



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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September 10, 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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

Dear Family,

This past Tuesday we celebrated the optional memorial of St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Those of us old enough to remember her, got to watch the life of a living saint. She was one who saw Jesus in every person, especially the most destitute. A friend of mine, W. Keith Moore, wrote a song entitled "Unto Me". Maybe his song could be a driving anthem for us in our evangelization efforts. It's not about telling people the truth, it's about living it. When they see that, they'll want to know more.

UNTO ME

by W. Keith Moore

**I saw Christ last evenin', Beggin' for some change.
Lyn' in a doorstep, callin' out my name.
Well, I saw Christ last evenin', alone and in despair;
Cryin' for a lost friend, and drownin' in his tears. (Refrain)**

Refrain

**Did you know me, did you feed me,
Did you give me something to drink;
If you did it to the least of these, you did it Unto Me.
Do you know me, do you love me,
Do you take the time to think; If you do it to the least of these;
You do it Unto Me.**

**I saw Christ last evenin', lyn' in a room
His body torn and broken, Devil's comin' soon.
I saw Christ last evenin', naked in the cold.
His belly round and bloated, He held an empty bowl. (Refrain)**

Bridge

**If I look I'll see Him everywhere;
You look above and in the lonely square.
Wherever there is pain, you know you'll find Him there.
'Cause Jesus in the sick needs help, a friend and lovin' care.**

**I saw Christ last evenin', a needle in his hand.
His eyes withdrawn and empty, a thin and withered man.
I saw Christ last evenin', she was pickin' up some guy;
Now she's tremblin' in the darkness, a far-away look in her eye.**

**Did you cloth Me, did you feed Me,
Did you give me something to drink.
If you did it to the least of these, you did it Unto Me.
Do you know me, do you love me,
Do you take the time to think;
If you do it to the least of these, you do it Unto Me.**

In whom do you see Jesus? God bless and Mary keep you!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 11 – No Mass – Office Closed

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

Tuesday, September 12

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Maureen Meier

Wednesday, September 13

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

7:00pm Mass: Opening Mass for CCD & Faith Formation - † Darrell Poeschel

Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Deceased members of the Grota & Stein Family

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

6:00pm Family Life Committee Meeting

Friday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Ethan & Simon Thomas

3:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine

Saturday, September 16 – Incense Free

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

8:00am Mass: † William A. Kastern

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Deceased members of the Clarence Becker Family

Sunday, September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Confession

8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: Catechetical Sunday - † Duane Peterson

12:30pm St. Mary's Parish Potluck – Parish Grounds

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. 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

September 2-3, 2023

Tithe	\$4,079.00
Student	2.25
Offertory	580.00
CCD Tuition	140.00
CCD Donation	40.00
Bazaar and Dinner	1,049.00
Total	\$5,890.25

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Building Fund

\$100.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday September 16-17

Lectors

5:00pm

Rogene
Matuszak

8:00am

Cheyenne
Thomas

10:30am

Gary Veltus

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00pm

Mary Hartung

8:00am

Jack
Hammond

10:30am

Gretchen
Fitzmaurice

Altar Servers

5:00pm

Andrew Hoeyer
Adam Hoeyer

8:00am

Faustina
Thomas
Perpetua
Thomas
Angeline
Thomas

10:30am

Henry Schoen
Nathaniel Schoen
Hayden Poeschel

Ushers for September

5:00pm

Don Kotcon
Al Spaete
Doug Spaete
Jim Zschernitz

8:00am

Clinton
Hannasch
Ritch
Kohlhofer
John Langton
Sandy Mayer

10:30am

Mike Boon
Al Durst
William Poeschel
Gary Ruzic

Rosary Leader

5:00pm

Jared Thomas

8:00am

Rick & Donna
Kuhn

10:30am

Gary Veltus

Proverbial Wisdom

The poor need the rich to draw them out of poverty;
The rich need to the poor to keep them out of hell.

--Francis Cardinal George, Chicago

Parish Announcements

Daily Mass Change – Daily Mass on Wednesday September 13th will be at 7pm not at 7am due to the start of CCD/Family Formation. Please join us for the start of the CCD/Family Formation year!

Potluck

St. Mary's Parish Potluck is
NEXT SUNDAY!!

