



## July 7, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6a

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

### St. Mary Parish

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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 Hoerer  
Administrative Assistant



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#### A New Organ?

Dear Family,

As you may or may not know, our organ AND our keyboard, are both on the fritz. Both are in the 30 to 40-year-old range and have served us well but, like everything, years of service come and go. For both, those years have gone. So, we are looking for a new organ that will serve the parish family for the next 40-50 years; one that gives us, and those after, the best sound quality that we can afford and one that is practical, given that quality.

Why an organ and not just a piano? Good question. Well, as Catholics, we always look to see what our Holy Mother, the Church has to say about a given subject. In the case of the organ, she has this and much more to say, "In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things." (Article 120) In fact, the organ is the only instrument the Church recognizes as suitable in the Roman rite of the liturgy without any question. Why? Here's what Pope Benedict XVI had to say in his Regensburg address in 2006. The organ has always been considered, and rightly so, the king of musical instruments, because it takes up all the sounds of creation – as was just said – and gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation. By transcending the merely human sphere, as all music of quality does, it evokes the divine. The organ's great range of timbre, from piano through to a thundering fortissimo, makes it an instrument superior to all others. It is capable of **echoing and expressing all the experiences of human life**. The manifold possibilities of the organ in some way **remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God**. (Emphasis added)

One question that may be on your mind is whether we are looking at getting a pipe organ. The answer due to a number of considerations, one of which is ongoing maintenance costs as well as space is, almost certainly no. With the massive improvement to the quality of sound in the digital organs, though a pipe organ may be practical for a cathedral, basilica, or extremely large parish, for a smaller country parish such as St. Mary's, the limit of practicality soon gets compromised. So, we are looking at digital organs since they have exceptional sound quality and almost no ongoing maintenance cost. I humbly ask that you pray for guidance on what would be most pleasing to our Lord. More to come on this endeavor.

God bless and Mary keep you.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, July 8 – Office Closed

6:30pm Choir practice – choir loft

### Tuesday, July 9

*Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and Companions, martyrs*

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Maureen Meier

### Wednesday, July 10

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Belle Mazola

### Thursday, July 11

*Memorial of Saint Benedict, abbot*

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: Anniversary Blessings for Tony & Mary Langreck

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

### Friday, July 12

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Milton Friemoth

### Saturday, July 13 – Incense Free

*Memorial of Saint Henry*

8:00am Mass: † Bill Erpenbach

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Clarence & Rosaline Becker

### Sunday, July 14

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am Confession

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

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: † Larry Hadzima

## 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

June 29-30, 2024

Tithe	3,917.00
Student	1.20
Offertory	636.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,554.48</b>

### **Weekly Budget**

**\$5,600.00**

Green Envelope Fund

\$200.00

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 13-14

### Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Hooser	<u>8:00am</u> Donna Kuhn	<u>10:30am</u> Bob Barth
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### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u> Delores Schmitt	<u>8:00am</u> Rick Kuhn	<u>10:30pm</u> Gretchen Fitzmaurice
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### Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Joseph Roehl Veronica Roehl	<u>8:00am</u> Faustina, Perpetua, Angeline and Gibeon Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Henry & Nathaniel Schoen Gregory Lehn
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### Cantor

10:30am  
Jody & Judy  
Conner

### Ushers for July

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

<u>5:00pm</u> Rogene Matuszak	<u>8:00am</u> Wayne Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Larry Kyle
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## Proverbial Wisdom

'[The organ] is the manifestation of a will filled with the vision of eternity.'  
- Charles-Marie Widor

## Parish Announcements

Save the date to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday and Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (SMML) 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



**Reminder** - Please complete registration forms and submit payment for this fall's Family Formation and CCD programs (K-12<sup>th</sup> grade)! Materials will need to be ordered in early July in order that we receive the Family Formation packets for the

September start date of Family Formation.

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!

***Thank you!*** A message from Deacon Matthew Szymanski, "Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's, thank you for the Spiritual bouquet you made for my ordination to the Diaconate! I miss being with you at St. Mary's. You are all in my prayers. In Christ, Deacon Matthew Szymanski"

**Choir members:** Next practice is July 8th. See you there! Lorraine

**PCCW News**  
**"Watch for It"**

New signage for the PCCW Summer Buffet should be out this weekend! 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! A special Thank You to Christine Keller for her design and artwork for the lawn signs, flyers, and placard in front of church, Super Job!!!! Her dedication to assist the PCCW in this special event is amazing and greatly appreciated!!!

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Hoeser (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 3, 2024**

**\$48,940.00**

**Parishioner participation: 42%**

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

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