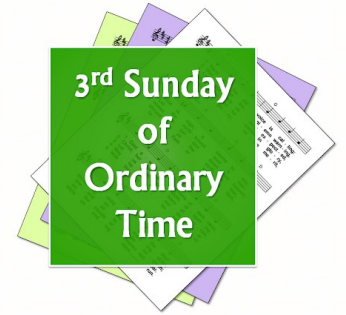


St. Mary's Catholic Church



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021



Father David Greskowiak—Parish Administrator

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MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Jan 24	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish
Tues	Jan 26	7:30am	Charlie Schnabl
Wed	Jan 27	7:30am	Peace in our community
Thur	Jan 28	7:30am	Leonard Schnabl
Fri	Jan 29	7:30am	Bob Stingle
Sat	Jan 30	4:00pm	Rose Artz for Healing
Sun	Jan 31	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish

Parish Receipts for January 17, 2021

Parish Support	\$985.00
Offertory	\$120.00
Donations	\$7.00
Votive Candles	\$71.75
Mass Stipends	\$90.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT = \$1273.75	

Weekly Budgeted Amount—\$2015.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Statements for 2020 tax year have been mailed out this week. If you have any questions or did not receive it, contact the office. Thank you!

Growing in Service at the Lord's Altar

The altar server ministry is very important and you will be making a serious commitment to your parish family. This ministry is open to any young person who has received their First Holy Communion. The server is the priest's right-hand helper.

Serving at the Altar is a special privilege. Altar Servers are close to the altar as they serve the priest, they carry the cross, and they carry the light of Christ as the Gospel is proclaimed. Our young altar servers wear the robe of baptism (the alb), which is a sign of their position in the community as baptized people. They hold the book of the prayers (the Roman Missal), and they help the priest at the altar. How wonderful this is!

BULLETIN BY EMAIL OR POSTMAIL

Would you to receive our bulletin or any other notices by email? Email the office at stmarybc.office@gmail.com If you want information mailed to you please let the office know.



THANK YOU!

reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday starting at 3:00 pm.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Grade 2, at 2:30 P.M. and Grades 8, 9, and 10 at 6:30 P.M. will be held this **Wednesday, 27 January** in the parish hall.

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are still home-study so far. Likewise, if students and/or parents are uncomfortable with in-person classes they can be done via home-study.

We also have a schedule of classes/religious education activities for January—April. Some of the activities are tentative because of the ongoing COVID situation but we will try to keep everyone informed.

Please feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions or need materials for home-study.



PURCHASING MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer the Holy Mass for someone you love, living or deceased, please stop by the parish office and purchase a Mass Intention. The stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10. If you would prefer the intention to be anonymous or private you could simply have it written up as "For a Special Intention." The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer that can be offered and offering a Mass for someone a great act of love toward them. Thank you.

SERVER TRAINING— THIS WEDNESDAY

We will have training for Altar Servers **this Wednesday, 27 January at 5:30 P.M.** in the church. This training is for both current altar servers and those young people who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers.

We very much appreciate the young people who are currently altar servers and we ask the young people of our parish and their families to please consider being involved in this very important ministry.



BAPTISMAL GODPARENTS

A challenge some families in our parish have is finding people to be baptismal godparents for their children. The requirements for godparents are:

- ✠ Be at least 16 years old
- ✠ Have received the sacraments of Baptism (or Reception into the Church), Confession, First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- ✠ If they are married, the marriage should be recognized by the Church.
- ✠ Actively practice their faith by attending Mass regularly and receiving the sacraments

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a godparent for a child, please contact the office or Fr. David. Your desire to be godparent would be very much appreciated.

PARISH WEBSITE

We now have an active parish website. Find information about the parish, religious education, Mass schedules, liturgical schedules and so much more. Please note that this is a work in progress. The link is...stmaryblackcreek.org

Check it out! *What would you like to see on our site? Let Randy Van Handel know.*

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ABOUT THE MINISTRY— ALTAR SERVER

Here are some thoughts on the Ministry of Altar Servers from Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fresno, CA, taken from their website: www.holyspiritfresno.org/altar-servers.html.

About the Ministry

Bringing children up in the faith today is difficult. This program seeks, more than anything, to encourage the young to fully engage our faith through their service to the Church as ministers of the altar. Serving at the altar gives the young a hands-on, personal experience of God's work in the liturgy. It also can be an opportunity for them to work alongside other children and adults and be edified by their witness of faith. Through their service, altar servers provide the parish with an example of service, they witness to the seriousness and solemnity of the liturgy, and they inspire those who come to Mass with hope for the future of our Church.

Like all calls to ministry, it is God who makes the invitation. The Ministry of Altar Servers is not a children's ministry, but a family ministry. The child on the altar represents the family. The family's commitment to supporting the altar server is vital to success of this ministry! Altar Servers are just as vital to the Mass as...Lectors, Choir, and Ushers! This ministry does require commitment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 24, 2021

- ✠ **Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- ✠ **Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Mk 16:15-18
- ✠ **Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/ Mk 3:31-35
- ✠ **Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- ✠ **Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- ✠ **Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- ✠ **Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-4

Readings

Attention 8th Graders and their Families

We have information cards available by the entrance and exit of the church for those 8th graders and their families who may be interested in enrolling as freshmen at St. Francis Xavier High School in Appleton for the next academic year 2021/2022. They will be having information meetings in the school theatre at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, 25 January and Tuesday, 26 January.

Please feel free to pick up a card.

SOUP SALES ARE BACK NEXT WEEKEND!

Soup sales will be held after the weekend masses January 30 & 31. Volunteers who can make soup can call Nancy Meulemans at 525-4054

- German Hamburger soup
- Pea and Ham
- Chili



Thought on the Right to Life

This past Friday, 22 January, marked the anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that legalized abortion in our country. Some information from the “*faith it*” website said that more people died from abortion in 2020 than from any other cause worldwide. It is estimated that 42.7 million abortions were performed worldwide in 2020. By comparison, as of 20 January 2021, there have been 2.1 million deaths by COVID-19 worldwide.

Here is a Prayer to End Abortions from *Priests for Life*:

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Bishop's Appeal 2021—We Rise Again

We will soon be starting the 2021 Bishop's Appeal. This theme for this appeal is “*We Rise Again.*” The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

The goal for St. Mary's Parish is \$13,236.00.

Last year we met and even exceeded our goal and with everyone's help we can do it again! We will provide more information next week. In the meantime, please check out the materials at the entrance of the church. God bless you all and let's show everyone what St. Mary's Parish can do again!

