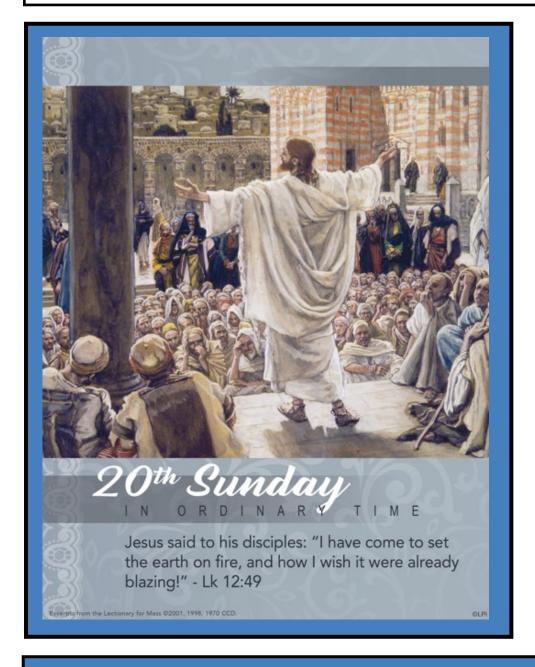
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 17, 2025

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday NO Mass

Tuesday 8:00 am St. Therese

Wednesday 8:00 am St. Therese

Thursday 8:10 am St. Mark

Friday 8:10 am St. Mark

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Mark
Saturday 5:30 pm St. Therese
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mark
Sunday 10:00 am St. Therese

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday 3:30 pm St. Mark
Saturday 10:00 am St. Therese
Sunday 7:30 am St. Mark
Sunday 9:30 am St. Therese

Liturgical Ministry

Saint Mark

Saint Therese

Liturgical Ministry

SignUp Genius is available on the St. Mark Website

Saturday, August 23 4:00 pm

Servers: Russell H.

Lectors:

Ushers: Don B.

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda S., Tina M., Dee V.

Musicians: M. Martin/Dean

Sunday, August 24 8:00 am

Servers: Larry M. and Dennis P.

Lectors: William S.
Ushers: Larry & Sue S.

Extraordinary Ministers: Larry M., Todd J., Ronald D.

Musicians: M. Martin/Ashley

Liturgical Ministry

Saturday, August 23 5:30 pm

Servers: Donna Rule Lectors: Natalie

Ushers:

Extraordinary Ministers: Karen, Natalie, John

Sunday, August 24 10:00 am

Servers: Ellieanna and Madelyn M.

Lectors: Nick

Ushers:

Extraordinary Ministers: Liz, Nick, Peter

Marian Shrine Candle

Week of August 17



Sanctuary Lamp

Week of August 17-23

Robert Stieber



Mass Intentions

Thursday, August 21 8:10 am Penny Du Chateau

Friday, August 22 8:10 am

Saturday, August 23 4:00 pm Gene & Arlene Loeffel

Sunday, August 24 8:00 am Parish Family

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 19 8:00 am Tom Klumpyan Wednesday, August 20 8:00 am Robert Stieber

Saturday, August 23 5:30 pm Pat & Irene VanEyck

Sunday, August 24 10:00 am Philip Windorski

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 am—Noon, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday—Thursday 8:45 am—8:00 pm

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

From the Diocese

Rural Life Day - Sept. 22, 2025 - Warrens, WI Join us for the 44th Annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery, and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Phone Line and Retreats: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org. There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison (next will be Nov. 7-9, 2025). For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel.

A Call to Serve: There are few things in life that are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Steven Weller, Director of Office For Vocations at the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2666. God bless you!

Action Alert on Behalf of our International Priests: Urge Congress to Support Foreign-Born Religious Men and Women and the Communities They Serve: An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon. Unfortunately, many parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served them for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program. To learn more, and to make your voice heard in favor of the bipartisan Religious Workforce Protection Act, visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home. The Diocese of La Crosse is grateful for the ministry of nearly 30 international priests!

