



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### April 25, 2021



**Father David Greskowiak—Parish Administrator**

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MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK			
Sun	April 25	8:00 am	Living & Deceased members of our parish.
Tues	April 27	7:30 am	Anniversary for Tim & Diane Van Asten
Wed	April 28	7:30 am	Remembrance Leonard Maufort
Thur	April 29	7:30 am	Pray for our Nation
Fri	April 30	7:30 am	National Arbor Day
Sat	May 01	4:00 pm	Jane & Wally Gersmahl Anniversary
Sun	May 02	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Parish Members

Parish Receipts for April 18, 2021	
Parish Support	<b>\$1130.00</b>
Offertory	<b>\$301.00</b>
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$1,431.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,015.00</b>

## Thank you!

**Votive Candles = \$89.00**

If anyone has suggestions or input for the parish budget for FY 2021/2022 which will begin on 1 July 2021, please submit them to the parish office.



**Confessions available on Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment.**

### Religious Education News

#### Baptism

We want to congratulate Ilyra Lucia Severson who was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday, 17 April.

#### First Holy Communion

We want to again congratulate the following members of our parish who were welcomed to the Table of the Lord and received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, 18 April:

Blake Banker	Jordyn Johnson	Abigail Matousak
Marshall Mueller	Gunner Severson	Lilja Severson
Lydia Vanden Heuvel	Audrianna Witterholt	Adalyn Wry

#### Confirmation

We will celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday—23 May at 1:00 P.M.

Please pray for all of these young people and their families as they take these important steps and continue on their journey of faith as young Catholic Disciples of Jesus.

Confirmation Candidates that have not yet signed up for an interview with Father David please contact Randy at 920-642-4480.

#### Thank You from Fr. David

I want to thank everyone for your Easter cards and gifts. I very much appreciate them and they mean a lot to me. May God bless you all!

## BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021 — WE RISE AGAIN

### **Bishop's Appeal 2021—We Rise Again—WE CONTINUE TO EXCEED OUR GOAL!**

Great news! We have exceeded our goal! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The goal for St. Mary's Parish was \$13,236.00. **As of 20 April, 62 people have contributed \$14,531.00 which is \$1,345.00 OVER our goal. TOGETHER WE HAVE DONE IT!**

Even though we have made our goal you can still contribute to the Bishop's Appeal. The parish will receive back 50% of the amount over our goal. To make your gift please use the pledge card you received at home, or pick up the materials at the entrance or breezeway of the church, or visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123. Please note—if you write a check please make it out to “CF/Bishop's Appeal” and not to St. Mary's Parish. Thank you again so much for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal, and for your support of St. Mary's Parish.



### **Information on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Below is some information from our diocese on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

Dear Friend in Christ,

With the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** coming up on April 25, 2021, we thought this would be the perfect time to share some exciting news! If there's one thing we've learned in the Office of Vocations, it's the importance of having prayer as the foundation of all that we do. If something is not supported through the prayers of the faithful, it has little to no hope of bearing fruit.

In our effort to continue to help young people hear and answer a call to a religious vocation, we know it takes the prayers of many people in order to do that. Though not all are called to this particular vocation, all are encouraged to pray so that the ones whom the Lord is calling hear and say “yes!”

The **Fiat Prayer Society** is meant to help with this. Our goal is to have more and more of the faithful assist in our vocation efforts through their prayers and sacrifices to help bring forth more “yesses.” This is where the name of the society came from. “Fiat” is the Latin word for Mary's response to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Fiat means “let it be done” and because of her “yes,” Jesus came into the world. Who better to imitate in following God's will than the Blessed Mother?

By deciding to be a part of this society, there are no dues and no meetings, simply your promise to join our efforts in praying. This is meant to aid other groups in the Diocese of Green Bay that also faithfully pray for more vocations.

If you would like to learn more, access additional resources, become a member, or promote in your parish, please visit [www.gb vocations.org](http://www.gb vocations.org) or contact the Office of Vocations. Need anything else to help get the word out and share in your communities? Let us know, and we'll make more support materials available on our website.

