, children, teachers and the program! All of your prayers are important! God hears each one!



Our theme for VBS this year is "Children of the King". Please join us in learning more about how we can learn to grow in holiness and reverence to our King. There will be songs, crafts, snacks and games along with lessons. Dates are July 29-August 1 from 9 am to 12 noon. Children ages 5-10

(grades K-5) are encouraged to sign up in the Narthex. We are in need of middle, high school youth or adults to assist with the day's activities. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Christmas in July - The Junior Confirmation Class at St. Mary's Parish is heading up a fundraiser for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield, WI. They will be collecting unwrapped gifts for the families in the month of July to distribute at Christmas time, ages 0 - 18.

If you would like to participate and donate a gift, please put the unwrapped gift under the Christmas Tree that will be displayed in the Narthex. You can also donate Christmas and Birthday wrapping paper along with tape if you wish!! Thank you for your generosity!

From the Garden

The planting is complete in the garden. Flowers are doing well, but so are the weeds. Anyone who has a little time to spare is welcome to assist with helping keeping the garden looking nice. Any questions, please call Bonnie Langreck at 715-238-7246.

PCCW News

St. Mary's PCCW Summer Buffet is Wednesday July 24th from 4 - 7 pm. Please spread the word, and share with family, neighbors, and friends! There will be salads, hot dishes & desserts! Free Will Offering and carry-outs are available! There will be a Silent Auction in the Narthex starting July 20th through July 28th! If you have an item for the silent auction, please drop them at the Parish Office. Matching funds by Catholic Financial Life.

Ladies of the Parish, We Need YOU!!!

If you have already received a call from one of the ladies, to bring a dish or volunteer for the Summer Buffet and you have volunteered to donate, Great!!! We've got your information!

BUT if we were unable to contact you, here is another way for you to sign up! Search for PerfectPotluck.com. Click on [Find A Meal](#), Coordinator Last Name: **St. Mary Neillsville** Password: **yummy** Scroll down to find the item you would like to bring and click on "Take", complete your name, email address, and food item name. Scroll to find a job and time you would like to volunteer and click on "Take", complete your name and email address. Scroll to find the Silent Auction section to donate an item, complete your name, email address and item you plan to donate. It's EASY to sign up!!!! Deadline to sign up is July 16th!!!! We also have a link on our parish website! Go to stmaryneillsville.weebly.com, click on the wording, "Perfect Potluck" and it will take you to the sign-up!

If you have any questions or need help to sign up, just call Lorraine Spencer 715-937-0230. Thank you for supporting and assisting with our Summer Buffet!!!

Substitute Volunteers Needed for Prison Rosary Project

Every Friday night from 6-8:00 pm, inmates at Jackson Correctional Institution (JCI) in Black River Falls gather in the prison chapel to make Rosaries, a ministry funded by the Diocese of La Crosse. Each Rosary is unique in color and design. When volunteers Tom and Melanie Frei cannot be there for a Friday night, they need volunteers to substitute for them. If no volunteer is available, the men cannot gather. To certify as a volunteer, there is an application process to complete in order to enter the prison. If you have been seeking a unique and deeply meaningful ministry, **please contact Melanie at melaniefrei55@gmail.com or call her at 608-397-9390.**

Pilgrimage to India – Join Father Peter Manickam and his co-host Dennis Boucher on a pilgrimage to India January 21, 2025 thru February 2, 2025. Visit St. Thomas tomb & cathedral, Basilica of Our Lady of Health and many more locations. \$3,870/per person on double occupancy (+\$500 for single occupancy). Include airfare, accommodation, meals and transportation. Excludes personal expenses. Contact Dennis Boucher at 386-315-9994 or dboucher136@gmail.com or Sharon at 715-281-7784.



4 Person K of C Charity 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, September 8 @ 3:00 PM



Hole in One Contest Too With A \$10,000.00 prize!

Cost: \$45.00 per person for non-members of the Neillsville Country Club - \$35 for members of NCC (cart not included)

Cost includes: Golf, refreshments, hole prizes & steak dinner

Additional Steak Dinner tickets available at \$20 each!!!

Men and Women invited

Raffle with a \$250 1st prize and \$100 2nd prize
50/50 Raffle Too!

Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians

Contact Larry Hooser (715-937-5831) to sign-up.

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We made our goal and so far are over by \$3,890.00. Father Greg would like some ideas on what to put the amount toward. Please use the "What's on your Mind" box to give him some ideas!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of July 11, 2024

\$48,940.00

Parishioner participation: 42%

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year!

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