

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
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Judy Conner
Coordinator of Religious Education

Cindy Hooser
Administrative Assistant



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October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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

Dear Family,

The following is from a homily written in the second century. It is one of the second readings in the Liturgy of the Hours Office of Readings. As I read it, I couldn't help but think of so many people who have stopped their involvement with the Church, citing this very dynamic. Oh yea, I said the same thing to justify my disaffiliation with the Church back in the day. Here it is.

The living Church is the body of Christ

My name is constantly blasphemed by unbelievers, says the Lord. Woe to the man who causes my name to be blasphemed. Why is the Lord's name blasphemed? Because we say one thing and do another. When they hear the words of God on our lips, unbelievers are amazed at their beauty and power, but when they see that those words have no effect in our lives, their admiration turns to scorn, and they dismiss such words as myths and fairy tales. They listen, for example, when we tell them that God has said: It is no credit to you if you love those who love you, but only if you love your enemies, and those who hate you. They are full of admiration at such extraordinary virtue, but when they observe that we not only fail to love people who hate us, but even those who love us, they laugh us to scorn, and the Name is blasphemed. Therefore, brothers, if we do the will of God the Father, we shall be members of the first spiritual Church that was created before the sun and the moon; but if we fail to do the will of the Lord, we shall be among those to whom it is said in Scripture: My house has been made into a robbers' den. We must choose then, if we want to be saved, to be members of the Church of life.

You surely cannot be ignorant of the fact that the living Church is the body of Christ; for Scripture says: God made man male and female. Now the male signifies Christ, and the female signifies the Church, which, according to both the Old and the New Testament, is no recent creation, but has existed from the beginning. At first the Church was purely spiritual, even as our Jesus was spiritual, but it appeared in the last days to save us.

For the spiritual Church was made manifest in the body of Christ, in order to show us that if we uphold its honor in the outward, visible form, and do not defile it, we shall, through the Holy Spirit be made its members in the true, spiritual sense. For the body of the Church is a copy of the Spirit, and no one who defaces the copy can have any part in what the copy represents. In other words, brothers, you must preserve the honor of the body in order to share in the Spirit. For if we say that the body is the Church and the Spirit is Christ, it follows that anyone who dishonors his body, dishonors the Church. Such a man will have no part in the Spirit, which is Christ. But if the Holy Spirit is joined to it, this body can receive an immortal life that is wonderful beyond words, for the blessings God has made ready for his chosen ones surpass all human powers of description.

God bless and Mary keep you.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 2 – No Mass – Office Closed

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
6:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Loft

Tuesday, October 3

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass: † Pat Mrotek
6:30pm PCCW Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am Mass: † Betty Opelt
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
5:00pm Family meal for religious education families
6:00pm Family Formation: Parents & grades K-6
7:00pm CCD: Grades 7-12

Thursday, October 5

Memorials of Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Barbara Klein
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

Friday, October 6 – First Friday

Memorials of Saint Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin
7:00am Mass: † Deceased members of the Grotta & Stein Family
7:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Confession
7:00pm Benediction

Saturday, October 7 – Incense Free

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00am Mass: Blessings for Ben Conner
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass: † Duane Peterson

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Confession
8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family
8:00am Knights of Columbus Pancake & French Toast Breakfast – Church Hall
9:45am Confession
10:30am Mass: † Verland Schmidt

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
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Mary Sladich – 715.743.4466
Prayer Chain
Meal Ministry
Bereavement & Visitation Ministry
Spiritual Direction
Elizabeth Ministry
Holy Matrimony
Annie Augustine – 715.937.1432 or august.anne09@gmail.com
Renee Schoen – 715.743.4059
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.
Gretchen Fitzmaurice – 715.486.6674
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Transportation to Church Functions Mary Luedtke – 715-937-5054

Weekly Collection

September 23-24, 2023

Tithe	\$3,954.00
Student	2.25
Offertory	447.00
CCD Tuition	106.00
Total	\$4,509.25

