

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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March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

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

Dear Family,

Last Sunday was Laetare Sunday, which means Rejoice. Even though this is a week late, it's still a good time to laugh because Sunday is a day on which we should not be sad and rejoice always. So, enjoy!

It seems a man in Topeka, Kansas decides to write a book about churches around the country. He starts by flying to San Francisco and working east from there.

He goes to a very large church and begins taking pictures, etc. He spots a golden telephone on a wall and is intrigued with a sign which reads "\$10,000.00 a minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asks about the phone and the sign. The pastor answers that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven, and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. He thanks the pastor and continues on his way.

As he continues to visit churches in Seattle, Denver, Boise, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, and on around the United States, he finds more phones with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrives in the South. Upon entering a church, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone. But THIS time the sign reads "Calls: 25 cents." Fascinated, he asks to talk to the pastor.

"Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone, and I have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000.00 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why?" The pastor, smiling benignly, replies, "Son, you're in the South now. It's a local call."

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship spied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island.

Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!"

The captain replied, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts."

The survivor said, "Oh. Well, I live in one, and go to church in another." "What about the THIRD hut?" asked the captain.

"That's where I USED to go to church."

Hope you enjoyed them. God bless and Mary keep you!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 18 – No Mass - Office Closed

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

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass: † Quentin Hagen
7:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, March 20

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am Mass: † Dr. John Foster
7:00pm CCD: Grades 7-12
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 21

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Patricia Koszuth
9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall
6:00pm Jesus & the Eucharist Study – Parish Office
6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting - Narthex

Friday, March 22

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † deceased members of the Grotta & Stein family
6:00pm Soup & Stations – Church Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23 – Incense Free

Memorial of Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
8:00am Mass: Healing for Ron Olson
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass: † Clarence & Rosalie Becker

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00am Confession
8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family
9:45am Confession
10:30am Mass: † Louis Kessler

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

March 9-10, 2024

Tithe	\$4,417.00
Student	2.25
Offertory	491.68
Easter	5.00
Special Donation	1,755.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Fuel Offering	125.00
Catholic Times	20.00
Total	\$6,835.93

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

Green Envelope Fund	\$20.00
Uganda – Orphanage	\$870.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday March 23-24

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Mary Hartung	Dr. Gregory Foster	Bob Barth
Larry Hoeser	Donna Kuhn	Sherry Hickey

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Adam Hoeser	Colton Hannasch	Hayden Poeschel
	Carter Hannasch	Corbin Wirkuty
	Hannasch Clayton	Nathaniel Schoen
	Hannasch	

Cantor

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

Ushers for March

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Larry Nauertz	John Langton	Rick Fitzmaurice
Richard Hagen	Walter Domaszek	Gretchen Fitzmaurice
Larry Hoeser	Ritch Kohlnhofer	Michael Norks
Cindy Hoeser	Bev Friemoth	William Poeschel

Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Mary Hartung	Wayne Thomas	Kathy Nicks

Proverbial Wisdom

To have a right to do a thing
Is not at all the same as being right in doing it.
--GK Chesterton – "The War of the Usurpers", A Short History of England

Parish Announcements

There is a Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday March 21st at 6:30pm in the Narthex of the Church

Schedule for Pascal Triduum

March 28th – March 31st

Holy Thursday 7 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday 1pm: Veneration of the Cross
& Communion

Everyone is welcomed to stay after for the
Chaplet & Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 8am and 10:30am: Mass

Liturgical Ministries – Sacred Triduum

Holy Week

Lector Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28 – 7pm: Larry Hooser

Good Friday March 29 – 1pm: Rick Kuhn and Gary Veltus

Easter Vigil March 30 – 8:30pm: Rogene Matuszak,
Donna Kuhn, Phyllis Carney, Rick Kuhn, Sherry Hickey,
Gary Veltus & Larry Hooser

Easter Sunday March 31 – 8am: Cheyenne Thomas
10:30am: Phyllis Carney

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Holy Thursday: Phyllis Carney

Good Friday: Mary Hartung

Easter Vigil: Kim Swita

Easter Sunday – 8am: Wayne Thomas

10:30am: Bob Barth

Servers

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil: Andrew &
Adam Hooser, Colton & Carter Hannasch, Brody Swita
and Henry Schoen

Easter Sunday – 8am: The Thomas Children

10:30am: Theodora Hannasch, Kennedy
Kren and Colton & Carter Hannasch

The Stations of the Cross will be available as follows:

- Wednesdays starting February 21st and every Wednesday to follow thru Wednesday March 27th
- Fridays starting February 16th and every Friday to follow thru Friday March 22nd

All Stations of the Cross will start at 7pm

SOUP and STATIONS: We invite everyone in our parish family to gather every Friday during Lent at 6pm in the Church Hall to enjoy a simple soup supper. If you would like to help prepare the meal, bake bread or help cleanup, there is a sign up in the carport. Childcare will be provided during the 15-minute presentation. Following the meal, we will pray the stations together.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Students in CCD grades 7-12: NO CCD class on March 27 due to Holy Week.

The next **Family Formation** meeting for children and parents will be April 3rd at 6pm. The meal planned is Breakfast night! Homemade French toast with berries and whipped cream, breakfast sausage, apple sauce, and desserts along with orange juice and apple juice. Serving from 5-6:30pm to accommodate middle and high school students. There will be a sign up sheet in the carport vestibule if you would like to bring a treat.

This week's at home lesson- Second week of March – Intercessory Prayer-

"Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners." (CCC 2634)

* We can pray for others and ask others to pray for us. We can ask people around us to pray for us and we can ask other Christians like Mary, the saints and angels to pray for us too.

