

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 1/07/2023 AM = \$1,161.00 Attendance = 86
Amount needed per week--\$ 1,662.69
Mass Intentions
1/14/2024— Remembrance of Gayle Herb by Charlie Herb
1/21/2024— Memory of Lew Erb by Barb Erb
Mass Servers —
1/14/2024— Alex, Reagan Krings, & Landon Fischer
1/21/2024— Derick Scott, Isaac Seefeldt
Ministers of the Word –
1/14/2024— Sam Krings
1/21/2024— Mary Peeters
Hospitality
1/14/2024— Steve & Sheila Hartlaben, Judy Berreitter
1/21/2024— Anita Wegner, Bernie Weier, Keith Pennings
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 in basement of the church.
Finance Meeting January 18 @ 6 PM, following Parish Council Meeting @ 7 PM
RE NEWS SCHEDULE
RE Class every Wednesday 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.

Please Note—Fr. David will be away from Monday-Thursday, 22-25 January. There will not be Daily Mass from Tuesday-Thursday, 23-25 January at St. Mary’s in Black Creek. Mass will resume on Friday, 26 January


With heavy broken hearts my husband Wade and I have to announce the passing of Delores Sorensen. Delores was a wonderful wife, mother, mother in law, friend, teacher, and person to all who knew her. She struggled with the horrible disease of Dementia for many years and she passed with her husband right next to her. They had 62 wonderful years of marriage. So many different hobbies and experiences they shared together, a life that was well fulfilled with love. The church service will be on January 20, at the chapel in St Joes in New London, WI. A Memorial Fund has been set up in Memory of Delores Sorensen.
Corinne Sorensen

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.

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Happy Birthday!
January 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

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.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Wednesday, Feb.21 — 4-6 PM
Saturday, Feb. 24 — 9-11 AM
Thank you for your generosity!!


FORMED is an awesome website for all of us, from little kids, to teens, to young adults and older adults, to discover so much about our Catholic Faith, anytime of the day—24/7, on our computers, Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones. It’s a FREE gift to you from our parish. It is a joint subscription with St. Mary’s Parish in Black Creek. There may be stuff on the internet that tells people that God or the Catholic Faith are not important or relevant to our lives, especially the lives of our young people, isn’t it nice to know that there is something that says they are. Give FORMED a try!

ATTENTION!!—Coming to FORMED on January 15— a new series—*The Catholic Parent*
Do any of you parents (and grandparents) in our parish feel like it’s almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You’re not alone!
This six-episode series features real Catholic families sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, ***The Catholic Parent*** encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their families in the Catholic faith.
The Catholic Parent is ideal for adult formation, small groups, or parents of kids preparing to receive a sacrament. The downloadable participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas for parents (and grandparents) to try at home.

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Reflection on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Here is an excerpt from an article titled: *“A reflection for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time,”* written by Christina R. Zaker, published on 11 January 2021, and found on the U.S. Catholic website—*uscatholic.org*:
What is your image of God? Jesus, the gentle shepherd? God in those first days of creation? Maybe at different times you pray to different images of God. There are days I sense the Spirit’s presence like the embrace of a lifelong friend and other times I tremble with awe and humility in my prayer! Our readings today offer different images of our Trinitarian God; they highlight three ways we experience God’s sacred presence.
The first reading offers the image of God who calls. God is calling Samuel and it takes him a while to realize what is happening. We are reminded even if we misunderstand, fall back asleep, or pursue a wrong direction, God continues to patiently call.
Our second reading is an image of the Spirit who dwells within. Paul says our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit! Even if we turn away or choose sin, he reminds us that the Spirit grounds us.
The Gospel offers the image of Jesus who beckons us to follow. John the Baptist points toward Jesus and says, “Behold the Lamb of God.” His disciples are slow to grasp what that means, but they ask, “Where are you staying?” As Francis Moloney, points out, “It is not enough to *claim* that Jesus is the Lamb of God . . . the characters in the story need to find out for themselves *who* he is and *what* he does.” So, they stay with him and then bring others to follow as well. This Gospel presents the image of Jesus who beckons us to follow and be transformed.
These readings are an invitation to begin anew in relating to God. Even if it takes time to recognize God’s voice, or we turn away in sin, or fail to think big enough about all God can be in the world, we are invited to relate to God who calls us to great things, the Spirit who dwells within, and Jesus Christ who invites us to transformation.
These images of God might be tough to grasp right now with all that happened this past year. Yet, we stand at the beginning of a new year and we can’t go back to the way things were. Perhaps we are being asked to listen for God’s call in the voices of those calling for justice in our streets.
Or, As Rabbi Heshel said about walking across the Edmund Pettis bridge with Dr. Martin Luther King (“I was praying with my legs”), perhaps our faith demands that we search the reserves of the Spirit’s wisdom that lies within and shape our actions into prayers of Good News.
Perhaps we are being asked to figure out who Jesus is. Don’t limit yourself to another’s interpretation of him. Read his stories. Remember how he treated the outcast. Figure out who he is for you and let yourself be transformed!
Our readings offer three perspectives on our Trinitarian God; May you, this year, begin anew with the God who calls, the Spirit who dwells within, and Jesus Christ who beckons you close.
Amen.

Reflection on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Here is the “**Statement for Observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2022,**” by the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, dated 15 January 2022, and found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website—*usccb.org*:
We recall once again this year, the witness and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Let us remember not only the justice that he pursued, but how he pursued it.
Rev. King was driven by the biblical vision of righteousness and truth, a vision that he understood to be reflected in our nation’s founding documents. He believed in what he called the “American creed,” the belief expressed by our founders that all men and women are created equal and endowed by God with a sacred dignity and undeniable rights to life, liberty, and equality.
More than a half-century after his death, America faces many challenges — this ongoing pandemic, issues of economic inequality and racial discrimination, violence in our communities, the struggle to welcome immigrants and refugees. In recent years, our nation has also become more polarized and our divisions angrier.
As we look to our future, let us continue to draw from Rev. King’s wisdom, especially his commitment to the Beatitudes of Jesus, and the principles of nonviolence and love for our enemies.
In his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Rev. King reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of a beautiful web of relationships of mutual care, each of us depending on others as others depend on us. “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” he wrote. “We are . . . tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”
Let us go forward in that same spirit of fraternity and solidarity, and let us carry on his work for equality and justice. As we remember Rev. King, let us continue to learn from him and imitate his example and prophetic witness.