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Building Fund

\$70.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday October 7-8

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Hoerer	<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> Cindy Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Gregory Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Phyllis Carney
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Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoerer Adam Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Joseph Roehl Veronica Roehl Peter Rosno	<u>10:30am</u> Henry Schoen Nathaniel Schoen Hayden Poeschel
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Cantor

10:30am
Renee Schoen
Kathy Nicks

Ushers for October

<u>5:00pm</u> Gary Nauertz Mary Nauertz Brent Ahlgren Al Durst	<u>8:00am</u> Jack Hammond Ray Pagenkopf, Jr. James Boyer Robert Schoen	<u>10:30am</u> Rick Fitzmaurice Gretchen Fitzmaurice Wayne Opelt Kevin Schoen
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Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Rogene Matuszak	<u>8:00am</u> Bonnie Langreck	<u>10:30am</u> Larry Kyle
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Proverbial Wisdom

Evil draws its power from indecision
And from concern about what other people think.

--Pope Benedict XVI

Parish Announcements

Come and Pray

First Friday Adoration
Friday, October 6, 2023
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

2023 Rosary Rally

Saturday October 14, 2023 at Noon

Over 20,000 Rosary Rally's will be held across America. Through the most Holy Rosary, we ask Our Lord and Our Lady for the conversion of America so that it may fulfill its historic mission. America is suffering a societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

Come join us in praying for our nation and in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday October 14th on the front lawn of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Neillsville. *"The Rosary is a priceless treasure INSPIRED BY GOD."*

- St. Louis De Monfort

PCCW News

There is a PCCW Meeting this Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat!" Our food pantry is empty before all the people are serviced. People are having to choose between paying for medications/medical care and purchasing food. Thus they are turning to the food pantry for assistance. Judy Morrow, director of the local food pantry will share important information on how we as individuals and organizations may be of assistance. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Attention all Ushers! Starting October 7th & 8th Father Greg would like the ushers to count how many parishioners are at Mass each weekend. Please see the information on the bulletin board where the tithing baskets are. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation/CCD News



The next Family Formation session will be Oct 4 with a fellowship meal in the Church Hall from 5-5:50pm for Family Formation families and extended until 6:30pm for middle and high school CCD students, catechists and support staff to have a bite to eat before class starts at 7:00 pm. This will be Pizza Hut night! Enjoy a variety of pizza, side salad, veggies, homemade desserts, along with white and chocolate milk. Anyone with extra fresh produce for salads, like tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, apples, etc., please consider donating them for the Family meal this coming Wednesday. Please leave them in the church kitchen by Wednesday 12 noon. Thank you! Please sign up on the sheet in the carport vestibule if you can bring a treat to share with the meal.

Adult supervision of children

For safety sake and safe environment purposes, we request that if your children are using the swings outside or the child care area (during or outside of Family Formation) that an adult be present with them.

Sick children

For the protection and safety of all children and staff at the church, if you have a sick child, please keep them home. If they come to Family Formation, CCD or child care services at the church you will be called to pick them up and take them home.

This week's at home lesson- September lesson

Guardian Angels- Do you know each one of us has a guardian angel? Our Angel is there only for us. Although we cannot see your angels, they are very real! Angels are pure spirits sent by God.

*Angels are our messengers to heaven, there to help us every moment of every day. They love to bring our prayers and praises up to heaven. They are powerful protectors in spiritual warfare and are like faithful counselors, keeping us on the right path to reach eternal life.

*The Church tells us that our guardian angels do not abandon us, even when we offend God. Our angels are continually trying to prevent us from committing sin. They continually watch over the souls in their care, and once our soul reaches heaven to enjoy forever the Glory of God, our guardian angel will remain with us throughout eternity.