Liturgy & Life



We are pleased to welcome Father Janusz Kowalski our new Spiritual Leader to St. Mark and St. Therese Parishes

A Moment With Helen:

With this reading from the Gospel of Luke we can understand the frustration that Jesus must have felt as he knew that his days were probably numbered. He so wanted to help people understand that the way forward would be difficult. We live in a time when it might be simple to just ignore what is going on around us, whether in the Church, the environment, or politically. To evaluate all with the knowledge that comes through Jesus Christ we realize how often it is difficult to live in the way of Jesus. At times we find ourselves standing alone even in our own family. We hear that families often do not discuss religion or politics when they gather. Can we find a way to listen to one another and share our points of view in a loving manner?

As the gospel tells us, peace comes but it comes with a cost. The cost is an authentic understanding of who Jesus was and is. It must have been frustrating for Jesus as he tried in so many ways to show his followers how to live. He accepted others, he ate with sinners, and he healed not requiring anything in return. The only thing he really wanted was for his followers to love as he loved. I would think that Jesus was criticized often for the way he portrayed his God. These criticisms did not stop him from carrying on as he did.

Being a Christian is not an easy way to live and yet it is the way to truly be a follower of Jesus Christ. It is important to study the word of God as found in the Gospel readings we hear proclaimed. Coming to know Jesus requires time for prayer and a study of Scriptures. When we learn what it means to be a Christian we can begin to understand how frustrated Jesus was and continues to be when people continue to get it wrong.

With our Baptism we become one with Christ and in putting on Jesus Christ (white robe) we begin to understand our challenge. We might get frustrated in our endeavors to follow Jesus, but we should never give up. Jesus will give us the courage to be his followers as we come to love him more and more.

Helen Ackermann, Retired Parish Minister, St. Mark Parish

Parish Announcements

Saint Mark

Notes from the Pastoral Musician Mary Martin:

Christmas Cantata. Our first cantata rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. in church.

Parish Choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 pm, in the church building. Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us! Call Mary for more information at 715-359-5206.

The St. Mark Circle of Joy facilitates the distribution of staple food items and daily life necessities to those with temporary needs within the "area" of St. Mark Parish. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact the Parish Offices (715-359-5206). All calls are



Prayer Shawl Ministry. Join us Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Catechetical Resource Room. **Prayer Shawls are available in the Parish Office.** Donations of yarn (including partial skeins) are appreciated!

August 17 after the 8:00 am Mass. Visit with fellow parishioners over free coffee, punch, donuts, and cookies! Sponsored by St. Mark Chapter 72 of Catholic Financial Life.



Vacation Bible School collaboration with St. Agnes Parish was a big success! Over 30 kids enjoyed bible lessons, music, games, and experiments as they explored the great north!





Saint Therese

Money Counters Needed: We are in need of 1 alternate money counter. Please call the parish office for more information.

Church Cleaning: We are in need of 2 or 3 substitute church cleaners that would be able to fill in when needed. Please call the parish office for more information.

Family Fun Night: Mark your calendar for another Family Fun night. August 22^{nd} from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the church cafeteria. Bring the whole family for fun, snacks and laughs! Parent supervision is needed for kids under 12.

Thank You to my fellow St. Therese Family for all the prayers and cards wishing me a speedy recovery, rosaries and Masses are being said around the U.S. I am slowly healing and my door is open - stop in for a visit. Thank you, Barb Olson

St. Therese August Fest Thank You's

Bucket Raffle. Thank you to all who supported the bucket raffle at this year's picnic! The basket donations had a great variety of items with something for everyone! Thanks to all who bought tickets and congratulations to the winners! We are always so thankful to all who help with their time to make the raffle a huge success year after year! Once again, thanks to all, and we look forward to seeing what baskets we will have next year! Mary Klumpyan and Margaret Hlava

Bingo. A big THANK YOU to those that worked at our bingo event during the picnic. Bingo went well again and those that played seemed to have enjoyed themselves. We were blessed to have a few new people as well as some seasoned veterans that volunteer so enthusiastically every year. Thank you again for another great bingo event at our picnic.