We thank you for your willingness to help in this important task. Please know of our prayers for you as well, and God bless you!

In Christ—The Office of Vocations, (920) 272-8293, [vocations@gbdioc.org](mailto:vocations@gbdioc.org)

### **WHY THIS? WHY NOW?**

The Diocese of Green Bay is in dire need of priests. Our diocese currently has 59 diocesan priests for 157 parishes. Thankfully, we have 24 international priests, 11 priests from religious orders, and 15 pastoral leaders to help us lead our parishes. But according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the Green Bay Diocese has the worst ratio of diocesan priests to parishes in the entire country — nearly three parishes for every diocesan priest.

### **THE NEED FOR 30 BY '25**

Our goal as a diocese is to call forth and form 30 seminarians to be missionary leaders in the priesthood by the year 2025. We currently have just twelve men in seminary formation, and seminary formation takes seven to nine years of study. The goal then is to almost triple the number of men in formation just so that we may begin to see three ordinations per year.

### **WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP**

God will provide for our needs, but he wants us to cooperate in his work. We need everyone to take on the mission of promoting vocations and inviting young people to see if God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. The Fiat Prayer Society is meant to get more people in our diocese engaged in praying for and encouraging vocations from our parishes. This isn't just the role of the Vocations Office, but of every person and faith community in our diocese. We invite you to partner with us in this effort and help foster vocations through prayer!

## Nomination and Selection for Councils & Committees

We are looking for volunteers to please join us in our Finance Council, Parish Council, and other positions. There will be nomination papers at the end of the pews to be filled out in the next couple of weeks. If you are nominating someone please ask that person if they are willing to accept the nomination before signing them up.

Parish Council—2 members needed, Finance Council—Other members welcome,  
Secretary Trustee—available for reelection or new member.

### St Mary's Parish Nomination Form 2021 (Preliminary)

#### Parish Council

Two members needed

Term ending: Denise Seifer\*\*, Nancy Muelemans\*\*  
Other Members: Tim Ambrosius (2022: 2 Terms served),  
Mike Schmalz (2022: 1 Term served),  
Barb West (2022: 1 Term served),  
Tim Van Asten\* (2020: 1 Term served)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Finance Committee

Sandra Zahn (2022: 1 Term served)  
\*Mike Gritt (2021: 1 Term served)  
Darrin Stingle (2022: 2 Terms served)  
\*Bob Wagner (2020:1 Term served)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

#### Trustees

Secretary Trustee —Nancy Meulemans\*  
(2021 end of 1st Term)  
Treasurer Trustee —Sandra Zahn (2022: 1 Term served)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Board of Education

Amy Duca  
Beth Schmalz  
Kim Staffeldt  
Michelle Wickesberg

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

#### Outreach Committee

Bonnie Krupka (2022: 2 Terms served)  
Maxine Minschmidt (2021: 2 Terms served)  
Joan Mielke (2020: 2 Terms served)  
Carol Theobald (2021: 1 Term served) Moved to Appleton  
Looking for maybe 2 if not 1

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Worship committee

Members: Evie Burger, Jean Morrow, Sheri Rettler.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION**

\* Means they can be nominated again

\*\* Cannot serve this committee for 1 year, but can be nominated for another committee

Do NOT nominate people who are already on the committee unless they have one star.



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## Information from the USCCB on the Equality Act

The Equality Act is a bill in the United States Congress, that, if passed, would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, federally funded programs, credit, and jury service.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

### The Equality Act:

- Exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith
- Forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities
- Requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys
- Forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down
- Jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives
- Hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

### Take Action

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. **Tell your elected officials to oppose it!**

#### Senator Ron Johnson

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328 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Phone: (202) 224-5323

#### Senator Tammy Baldwin

Mailing address: [www.baldwin.senate.gov](http://www.baldwin.senate.gov)  
709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Phone: (202) 224-5653

#### President Joe Biden

Mailing address: [www.whitehouse.gov/contact](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)  
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington D.C. 20500

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