

June 23, 2024 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

*"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
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Adore the Lord in Holy Attire!

Dear Family,

Well, we're now full swing into summer. Thanks be to God! And, with it comes warm temperatures – even hot temps – and fun. And, this year, maybe a little more rain than we'd like so far. But, we go to ball games, to the park and to the beach, etc. Summer is a true gift from God!

With summer, our schedules can see more fun things and maybe fewer obligatory things and with that our attitudes and dress can become much more laid back. One of the things that doesn't change is the Mass. In terms of its dignity and grandeur, it is the same in July as it is in October or January. Something that I have noticed of myself both before priesthood and since ordination is that, during summer especially, I can tend to fall prey to a more lackadaisical approach to life, even the Mass. This summer, let us all make sure that we continue to give God His due through our unwavering Mass attendance and our reverential attitude and action.

One of the ways in which we can and should make this effort is by the way we dress for Mass. We can call that modesty, which it is, so long as we don't minimize modesty to merely a dress code. Modesty is not just about wearing appropriate clothing to Mass. Rather, it goes much deeper. Modesty is a way of being. Summed up, we can say that modesty is living in such a manner that we are always aware that we are in the presence of God. It means that how we act, (actions, language, dress, etc.) either honors or offends God Himself by how it effects His people – those around us.

Here is some food for thought: Is there anyone or anything greater than God? Of course, the answer is, no. Since that is true, why would we approach Mass both in terms of preparation AND dress with anything other than our very best? He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. And even if wearing our best would make us a bit uncomfortable, did not Jesus endure inexpressibly more than discomfort in order to pay the price for our sins? He gave us His ALL! Should we not give Him our best! Additionally, we should never dress so as to draw attention to ourselves, especially to any particular part of ourselves. Our dignity comes, not from what we look like but from who we are; and each of us is a son or daughter of God.

Adore the Lord in holy attire! (Ps 96:9; 29:2) This should be our mantra each Sunday. Let's make sure the Mass is the Mass and not reduced to the level of importance of a ball game or a trip to the beach.

Two last thoughts: Sometimes people can only come to Mass in something other than dress clothes. When that is the only option, there is nothing in the world wrong with that. That is, in fact, holy attire! Secondly, with that being said, none of us should spend time judging whether what someone is wearing is good enough for Church. That is between them and God. I am offering this article as a self-reflection for each of us, not a public checklist by which others are graded.

So, I offer this for your reflection, not just as we enter into the warm summer months but for everyday life as a follower of Jesus Christ. Often, when we talk of appropriate dress for Mass we minimize the discussion to not wearing shorts and tank tops and otherwise inappropriate, revealing clothing. It is true, we should not dress inappropriately or revealingly, but let's all of us look at this issue more deeply and give to God our very best, always. After all, that's what He did and does for us! God bless and Mary keep you,

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 24 – Office Closed

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

6:30pm Choir practice

Tuesday, June 25

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Jane Mayer

Wednesday, June 26

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Dr. John Foster

Thursday, June 27

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: Blessings - Father Greg's ordination to the priesthood

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

Friday, June 28

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

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

Saturday, June 29 – Incense Free

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles

8:00am Mass: † Candace Kaz

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Tom Kren

Sunday, June 30

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: † Roland Schoen

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

June 15-16, 2024

Tithe	4,252.00
Student	2.45
Offertory	419.67
Total	\$4,674.12

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Green Envelope Fund

\$20.00

Liturgical Ministries

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

Saturday-Sunday June 29-30

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Delores Schmitt	<u>8:00am</u> Wayne Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Gary Veltus
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoerer Adam Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Faustina, Perpetua, Angeline & Gibeon Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Theodora Hannasch Kennedy Kren
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Cantor

10:30am
Mike Hart
Mary Ann Ingold

Ushers for June

<u>5:00pm</u> Brent Ahlgren Al Durst Larry Nauertz Jim Zschernitz	<u>8:00am</u> James Boyer Sandy Mayer Rodney Schoen Robert Schoen	<u>10:30am</u> Rick & Gretchen Fitzmaurice Michael Norks William Poeschel
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Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Mary Hartung	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Greg & Linda Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Kathy Nicks
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Proverbial Wisdom

Your life is yours; true enough.
But it's not about you.

--St. John Paul II

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.

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 next weekend, June 29th and through the month of July. You can also donate Christmas and Birthday wrapping paper along with tape if you wish!! Thank you for your generosity!

PCCW News

Hold the Date! The PCCW will have a Summer Buffet Wednesday July 24th, serving from 4pm to 7 pm. Silent Auction items needed, please drop them off at the office. Ladies will be calling between July 5th thru July 16th. "Don't be afraid to answer the call to showcase your specialty dish...Salad, hot dish, sandwich, or dessert". Remember, all ladies of the parish are a special part of the PCCW! We are counting on your generosity and participation!

