



October 29, 2023  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

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

## St. Mary Parish

1813 Black River Road  
Neillsville, WI 54456

### 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 Hooser  
Administrative Assistant

Dear Family,

I don't recall where I saw this but wherever it was, I took a picture of it because it was such a great point and reminder to me. I cut it out and put it on my mirror in the bathroom. Maybe you might consider doing something similar. So, I thought I would share it with you. God bless and Mary keep you and let us pray intensely for the healing of our entire society as we watch as yet another disturbed person has taken innocent life, this time in Maine.

*Remember  
whenever you're in  
a position to help  
someone, be glad  
and always do it  
because that is God  
answering someone  
else's prayers  
through you!*



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## Weekly Calendar

### **Monday, October 30 – No Mass – Office Closed**

6:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Loft

### **Tuesday, October 31 – No Daily Mass**

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Deceased members of the Grotta & Stein family

### **Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day Solemnity of All Saints**

7:00pm Mass: † Darrell Poeschel

### **Thursday, November 2**

#### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed All Souls' Day**

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Betty Opelt

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

### **Friday, November 3 – First Friday**

*Memorial of Saint Martin de Porres, religious*

7:00am Mass: † Roger Ingold

7:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00pm Confession

7:00pm Benediction

### **Saturday, November 4 – Incense Free**

*Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop*

8:00am Mass: † Living & deceased members of Catholic Financial Branch 150

8:30am Change of Seasons Day Breakfast

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Eugene & Mildred Walter

### **Sunday, November 5**

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: † Connie Stowe

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

**Bereavement & Visitation Ministry** Annie Augustine – 715.937.1432 or

**Spiritual Direction** august.anne09@gmail.com

**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. May be celebrated during or following any of the Masses. Preparation classes are required. Please call the Parish Office for details.

#### **Baptisms**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Gretchen Fitzmaurice – 715.486.6674

## Weekly Collection

**October 21-22, 2023**

Tithe	\$4,534.00
Student	2.20
Offertory	498.75
Bazaar and Dinner	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,054.95</b>

### **Weekly Budget**

**\$5,600.00**

Building Fund

\$300.00

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday-Sunday November 4-5**

### Lectors

5:00pm

Larry Hooser

8:00am

Wayne Thomas

10:30am

Bob Barth

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00pm

Mary Hartung

8:00am

Rogene

Matuszak

10:30am

Phyllis Carney

### Altar Servers

5:00pm

Andrew Hooser

Adam Hooser

8:00am

Colton

Hannasch

Carter

Hannasch

Clayton

Hannasch

10:30am

Henry Schoen

Nathaniel Schoen

Hayden Poeschel

### Cantor

10:30am

Mike Hart

Mary Ann Ingold

### Ushers for November

5:00pm

Don Kotcon

Michael Morks

Russell Ratsch

Eugene Walter Jr.

8:00am

Bev Friemoth

Jim Langreck

Sandy Mayer

Ritch

Kohlhofer

10:30am

Al Durst

Larry Kyle

William Poeschel

Tom Silbernagel

### Rosary Leader

5:00pm

Mary Hartung

8:00am

Wayne Thomas

10:30am

Kathy Nicks

## Proverbial Wisdom

The honesty of the upright guides them;  
The faithless are ruined by their duplicity.  
--Proverbs 11:3

## Parish Announcements

**November 1 – All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation**

### Mass Times

**Tuesday, October 31 - 6pm**

**Wednesday November 1 - 7pm**

**There will not be a Mass Wednesday morning**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7am.**

## *Come and Pray*

**First Friday Adoration**

**Friday, November 3, 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*

**November Table of Remembrance:** You are invited to bring photos of deceased family members and friends. Throughout the month we will pray for them in the celebration of All Souls Day. Place the photos on the table located in the narthex.

**PCCW Meeting November 7, 2023 at 6:30pm in church hall.** Ladies, please take some time to pray in adoration and attend Mass, then join your friends and fellow PCCW members for the monthly meeting. “Journey to Becoming a Carmelite” will be presented by Karen Quella, wife, mother and member of St. Mary's. Karen will share her experiences of becoming a member of the Carmelite Order. Short business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Fall Change of Seasons Clean-up**

**Saturday November 4, 2023**

Consider this a great opportunity to serve our

elderly and infirmed. **Start your morning with breakfast at St. Mary Parish Church Hall at 8:30am.** Bring rakes, leaf blowers, and tarps. Bring your 4-H group, Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop and your whole family! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Morrow at Interfaith by calling 715-743-2885.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### Faith Formation/CCD News



All Saints Day party for all will be in the Church Hall starting at 3 pm this Sunday, October 29. Please join your parish family in celebrating the great witness of saints who have gone before us! See the bulletin notice for the details.