Janet Juonie - Caller Marie Doepke John Juonie Michael Hall Lisa Krause Jenna Hall Sheryl Kazda Talus Hall Diane Allorie - Finance **Avalon Hall** Perry Hench Mimi Rethaber Diane Witter Anna Lucia Rethaber Dianne Webber Melanie Gburek - Finance Donna Stieber Lauri Doepke - Finance

Janet Juonie - Supervisor Larry Doepke - Bingo Chairman

Saint Mark and Saint Therese

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil V.C., a Vincentian and Fr. Joseph Pendanam V.C., Missionary Priest, will be in our parishes the weekend of August 30 & 31 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. They will preach at the weekend Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. A special mission collection will be taken, we ask you to be generous in your offerings.

The Vincentian Congregation a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and South Africa.

Please keep Fr. Jose, Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

Parish Support

Saint Mark

August 10, 2025

Adult \$4,769.00 \$47,295.00 Offering \$259.00 \$1,416.81

Mission

\$184.79 Restricted **Debt Reduction** \$540.00

Tithe Budgeted per Week \$9,461.54 Received this Week \$4,769.00 -\$4,692.54

Received Weeks \$47,295.00 **Budgeted YTD** \$56,769.24

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Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$735,000.00 \$589,572.07 Amount Received:

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$86,400.00 Amount Received: \$37,705.00

Saint Therese

August 10, 2025

Tithing 5,317.25 Offertory 828.00 Children Envelopes 0.00 195.00 CAPEX Church Upkeep 420.00 Credit Card Tithing 0.00 50.00 TOTAL 6,810.25

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 57,343.00



TOTAL Under Goal

Inspired By The Spirit Campaign \$ 520,000.00 % Campaign Goal: Amount Received: \$ 438,676.63 \(\)

We are at 84.36% of our Goal

Diocesan Annual Appeal Target Goal \$ 72,955.00 Amounted Collected \$ 56,149.00



Faith Formation

Saint Mark

Religious Education Director: Mary Hart

Registration for Faith Formation is underway. If you haven't registered yet - It's not too late to mail the forms or drop them off at the parish office so supplies can be ordered. Sessions begin:

- September 14: Confirmation Preparation Program
- September 17: Parent Meeting and First night of Sessions for Grades 1-9
- October 5: Sunday School

Registration materials can be found on the parish website at smproths.org

Prayerfully consider joining our Faith Formation Team!

Volunteers are needed to take on the following roles:

- 4th Grade and Middle School Catechists— plan and teach a lesson alone or team up with a friend and alternate Wednesday evenings.
- 1st Grade Catechist one more catechist needed to teach two Wednesdays a month

Confirmation Co-Catechist – Team teach a lesson one Sunday morning a month.

Catechist Aides – be an extra hand to assist the catechist Is God is calling you to share the Good News. Contact Mary Hart at maryhh@smproths.org or 715-359-5206.

Saint Therese

\$ 16,806.00

Religious Education Director: Steve Martin

Catechists Needed for our Faith Formation Program

We really need your help! Please pray and consider sharing your faith with our children. We have volunteer opportunities open for the coming fall sessions.

| 1 st grade: | 5 th grade |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| lead teacher | lead teacher |
| 3 rd grade | 6 th grade |
| lead teacher | Lead teacher |
| aid | Aid |

Our Faith Formation program cannot serve the children in the parish without the help of volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering your time to teach, or if you would like more information about the time commitment and responsibilities, please contact Steve Martin in the Religious Education Office.

CCD/Faith Formation registration was due August 1st.