No Bake, Bake Sale: Thank you for the excellent support of the No Bake, Bake Sale. Total proceeds collected are \$1,259.00. A cash match of \$1,000.00 was received from Justice & Peace. Check for the amount of \$2,259.00 was forwarded to the diocese to be used for purchase of powdered milk for the Project Milk program. The milk is shipped to Lima, Peru where there is a critical shortage of food. Again, thank for your generosity in helping those in need.

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-12th grade)! The \$10 discount expires June 30. After that there will be an additional \$10 fee. 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!



Join us for Vacation Bible School! St Mary's will be holding VBS on July 29 to August 1st from 9 am to 12 noon. Please note it will be a 4 day VBS this year. This is for children ages 5-10 years old (going into K-5th grade). Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for children to sign up. Middle or High school students are invited to help be group leaders for the children. There is a sign-up sheet for them as well.

Adventure Camp – There is 1 week available yet this year for Adventure Camp which is July 7-12, 2024. This week is for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$450 per person (including adults) Funds are available thru the Family Life Committee to help with cost. For more information, registration link, click here: diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.

Choir Members: Summer is here - Next Practice is June 24th. We continue to sing at the 1030am Mass each weekend, see you then! Lorraine Spencer

Knights of Columbus News

Mark your calendar for the 4-person Knights of Columbus Charity 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 3pm at the Neillsville Country Club. Proceeds will go to local seminarians!

Knights of Columbus
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From the Garden: The garden is showing some of its beauty. Thank you to all who have donated plants, garden materials and time to help in caring for the garden. Everything is greatly appreciated. Sadly, the weeds have been rearing their ugly heads. Any assistance is welcome. Questions or to volunteer call Bonnie Langreck 715-238-7246. An open invitation is extended to all to take time to just browse and spend time with the Blessed Mother.

The Word Among Us - The Word Among Us publication will be available through the summer months for all parishioners starting with the June issue. The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations based on the daily Mass readings. 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.

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. They truly are works of art which the men are proud of making. These beautiful rosaries have been sent around the world—Kenya, Lourdes, Ukraine, India-- and all over Wisconsin. The inmates have shared that this gathering is the highlight of their week and a chance to get away from all the negativity in their units. One said, "For two hours, I don't feel like I'm in prison." As the men make rosaries, they encourage one another, and volunteers visit with them, asking how they can pray for the men. The evening ends with a short talk highlighting one of the mysteries of the Rosary, and then praying a decade. 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/orientation/fingerprinting 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.**

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year to please have your pledge form in by the deadline date of June 30, 2024.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of June 27, 2024

\$41,295.00

Parishioner participation: 38%

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your 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.

thank you

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

- Marshfield - June 10/11, 2024:

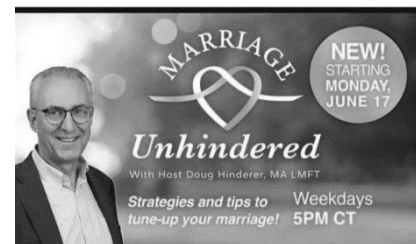
In Gratitude On behalf of St. John the Baptist and the St. John Paul II Adoration Planning

Subcommittee - Thank You! Thank You dear Jesus for the sunny skies. Thank You to everyone who helped out in anyway and who participated. Thank you to those who hosted the Perpetual Pilgrims, Friars, Seminarians, and visiting Priests. Thank you to the parish priests, deacons, and secretaries for promoting and encouraging participation. May you continue to be inspired and courageously share your faith throughout and beyond the final year of the Eucharistic Revival. Thank You and God Bless You – Dorothy Flees

Pilgrimage to India

– Join Father Peter Manickam and his co-host Dennis Boucher on a pilgrimage to India January 21, 2025 thru February 2, 2024. 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.

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Area Events

Dairy Breakfast – Greenwood Dairy Breakfast is Sunday June 30th from 7am to 1pm on the Gary & Brenda Lindner Farm W4414 Spencer Rd, Loyal, WI. Adults \$8, age 5-12 \$5 and kids 4 and under are FREE!



The Clark County Fair is looking for volunteers (youth or adult) to help with assisting the judges in the Fine Arts building on Wednesday August 7, 2024 from 10:30am to 4pm. Their job would be to bring projects to the judges and then return them with ribbons applied and other tasks. If you are interested, please call Brittney Lowry at 715-797-4525 by July 1, 2024. If you do volunteer, you will get a free pass to the Clark County Fair that day!