Wednesday November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints Day. Attendance will be taken for grades 7-12 at the 7pm Mass. Children may sit with their parents or their class. If with their parents, please have them check in with their catechist prior to Mass. Please arrive early enough to do so in order for Mass to begin at 7 pm.

### **November 8<sup>th</sup> Family Formation/CCD Meal Menu:**

Baked Potato Bar! All the fixings to make loaded baked potatoes. Also serving hot dogs/chili dogs, chips, homemade desserts, and white and chocolate milk. Serving from 5-6:30p.m. to accommodate middle and high school students.

Please sign up on the sheet in the carport vestibule if you can bring a treat to share with the meal on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **This week's at home lesson- Fourth week of October – Christian Citizenship-**

It is our God-given duty to do what we can to make our home and community better places to live. God created us to live with each other and when we do that with peace, joy and love we are a reflection of the peace, joy and love of the Holy Trinity.

\*Being a citizen connects us to other people and we share many things like playgrounds, streets, services with our neighbors. We also have duties like paying taxes and following the laws.

\*The family is the smallest cell of society and there we learn to be a good citizen by learning to obey legitimate authority, right and wrong behavior, how to honor God first and work together. These things come to us from the 10 Commandments, God's guidelines for living in relationship with Him and each other.

**Memory item: Grades K-6:** As we are giving glory to God, we are tracing a small cross on our forehead, lips and heart and silently praying, “Your Word, O Lord, be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.”



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.



**All Saint's Celebration!** Everyone is invited to join in celebrating All Saint's Day in the church hall starting at 3pm on Sunday, October 29th. Come dressed up or choose from the many costumes we have for kids and adults. Or just be you, a future saint! We will play party games, practice saintly deeds, share tasty treats, and learn about saints. There will be something for all ages to enjoy. We need a few teens or parents to lead the party games so everything runs smoothly. The jobs needed are help with frosting and decorating cookies (heavenly crowns), hand out prizes for the little kid games, correct the saint quizzes, go through the guesses for how much candy is in the jars to find the winners, and lead the saint guessing games. If anyone has artistic talent to make posters, or decorate the posters for stations, please let Rebekah Lehn know in person or by emailing her at [rdlehn15@charter.net](mailto:rdlehn15@charter.net) or let Judy know at the office.



**ONLY A FEW BOXES LEFT!!!** 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 are due back on Sunday, November 5th.** May God bless you for your generosity.



Be a part of an exciting community initiative in Loyal. Catholic Charities seeks a Program Coordinator to provide case management services to program participants including budgeting, goal setting, independent living and tenancy skills, and connections

to community-based services. Position requires prior experience working with the homeless or vulnerable populations and prior housing and/or case management experience. Bachelor's Degree in Human Services or Social Work preferred, minimum of an Associate's Degree required. Position is 20-25 hours per week, and eligible for generous paid time off benefit and 401(k). Help us fulfill our mission of service to others! For immediate consideration, please fill out an application online at <https://cclse.org/program-coordinator-house-of-mercy/> and attach your resume and cover letter.

**DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE** - The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**Area Events**

**Holiday Fest** – Holy Rosary Parish – Owen is having their Holiday Fest Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving a Grilled Chicken Dinner from 11:30am to 1pm in Marian Hall. Dinner tickets will be sold that day for \$13, Dine-in or take-out. There will be bucket raffles with a drawing at 1pm, need not be present to win. Also selling holiday baked goods! Sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish, OWen

**House of Mercy 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser** – House of Mercy is having it's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Parish Neillsville. 4:30pm gathering, 5pm dinner. They will be serving a chicken dinner catered by Schmitty's on Main - \$20 a ticket. The Neillsville Show Choir will be performing at 5:30pm. Please make your reservation by November 30<sup>th</sup> by calling the House of Mercy at 715-503-1005 or Gary Veltus at 715-937-6551. Join the fun and support the House of Mercy.



There is a Food Pantry donation basket in the Narthex in the seating area. 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.) This is an opportunity for the family of St Mary's to praise and give thanks to God. "Your generosity will give thanksgiving to God" 2Cor 9:11

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Mark Your Calendar!!!**  
**Trivia Night Saturday**  
**February 3, 2024!!!**  
**More details**  
**to come soon!!!**

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