*As Christians, we often pray for others. At every Mass, we pray for the needs of the Church and for the needs of others. Next time you are at Mass, pay attention to the petitions that are read, after which we all say, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Memory item:

Grades K-3: "Teach me wisdom and knowledge, for in your commands I trust." Psalm 119:6

Grades 4-6: The Ten Commandments: I am your God. You shall not have other gods before Me.

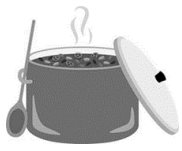
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day. 4. Honor your father and mother. 5. You shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday following Easter is the pinnacle of Easter where God's mercy is poured out like no other day of the year. Our parish family is having our Third Annual Divine Mercy celebration with prayer, confessions, a talk on Divine Mercy by Father Aaron Becker and Mass at 3:30pm. Come for some or all of it. The profound peace of God's Divine Mercy awaits you!

Schedule for Divine Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration	Noon
Confession	Noon
Speaker	1pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	3pm
Holy Mass	3:30pm



The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Chili Take Out/Drive Thru Charity Fundraiser **THIS WEEKEND** Saturday March 16th from 4pm to 7pm and Sunday March 17th from 9am to Noon or until it is gone. **Free Will Offering!** If you would like to bring your own container for your purchase of chili, please feel free to bring one from home. Proceeds will go to Pro Life. To order call 715-937-6551. Come taste the almost World Famous Yooper Chili!



An Invitation - Currently there is a group of men and women that meet every Thursday morning from 9-11am to reflect on and discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel and readings. Workbooks with Sunday's readings and reflections are available to order for \$20.00 (Or just bring your bible, or just yourself!) All who attend have said this weekly reflection has made the Sunday Gospel so much more meaningful and with added anticipation for Father Greg's homily. Come every week, once or twice a month. All are welcome any time. Meetings are in the Church Hall.

Be A Joseph – Join Troy Kroening on Tuesday March 19th at 6:30pm at St. John's Catholic Church in Marshfield in the Columbia Room to learn about the power of St. Joseph and how Joseph can be an example for us, especially husbands and fathers, in our everyday sorrows and joys. For more information you can call Troy at 715-383-3660 or at troy@gotojoe.com.

Shadow Stations - Christ the King Youth Group presents: SHADOW STATIONS Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30pm at the Lucille Tack Center in Spencer. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Amish Donation Fund – If anyone has felt the need to reach out and help the families of the victims of the tragic HWY 95 accident March 8th you can do so through a fund that has been set up at a bank in their home town in Virginia. Checks can be made out to Burke's Garden Amish Donation Fund and addressed to First Sentinel Bank, Box 167 Tazewell, VA 24651. Funds will be used to pay for the costly transfer of their loved ones back to Virginia, funeral expenses and a Trust Fund for Micah, the 2-year-old boy who was the sole survivor.

Walk To Mary – United in Step from Shrine to Shrine – Why we walk - We walk to Her because she calls us. Walk To Mary will be Saturday May 4, 2024. The walk is a 22-mile walking pilgrimage starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, Champion, WI. (Shorter routes are available). For more information and to register go to WalktoMary.com. Sponsored by relevant radio, Sartori Foundation, Nicolet National Bank and Hospital Sisters Health System.



“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 early bird special is now over, the cost for this event is now \$20 per person.** This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. 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.

Our Lady of Fatima Home of the Needy Children – Uganda – Sister Salome, formerly Head Mistress of Uganda's St. Kizito High School, and now head of Our Lady of Guadalupe High School (which some members of our parish helped build) is currently filling her days with running the Our Lady of Fatima Orphanage. Sister Salome is in the process of building more rooms for the orphaned children. In this season of Lent as we focus on the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving please pray for Sister and the people of Uganda. When almsgiving, if you can find it in your heart to make a donation to the worthy cause so that we can make Sister's Easter one of greater joy, put an envelope in the offertory collection with your name and labeled UGANDA. If writing a check, please make it to St. Mary Parish. If you have questions, please contact K Weirauch at 715-797-7157. Thank you!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of March 14, 2024

\$24,095.00

Parishioner participation: 25%

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your pledge card in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese of La Crosse. Just a reminder that if we fail to make our goal the remaining amount will come out of our general account. The deadline to get all pledges in is June 30, 2024. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.



St. Mary Cemetery Notice:

Just a reminder all flowers, plants, etc., need to be removed from the graves prior to April 1st and October 1st each year. Thank you!

Area Events

Knights of Columbus Famous Fish Boil & Fish Fry - Knights of Columbus of Colby is having a Fish Boil & Fish Fry Friday March 22nd from 4:30pm to 7pm at the Colby Lions Shelter. Carry-outs by drive-thru are available. They will be serving boiled fish dinner, deep fried fish, fish tacos with French fries and coleslaw. 1 pc. \$8, 2pc. \$11, 3 pc. \$12 and 4 pc. \$13. Beer, wine & soda will be available. Open to the public.

St. Anthony Holy Name Society 14th Annual Door County Style Fish Boil – St. Anthony's Church in Loyal is having their fish boil, Drive Thru Only Friday March 22nd from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Cost is \$15. Deliveries are available within the City of Loyal, call 715-255-8017. Menu includes fish, potatoes, onions, coleslaw, rolls, carrots and strawberries with shortcake. There will also be a raffle. Tickets available at Fourmens, House of Spirits and St. Anthony Rectory. Proceeds to go towards upgrades for St. Anthony Church and School.