

St Lawrence Parish W5125 State Hwy 156

Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am—5:30 pm.

If there is an Emergency you may call Corinne at 715-250-0567 or

Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.

St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM,

Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

Father David Greskowiak Administrator

Sunday 12/31/2023 AM = \$3,006.00 Attendance = 53

Monday 1/01/2024 AM = \$ 135.00 Attendance = 20

Amount needed per week--\$ 1,662.69

Mass Intentions

01/07/2024— Memory of Aaron Evenson by Barb Erb

(Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.)

1/14/2024— Remembrance of Gayle Herb by Charlie Herb

Mass Servers —

01/07/2024— Makayla, Malachi Gray, Jameson Boerst

01/14/2024— Alex, Reagan Krings, & Landon Fischer

Ministers of the Word —

01/07/2024— Jerry Nowak

01/14/2024— Sam Krings

Hospitality

01/07/2024— Charlie Herb, Rene LaFond, Barb Erb

01/14/2024— Steve & Sheila Hartlaben, Judy Berreitter

Trumpet January Sponsor — OPEN

Bulletin January Sponsor — Living & Deceased family members of Wetts,
Salmon Families by Pam Wetts

Upcoming Events—

Social Concerns Mtg— January 18 @6:30 PM

RE NEWS SCHEDULE

Mon 1/08/2024— RE Ed Committee Meeting @ 6 PM

Wed 1/10/2024— RE Classes Start 6:30—7:45 PM

In honor of Ascension's 150th Anniversary they will be making Lefse in
January. Poster is on bulletin board on the North entrance.

Trumpets are available—Pick up your Trumpets at each entrance of the church.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

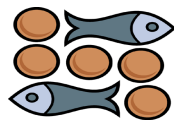
Wednesday, Jan. 17— 4-6 PM

Saturday, Jan. 20— 9-11 AM

Thank you for your generosity!!

Focus Item: Jell-O or Pudding

December report—38 Families & 99 Individuals



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Happy Birthday!

January 7 Ivy Martin; 10 Jerilyn Henn; Shyann Maroszek, Jeff Peters; 12 Cole Diemel, Jeff Peters; 14 Sara Bohm, David Nowak; 15 Sharon Hasser, Gerald Nowak; 16 Amy Gray; 18 Norbert Short; 19 Charles Beschta; 21 Jamie Martin; 22 Joanne Heinemayer; 26 Jared Peters; 28 Eli Inman; 29 Landon Fischer, Ami Hanus, Sierra Peeters; 30 Jack Banker, Keith Pennings

Message from Fr. David—If you receive a text, voice or email message that is soliciting something, and it has my name attached to it, **THIS IS A SCAM!** Please do not respond to it, and delete it.

Mass Intentions, Bulletin, and Trumpet Sponsors for 2024:

Dates available for Mass Intentions: February 11; March 17; April 7, 28; June 30; July 28; September 8, 15, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 17; December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 25, 29.

Trumpet: 1st Quarter Jan—March;
2nd Quarter April —June;
3rd Quarter July—September;
4th Quarter October— December.

Bulletins: February, March, May—December

Please call the office if you want to reserve any of these dates.

A Happy and Blessed

New Year 2024

to everyone!

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Monday, 8 January, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the final day of the Christmas Season. There will be a Mass at 8:00 A.M. at St. Mary's Church in Black Creek. Everyone is welcome to attend as we close out the Christmas Season of 2023-2024.



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Epiphany Blessing of the Home with Chalk

There is an old Catholic custom of blessing homes with chalk over the front door on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The blessing of a home encourages Catholics to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. We have blessed chalk available at the crib scene along with some napkins with which to wrap it. Here is an example of that blessing which you can use in your own home.

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: *"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord."*

All: *"Blessed be God forever."*

Take blessed chalk (of any color) and mark over your front door:

20 + C + M + B + 24 saying:

"The three Wise Men,"

C *"Caspar"*

M *"Melchior"*

B *"and Balthasar"*

"followed the star of the Son of God who became human"

20 *"two thousand"*

24 *"and twenty-four years ago."*

+ + *"May Christ bless our home"*

+ + *"and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen."*

(Each name could be written by a different member of the household.)

Head of Household: *"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

All: *Amen.*

C M B above the door, also stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

The rooms of the house may also be sprinkled with the Holy Water that has received the special Epiphany blessing.

Why do we use chalk to bless our homes at Epiphany?

Chalk, a substance made of common elements of the earth, is used by teachers to instruct students and by children in their games and play...Further, chalk will not permanently mar the dwelling. As its image fades from view over time... (and) after a year passes and a new Epiphany arrives, (we) will have the opportunity once again to celebrate the themes of this season and once again to seek God's blessing on (our) homes and on those who come and go through the home.



A Reflection on the Baptism of Jesus by St. Maximus of Turin (380-465)

The Gospel tells us that the Lord went to the Jordan River to be baptized and that he wished to consecrate himself in the river by signs from heaven. Reason demands that this feast of the Lord's baptism, which I think could be called the feast of his birthday, should follow soon after the Lord's birthday, during the same season, even though many years intervened between the two events.

At Christmas he was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him...That is why the Lord Jesus went to the river for baptism, that is why he wanted his holy body to be washed with Jordan's water.

Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. For when the Savior is washed all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence...