

May 19, 2024 Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

*"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
Pastor
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WHAT THE TRUE PRESENCE MEANS TO US

Dear Family,

Each week we gather at Mass. At the center of this gathering is the Eucharist. But what do you and I perceive in terms of the Eucharist? Do we see, with the eyes of faith, God; or do we simply see a wafer, or do we really see anything at all?

Holy Mother Church tells us that the Holy Eucharist is, "the source and summit" of our Catholic faith. Why? It is for no other reason that we KNOW that, after the priest prays the prayer of consecration over the bread and wine, they cease to be bread and wine and those substances change completely; they are now God Himself. The degree to which you and I have interiorized that FACT will determine how we approach Mass on any day of the week, especially on Sunday. It will determine whether one makes Mass the top priority of each week. It will determine if one even goes to Mass. It will determine whether one regularly gets to Mass as late as possible. It will determine whether one regularly leaves Mass as early as possible. It will determine whether one desires to spend time with our Lord in adoration. Our Eucharistic belief will determine pretty much everything about a Catholic's faith.

At the Last Supper Jesus established two things; He established the Holy Eucharist – "This is my body...This is my blood..." – and He established the priesthood – "As often as you do this, you do it in remembrance of me". The two are inseparable.

From that day until the end of time, every time a Catholic priest prays those words of consecration at Mass, the bread ceases to be bread, the wine ceases to be wine and, what was once those substances now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, becomes God Himself. This fact simply fulfills all of Sacred Scripture, from the offering of bread and wine by the priest Melchizedek (Gn 14:1-24), to the sacrificial lamb at the Exodus (Ex 11:1-13:16), to the Last Supper itself (Mt 26:17-30, et al), to Jesus emphatically insisting that His body is the "Bread come down from heaven" (Jn 6:51) and that His body is "true food" and His blood is "true drink" (Jn 6:55).

This is but a scratching of the surface when it comes to the biblical foundations for the fact that what we receive at Mass in the Eucharist is God Himself. But no matter how many bible passages I quote, no matter how in depth a logical argument I could offer on this subject, I cannot "prove" to you that the Eucharist is God. In the end the burden is on you and me to allow God to prove to us that He is truly present in the Eucharist. And the only way that can happen is if you and I persistently spend time with Him in Eucharistic adoration. In that experience of Him, there will ultimately be no doubt of His true presence so that when Sunday rolls around, you and I can't wait to get to Mass, we receive Him with utter joy at communion, and, if Mass goes a little longer than normal, that's just fine, because we get to spend a little more time in His presence. God bless and Mary keep you!



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 20 – Office Closed

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 21

Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass: † Louis Kessler

6:45pm Finance Meeting – Parish Office

7:15pm Knight of Columbus Meeting – Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 22

Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, religious

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Mass: † Jennie & John Hammond

Thursday, May 23

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † Patricia Koszuth

9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall

10:00am Mass: Neillsville Retirement Center

12:15pm Mass: Riverside Assistant Living

7:00pm Justice & Peace Committee Meeting – Parish Office

Friday, May 24 – Office Closed

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

8:00am Mass: † deceased members of the Veltus Family

Saturday, May 25 – Incense Free

Memorials of Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin

8:00am Mass: † Ray & Betty Kaz

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Mass: † Clarence & Rosalie Becker

6:00pm Pig Roast on Church grounds

Sunday, May 26

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

7:00am Confession

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

9:45am Confession

10:30am Mass: † Darrell Poeschel

12:00pm Baptism: Aribella Drangstveit

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

May 11-12, 2024

Tithe	1,659.00
Ascension	2,608.00
Student	6.25
Offertory	565.00
Total	\$4,838.25

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

Green Envelope Fund	\$90.00
Uganda Orphanage	\$1,000.00

Liturgical Ministries

Reminder – If you are unable to fulfill your assignment please remember to get a replacement. Thank you!

Saturday-Sunday May 25-26

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Cheyenne Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Gary Veltus
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoerer Adam Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Faustina, Perpetua, Angeline & Gibeon Thomas	<u>10:30am</u> Henry & Nathaniel Schoen
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Cantor

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

Ushers for May

<u>5:00pm</u> Donald Kotcon Al Spaete Doug Spaete Eugene Walter Jr.	<u>8:00am</u> Walter Domaszek Bev Friemoth Jim Langreck Russell Pagenkopf	<u>10:30am</u> Larry Kyle Gary Ruzic Kevin Schoen Tom Silbernagel
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Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Jared Thomas	<u>8:00am</u> Dr. Greg and Linda Foster	<u>10:30am</u> Gary Veltus
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Proverbial Wisdom

I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion
Has already been born.

--Ronald Reagan

Parish Announcements

Reminder of Meetings for the month of May:

Tuesday May 21 Finance Council Meeting 6:45pm
Thursday May 23 Justice & Peace Committee 7pm
Please mark your calendars if you are on any of these committees.

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday the Parish office will be closed Friday May 24, 2024. The bulletin deadline will be Wednesday May 22nd by 10am. Thank you!



Father Greg will be gone Tuesday May 28th and Wednesday May 29th. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or daily Masses during those days.



Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 2nd, our parish family will take to the streets of Neillsville, to intentionally show our love for our Eucharistic Lord. Plan to join for all or part of the procession. When we carry our Eucharistic Lord through the streets, we give public witness of our faith and devotion to Our Lord, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. For those who would like to participate, but may not be able to walk the entire way, cars will be available.

Spiritual Bouquet – Seminarian Matthew Szymanski will be ordained a Deacon on June 1, 2024 at 10am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, WI. In support of Matthew, who was here the summer of 2021, Father Greg would like to send him a Spiritual Bouquet. Please see the display in the Narthex. There are spiritual bouquet sheets to fill out and a box to put them in when they are completed. Thank you!



Save the date to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church Sunday August 18, 2024 after the 10:30am Mass. More details to come soon!!!

Choir Members: Choir practice will be cancelled on May 27th in order for you to celebrate Memorial Day!!! Watch the bulletin for upcoming cancellation dates throughout the summer. Summer Schedule of choir practices will be posted in the choir loft! Contact Lorraine Spencer if you have any questions 715-937-0230.

Knights of Columbus – There is a Knights of Columbus meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:15pm. All Knight members are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Family Formation



Congratulations to St. Mary's Graduating senior class!! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new season of their lives!

Family Formation and CCD Registration for the 2024-2025

- We ask parents with children that will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade this fall fill out and submit with your payment the Registration forms located in the Narthex or on St Mary's website under Religious Education. We ask that you return them along with your payment by June 30, 2024 to get the early bird discount of \$10! After July 1st, there will be an additional \$10 late fee added.

CCD teacher needed for the fall of 2024: We ask that you continue to keep our CCD and Family Formation programs in your prayers. We need to start with prayer and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide and provide for our programs. We value the varied gifts and talents of our parish family contributing to its success. Please consider volunteering your talents as a catechist!

At this time, we are in need of a 6th and 12th grade catechist.

The 6th grade catechist will follow the Family Formation method we have been using for the last 2 years and will teach once a month, typically the first week of the month from 6-7 pm. The curriculum is provided for the catechist. If you feel God might be calling you to this position, please contact Judy Conner, CRE for more information. The senior year catechesis is an examination of all Christian vocations and the discernment of God's will and focuses on living a moral Christian life. It includes the examination of the sacraments related to all vocations, the dignity of the human person and its relationship to God, characteristics of living a moral life within a vocation, Catholic sexual morality as expressed in John Paul II's Theology of the Body and the importance of prayer. Please talk with Fr Greg or Judy Conner, CRE if you are interested and/or have questions.



Congratulations!! We celebrated Catechist milestone years of teaching the children/youth of St. Mary's for 3 of our catechists last week! Congratulations to Jody Conner for 35 years, Stephanie Hannasch for 10 years, and Kaitly Rosno for 5 years. Thank you for the gifts God has given you and

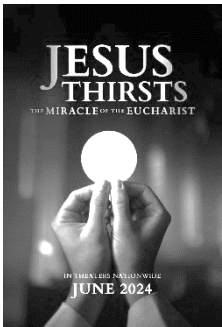
your answering the call to serve in this capacity! We thank all those who teach in our programs and all those who support the CCD and Family Formation programs in any way!

Adventure Camp – There are 2 weeks available this year for Adventure Camp. Week 1: June 23-28, 2024 and Week 2: July 7-12, 2024. These two weeks are for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$430 per person (including adults) for an early bird registration (registered before June 10, 2024). The regular price after June 10, 2024, rises to \$450 per person (including adults). Funds are available thru the Family Life Committee to help with cost. For more information, registration link, click here: diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.

PCCW News

Project Milk Fundraiser: No Bake Bake Sale - The PCCW will be having a “No Bake Bake Sale” to raise money for Project Milk. Hundreds of families in Peru are struggling to put food on the table for some that means rotating days on which children can eat. Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Ladies are requested to contribute monetarily. The envelopes can be found in the carport. **The PCCW will be collecting through May 26, 2024.** Thank you for your generosity.

The Word Among Us - The Word Among Us publication will be available through the summer months for all parishioners starting with the June issue. You will find them in the carport vestibule. Thank you to St. Mary's PCCW for sponsoring the book throughout the summer.



“Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist” is coming to Rogers Cinema in Marshfield - A new film focusing on the transformative power of the Eucharist will be showing at Rogers Cinema in Marshfield on June 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. each night. *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist* will take viewers on a

journey to rediscover the importance of the Eucharist through dialogue with notable Catholic figures including Father Donald Calloway, Scott Hahn, Jim Wahlberg, Curtis Martin, Chris Stefanick, Father Robert Spitzer, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and Tim Gray, among others.

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year to please have your pledge form in by the deadline date of June 30, 2024.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of May 16, 2024

\$33,590.00

Parishioner participation: 32%

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your card in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.



“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. **This event is \$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. **If you would like to carpool please give Mary Luedtke a call at 715-937-5054 with any questions.**

Walk a Half-Mile or More with Jesus: Monday, June 10

ALL are WELCOME to the **National Eucharistic Procession** beginning at 2:00pm at the Park and Ride at the corner of Heritage Drive/Draxler's Drive (South of Kwik Trip/Marshfield). Transportation, leaving from St. John the Baptist Parish parking lot, to the Park 'n Ride and the 4 Altar Stops along Veteran's Pkwy will be provided throughout the entire 4.1 mile route. The Eucharistic Procession will enter into St. John the Baptist Church, Marshfield at 4:30pm with Benediction to follow. Enjoy food and fellowship at the Pot Luck Supper as well as attending the Mission Exhibits and a presentation on Blessed Brother James Miller (relic will be on site) and Servant of God Fr. Joseph Walijewski. For more information, visit <https://stjohnsmarshfield.org/june-10th-11th-2024-national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-procession-and-activities/>

Save the Date: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mission Presentation, Exhibits, Adoration and Prayers Monday June 10th and Tuesday June 11th

- Join us at St. John the Baptist Church, Marshfield, on Monday, June 10, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm for a presentation on Blessed Brother James (Santiago) Miller by Fr. Alan Guanella and on Servant of God Fr. Joseph Walijewski, by Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk. The evening also includes Diocese of La Crosse Mission exhibits from 4:30-6:00pm and 8:00-9:00pm; in the Columbia Room/St. John the Baptist School, Marshfield, and Adoration from 8:00pm (June 10) through 7:00am (June 11) in St. John the Baptist Church; Matins, including prayer intentions for miracle healings through the intercession of Fr. Walijewski, led by Fr. Robert Thorn from 3:00am-4:00am.