



October 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

*"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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The Spiritual Over the Worldly

Dear Family,

Following is a great homily from St. Pope Gregory the Great, that helps us to navigate all the possessions we are blessed with, especially in our country.

St. Gregory says:

I would like to urge you to forsake everything, but that I do not presume to do. Yet, if you cannot give up everything of this world, at least keep what belongs to the world in such a way that you yourself are not kept prisoner by the world. Whatever you possess must not possess you; whatever you own must be under the power of your soul, for if your soul is overpowered by the love of this world's goods, it will be totally at the mercy of its possessions.

In other words, we make use of temporal things, but our hearts are set on what is eternal. Temporal goods help us on our way, but our desire must be for those eternal realities which are our goal. We should give no more than a side glance at all that happens in the world, but the eyes of the soul are to be focused right ahead; for our whole attention must be fixed on those realities which constitute our goal.

*Whatever is vicious must be utterly eradicated, wrenched away not merely from being [acted out] but even from being so much as thought of. No carnal pleasure, no worldly curiosity, no surge of ambition must keep us from the Lord's Supper. But further, **our minds should merely skirt even the good deeds we perform in this life;** in this way, the physical things which give us pleasure will serve our bodily needs without hindering the soul's progress. You see, my brothers, I dare not say to you, give up everything. Yet, if you will, you can give everything up even while keeping it, provided you handle temporal things in such a way that your whole mind is directed toward what is eternal. A man can use the world as if he were not using it, if he makes all external needs minister to the support of his life without allowing them to dominate his soul. They remain external to him and under his control, serving him without halting the soul's drive to higher things. For such man, everything in this world is there for their use, **not to be desired.** Nothing should interfere with your soul's longing; **no created pleasure in the world should ensnare you.***

*If the object of love is what is good, then the soul should take its delight in the higher good, the things of heaven. If the object of fear is what is evil, then we should keep before ourselves the things that are eternally evil. In this way, **if the soul sees that we should have a greater love and a greater fear about what concerns the next life, it will never cling to this life.***

To help us to achieve all this we have the help of the mediator between God and man. Through him we shall obtain all this the more quickly, the more we burn with a great love for him, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

I don't know about you, but this seems very helpful to me since I need to hear it more than anyone. Please pray for me that I can put those things that are spiritual and heavenly as my first priority and allow all that is good, that is earthly, serve the purpose of leading souls to heaven! Please be assured of my prayers for you! God bless and Mary keep you!



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 9 – No Mass – Office Closed

Memorials of Saint Denis, bishop, and Companions,
martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, priest
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
6:30pm Choir Practice – Choir Loft

Tuesday, October 10

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass: † Elton Imig

Wednesday, October 11

Memorial of Saint John XXIII, pope
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am Mass: † John Matuszak
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
7:00pm CCD: Grades 7-12

Thursday, October 12

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Jane Mayer
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine
6:00pm Family Life Committee Meeting

Friday, October 13

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Delores Hammond
3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

Saturday, October 14 – Incense Free

Memorial of Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr
8:00am Mass: Blessings for Jody Conner
12:00pm Rosary Rally – front lawn
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass: † Clarence and Rosalie Becker

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Confession
8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family
9:45am Confession
10:30am Mass: † Alice Gross

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 august.anne09@gmail.com

Spiritual Direction Renee Schoen – 715.743.4059
Elizabeth Ministry Contact with the parish is required six months to one year before marriage.
Holy Matrimony 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

Transportation to Church Functions Mary Luedtke – 715-937-5054

Weekly Collection

September 30-October 1, 2023

Tithe	\$4,449.00
Student	7.25
Offertory	483.00
Bazaar and Dinner	70.00
Total	\$5,009.25

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

Building Fund \$200.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday October 14-15

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Delores Schmitt	<u>8:00am</u> Rogene Matuszak	<u>10:30am</u> Sherry Hickey
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u> Mary Hartung	<u>8:00am</u> Rick Kuhn	<u>10:30am</u> Bob Barth
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Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoesser Adam Hoesser	<u>8:00am</u> Brody Swita Kennedy Kren Landon Schoen	<u>10:30am</u> Theodora Hannasch Gregory Lehn Corbin Wirkuty
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Cantor

10:30am
Mike Hart
Mary Ann Ingold

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> Russ & Annie Augustine	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Greg & Linda Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Gary Veltus
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Proverbial Wisdom

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant
And the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

--Ronald Reagan

Parish Announcements

November 1 – All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

Tuesday, October 31 - 6pm

Wednesday November 1 - 7am

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There is a Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday October 19, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Parish Office.

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

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.



Knights of Columbus Council 4963 Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake & French Toast Breakfast THIS 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 from this event will go to a local family that has suffered from a catastrophic loss.

OCTOBER 2023



October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation/CCD News



There will be a Catechist In-service on October 25, therefore there will not be any CCD classes for grades 7-12 that evening.

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

This week's at home lesson- First Week of October-

The Liturgy of the Word-

In John's Gospel, God's "Word" means His only Begotten Son, who is the fullness of God revelation and who took flesh and became man for the sake of our salvation. The Holy Mass was instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. Every Mass recalls the words of Jesus, "Do this in memory of me".

* At Each Mass we adore God the Father who gives us all the blessings of creation and salvation. The Mass is the perfect prayer of Jesus to God the Father. It makes present the sacrifice Jesus offered on the cross as the true expression of his love for each of us.

*The Mass is one prayer in two parts: Liturgy of the Word (opening prayers, readings and petitions) and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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 next Family Formation meeting will be November 8 as the first Wednesday of November is a Holy Day of obligation for All Saints Day. Masses will be at 7 am and 7 pm on November 1.



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.

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

TRIVIA IS BACK!!!

**More details
to come soon!!!**



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 or let Judy know at the office.



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.

St Mary's First Responder Ministry - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal 6:2 The Family Life Commission has formed a First Responder ministry who are looking for new members. This ministry, made up of parish volunteers, would respond early and expediently to catastrophic events within our parish family as well as the local and surrounding community. Anyone wishing to be a part of this important ministry should contact Mary Luedtke at 715-937-5054. Contact the Parish Office or Mary Luedtke as soon as you become aware of a situation.



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.

National Eucharistic Congress - In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more, will inspire and invite people to return to the source and summit of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. In addition to the work being done in our Diocese as part of the Eucharistic Procession to Indianapolis, we are exploring the possibility of taking a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the Eucharistic Congress. To prepare for such a pilgrimage, we need to know the number of pilgrims interested in joining a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the National Eucharistic Congress. If you are interested in being part of this special pilgrimage, please email cre@stmaryneillsville.org.

Once we know the number of people wishing to participate, we can provide further information related to costs, travel, and registration.



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. For registration and more information, visit www.menofthecross.org.

Area Events

Resource Expo & Celebration - ADRC of Clark County is having a Resource Expo and Celebration on Thursday October 12th from 10am to 2pm at Sunset Place Apartments, 216 Sunset Place, Neillsville. There will be food, raffles, special guests and over 20 vendors. Representatives from multiple support agencies and volunteer organizations will be there. Registration is at 10am.

Belgian Waffle & Pancake Breakfast - Holy Rosary Parish in Owen, is having a belgian waffle & pancake breakfast Sunday October 22nd in Marian Hall from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Adults: \$10, Students under 14: \$5, Preschoolers are free. This event is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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