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 after the
10:30am Mass**

Come and enjoy a potluck dinner with your parish family featuring chicken grilled by Gary Nauertz and his crew. Following the dinner there will be games and fun for everyone.

**Signups and more information is available in the
narthex of the church.**

New this year a Bounce House and dunk tank!!!



**HELP
WANTED**

St. Mary's Parish is looking for someone to plow snow this coming winter. Anyone interested in this job, please send or drop off a bid at the Parish office.

Choir News

Welcome, all you great voices! We will be beginning our choir practices on Monday September 11th at 6:30 pm in the choir loft. Our focus will be covering the music for the upcoming weekend, learning any new songs, and also preparing for the feast days! Rebekah Lehn will be our accompanist, and we will try to keep these practices to one hour. The choir then will be singing at the 10:30am Mass each Sunday with a cantor. Can't make it at 10:30am Mass next week...Don't miss Practice...this practice will help us prepare for all the masses and help familiarize yourself with the new Credo Hymnal we will begin using at the start of Advent. Much to do and accomplish moving forward! Our numbers continue to dwindle so new members are greatly appreciated! Lorraine Spencer, Choir Director

Faith Formation/CCD News



If you have not registered for the new school year yet, you can still do so, but be aware that your home packets may not be here for the September home lesson. The St Mary's Religious Education Parent-Student manual, which includes the calendar for 2023-2024 can be found on St Mary's website under the Religious Education tab.

Substitute Catechists - We are still looking for substitute catechists for all grade levels to help out when a teacher is unavailable.

CCD & Family Formation (FF) starts Sept 13 with an opening Mass at 7 pm. All families enrolled in CCD/FF are invited to attend with their children. CCD kids (grade 7-12) are to meet in the Narthex for roll call. Praying for and placing the Religious Education of our children in God's hands is the most important work we can do!

September 20- Family Formation begins at 6 pm and runs to 7 pm in the Narthex with an additional 15 minutes for parents and children in 2nd grade. CCD begins at 7 pm in the school and office buildings.

Treats will be served the first night of CCD/FF in the Narthex for all kids in our Religious Education programs. All children and parents stop in for a treat! Please sign up on the sheet in the carport vestibule to bring a treat to share (cookies, bars, or other treats). Childcare will be available in the Church Hall.



Child Care Nursery Workers: We are in need of child care helpers during Faith Formation. The time commitment is for about an hour to 1 ½ hours once a month, typically the first Wednesday of the month from about 5:45-7:15 pm. At this time, we are in need of 2-3 adults or responsible youth. Please call the parish office if you would like to be a child care worker.

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.

Rural Life Mass September 13th 11875 US Hwy. 10 in Marshfield - The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.



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 are available in the Narthex along with instructions and gifting guides.



Catholic Financial Life

Seasonal Produce and Bake Sale

- It is almost here! Next weekend we will be having our baked good, seasonal

fresh produce, canned goods, pickles, jams and jellies, etc. sale. The sale runs after each Mass next weekend September 16th and 17th. GET READY TO FILL YOUR PANTRY!!! For those donating please have your items available by 3pm on Saturday September 16th in the Narthex at St. Mary's. All proceeds will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society who help to support people in need.

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>)

This area begins the "Driftless" area in the state, featuring sandstone bluffs or mounds-one of the unique natural features trail users enjoy. Meet in the Fisher Ave Trail Center parking lot (N1589 Fisher Ave, Neillsville, WI) on Sunday, October 1st starting at 1:30 pm. 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- 2 hour hike. Bring a bottle of water. Please note that trails aren't suitable for strollers. Any questions please call the parish office to speak with Judy Conner.

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.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 16-19, 2023

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. Our diocese will be taking a group and would love to have youth from around the diocese join them! St. Mary's would help with fundraising efforts and finances if anyone would like to go. If you are interested in learning more please visit the website at diolc.org/ncyc. Please note that St. Mary's Confirmation students will not be able to attend due to Confirmation on November 19th. Please contact Christopher Rogers at the Diocese of La Crosse or Judy Conner if you have any questions.

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.

Area Events

Parish Dinner - St. Wenceslaus Parish in Miladore are having their Annual Parish Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 1, 2023, Drive thru ONLY. Serving from 11am to 1pm \$14 a meal, Dinner Includes: Chicken Breast and thigh with each dinner, Dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolache.

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