Classes start September 17th! Thank you to everyone who already registered your children. If you haven't turned in your registration, please get it in A.S.A.P.

Area Events

HOPE offers Deeper Still—a free, three-day retreat for women and men impacted by abortion. The next retreat takes place the weekend of **September 5th**, and registration is always open.

Retreats provide a safe and confidential space to process the emotional and spiritual weight of abortion and begin the journey toward healing and restoration. Many who attend say it was a life-changing experience. Each retreat is facilitated by trained, compassionate team members who walk with participants every step of the way.

Learn more or register at hopewi.org/deeper-still or call/ text Christina at 715-843-4673. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. Agnes Catholic Church:

Come join us for the St. Agnes Sports Banquet, September 20, 2025 at the Central Wisconsin Expo Center in Cedar Creek.

Admission Tickets are \$95 each and include dinner, free beer/soda chance to win 1 of 60 door prize guns. You also get an opportunity to purchase additional tickets to win side raffles which include diamonds, meat, TV's, cash, Stihl products, log splitter and much more.

To purchase admission tickets please call Deb in the St. Agnes office at 715-359-5675. We hope to see you there! Good Luck!

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential Help is Available From:



- * Catholic Charities 360 Grand Avenue #800, Wausau Phone: 715.849.3311 Text: 715.600.6391 Email: info@cclse.org Website: cclse.org and Pregnancy Support: www.cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant
- * Hope Life Center 605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20, Wausau Phone: 715.843.4673 Text: 715.843.4673 Email: info@hopewi.org Website: hopewi.org

For additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources



Do we have your correct contact information?

If your phone number, email, or address has changed, please call the office to make sure we have your correct contact information. Thank You!

"Volunteers Needed!

We're hosting a Parking Lot Party on August 29th and need helping hands now and on the day of! If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email vanderson@svdpwausau.org or call 715-293-3028, extension 103.

Hope in the Park

89Q Welcomes Anne Wilson Sunday, August 24 at Marathon Park, opening act Joseph O'Brien!

Hope in the Park is free! Free seating Includes spots on the ground level near the stage, grandstand or on the grass. Bring your own chairs or blankets for the ground level or grass.



Schedule

(subject to change)

1:00 Main Gates Open

2:30 Joseph O'Brien

4:00 Anne Wilson

12:00 Food Vendors Open HOPE ■ HERE™ 89.5_{FM} 89Q

Support Hope in the Park

Your gifts toward Hope in the Park are tax deductible. Your giving will help us pay for this event and keep it free for all who want to join us on August 24 at Marathon Park. Send gifts to 89Q, 3500 Stewart Ave, Wausau, WI 54401



FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE: A new session of GriefShare, a program offered for those grieving the death of a family member or close friend, will begin at 1 pm , Sept. 3 at Church of the Resurrection. You can learn more at griefshare.org.

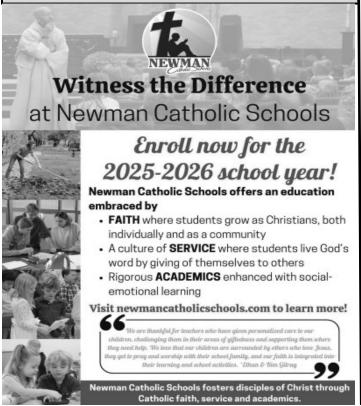
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Newman Catholic Schools

District Office



NCES: Saint Mark

Pam Fochs-Principal

It's here! August is here! This month is going to be the start of so many good things. Enrollment is still open for Newman Catholic Schools. Please consider giving your child or grand child the gift of a Catholic education.

We will be needing assistance with our wood chips when they come in. The building and grounds committee will be backfilling some low spots and we will then get our wood chips to spread. If you have a bobcat or another piece of machinery to help the process move forward, please call our school office. We will also be needing people with rakes to help spread the chips. More dates and times to follow. 715/359-9662

Peace to you,

Parish Staff

Saint Mark

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