Memory item:

Grades K-3: The Glory Be: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"

Grades 4-6: The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Strength (fortitude), Knowledge, Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe and Reverence), Piety (holiness)

Youth Ministry Team - St Mary's would like to offer youth activities but we need parishioner help and involvement. We would like to have an individual or couples be part of a team with each person organizing one event in the year. For example, a couple currently leads a yearly All-Saints Day event in October. We would love to add more activities for youth-perhaps with each season. The volunteer would lead one activity per year that they are most interested in doing, like a Bruce Mound tubing day, youth camp fire evening, fishing activity, hiking fun, etc. Please contact Fr. Greg or Judy Conner CRE if you are willing to help provide this needed ministry for our youth.



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) typically begins in the fall. OCIA is for those wishing to join the Catholic faith. But if you have questions and are Catholic or not, or know someone who wants to know more or join the Catholic faith, please call Judy at the parish office. We would like to offer education about the Catholic faith and tailor it to all who may be interested.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4963
Pancake & French Toast Breakfast**



The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake & French Toast Breakfast on Sunday October 8th from 8am to 12:30pm. Take out orders are available. Please call 715-937-0031.

The Knights will be serving French toast, along with buttermilk, blueberry & potato pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, breakfast bars, coffee juice and milk. It will be a Free Will Offering. Proceeds of this event will go to a local family that has suffered from a catastrophic loss.

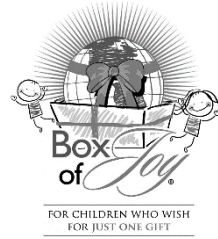


Levis Mound Hiking Fun - St Mary's families are invited to join Jody & Judy Conner in a fall color hike at Levis Mound, (<https://www.clarkcountywi.gov/for-trails-levis-mound>).

Meet in the Fisher Ave Trail Center parking lot (N1589 Fisher Ave, Neillsville, WI) on Sunday, October 1st starting at 1:30 pm. We will drive together to a west entrance 2 miles away. Levis Mound is 13 miles south of Neillsville on Highway 95. Levis Mound has varied landscape and we will be climbing to view the colors from the top mounds and the hike could be challenging. The plan is for a 1 to 2-hour hike. Bring a bottle of water. Please note that trails aren't suitable for strollers. All hikers are invited to Nick and Kathy Nicks's house, W6967 Turville Rd (just off Hwy 95 on the way back to Neillsville) for a little good old fashion German GEMUTLICHKEIT (warm welcome and good cheer). A simple cookout including bratwurst and hot dogs etc. and beverages will be served after the hike. Any questions please call the parish office to speak with Judy Conner.



Do you know someone who needs a ride? Family Life would like to compile a list of people who need a ride to Mass or church functions as well as a list of people who would be willing to offer a ride to these parishioners. If you are in need of a ride or are willing to drive, please call Mary Luedtke, 715-937-5054 so we can match people up for rides.



Boxes of Joy! Bless a child in an impoverished country with a Christmas Gift to tell them they are loved by God and you :) Boxes will be available in the Narthex along with gifting guides. A \$9 donation supports the priests and nuns who minister to the children in these

areas as well as the shipping of the boxes. You can easily make your donation online or mail it in the pre-paid Box of Joy envelope. They should **NOT be placed** in the boxes as in previous years. One donation can be made for multiple boxes or on its own. Boxes will be due back on Sunday, November 5th. May God bless you for your generosity.



"Your generosity will give thanksgiving to God" 2Cor 9:11. Bishop Barron has said that there are three essential elements of the Church; to worship God, to evangelize, and to serve the poor. With these elements in mind, there will now be a permanent donation basket provided in the Narthex in the seating area, for the family of St Mary's to praise and give thanks to God. Feel free to make a donation any time, weekend or week day, of non-perishable food/paper supplies/baby needs. When the basket is full, it will be delivered to our local food pantry in the name of St. Mary's. (If any other organization has a food drive, the items will be donated to their cause as well.) "By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another." Jn 13:35



**MEN OF
THE CROSS
CONFERENCE**

Men of the Cross Conference is October 14th 8:30am to 5:15pm at

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI. Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit www.menofthecross.org.