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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 1/14/2024 AM = \$559.00 Attendance = 59

Amount needed per week--\$ 1,662.69

Mass Intentions

1/21/2024 — Memory of Lew Erb by Barb Erb

1/28/2024 — Mayme Nowak

Mass Servers -

1/21/2024 — Derick Scott, Isaac Seefeldt

1/28/2024 — Ava & Jared Peters, Beau Diemel

Ministers of the Word -

1/21/2024— Mary Peeters

1/28/2024 — Randy Short

Hospitality

1/21/2024 — Anita Wegner, Bernie Weier, Keith Pennings

1/28/2024—Karen VanLanen, Katlyn Bohr, Rick Banker

Trumpet January Sponsor — Peace on Earth

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

Upcoming Events—

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.

St Mary's in Bear Creek, WI Winter Golf Classic "Fun for the entire family" Saturday February 17,2024. Poster is up on the bulletin boards for more info.

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

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, Feb.21 — 4-6 PM Saturday, Feb. 24 — 9-11 AM Thank you for your generosity!! December report 38 Families, and 99 Individual.

Bulletins: February, March,

May—December

Mass Intentions, Bulletin, and Trumpet Sponsors for 2024:

Dates available Mass Intentions: March 17; April 7; 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:

2nd Quarter April —June;

3rd Quarter July—September;

4th Quarter October—December.

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.

Happy Birthday!

January 21 Jamie Martin; 22 Joanne Heinemayer; 26 Jared Peters; 28 Eli Inman; 29 Landon Fischer, Ami Hanus, Sierra Peeters; 30 Jack Banker, Keith Pennings February 1 Nathan Johnson, James Peters; 2 Tony Eggers; 4 Harold Lorenz; 5 Isaac Tepolt, Jayden Batlthazor; 8 Gary Urban; 9 David Burch, Collin Guyette; 11 Wendy Meeuwsen; 13 Mason Herb; 16 Jean Short, Alex Tepolt; 18 Nicholas Renner; 19 Crystal Short; 20 David Burch, Mary Ellen Peeters, Natalie Fischer; 21 Violet Martin, Gregory Strayer; 22 Stanley Heinemeyer; 25 Shelly Stascak; 26 Patricia Stammer; 27 Ire Jarek; 28 Eleanor Couch, James Jarek, Brody Maroszek

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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!!—Available now on FORMED 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

Monday, 22 January, is the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Here is a "Prayer for Babies in their Mother's womb," found on the website of Saint Agnes Church saintagneselyria.church:

"O God of all creation, Nurture and protect tiny children and keep them safe in the sanctuary of their mother's womb. As You so wondrously form their hearts and minds and lungs and souls, so strengthen our will to lovingly nurture and protect them. Give us the eyes to see them as our brothers and sisters, the minds to welcome them as our own, and the faith to defend them as Your children. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones, through Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.'

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Reflection on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an article titled: "Jonah, the Man Who Ran From God," found in the "Third Week in Ordinary Time" section of the "My Catholic Life!" website—mycatholic.life.org:

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Jonah 3:1-3

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Jonah is one of the most beloved Old Testament prophets. Why? Perhaps because of the fascinating story of him being swallowed by a whale. This image lends intrigue to one's imagination and is somewhat fairytale-like. It's a good story and a fun story!

But what we may easily forget is why Jonah was swallowed by the whale. It was because he heard God call him to a particular mission in life and he ran as fast as he could the other way. He did all he could to avoid his calling. But God was relentless. In the end, God won and Jonah went to Nineveh to preach. The best part is that the people of Nineveh listened to him and changed their lives! Jonah's preaching was, in the end, a great success.

Imagine what would have happened if Jonah would have just listened to God from the very beginning. It may have left us with much less of that fairytale-like story but it certainly would have saved Jonah and others a great amount of stress. He would not have had to endure the great storm at sea, the wrath of the crew on that ship, the distress of being thrown over the boat and the experience of being held captive in the belly of the whale for those three days. All this could have been avoided if he would have just listened to God from the very beginning.

With that said, it's also interesting and insightful to look at the story from another perspective. The truth is that Jonah did endure all of these difficulties. And though we may be tempted to judge him for that and shake our finger at him, we may want to be careful. Why? Because it's entirely possible that God actually allowed him, by an act of His divine permissive will, to go through these struggles for a reason. It's entirely possible, and perhaps probable, that it was part of the wisdom of God that Jonah, at first, resisted His will. Why would God do this? Most likely for our sake in that Jonah becomes a great example for us. It seems clear that one of the main lessons from Jonah's life was that God is relentless in His love for us and is relentless in calling us to embrace His will. So Jonah's life and actions become prophetic and teach us a great lesson.

God does not give up on us. He does not simply throw us away the moment we turn from Him. Instead, our denial of Him only makes His resolve to pursue us all the greater. He takes our brokenness, our lack of resolve, our failings and weaknesses and uses them for His glory and His perfect plan.

Reflect, today, on whether you are discouraged in life and feel like you have failed in following the will of God for your life. If so, then the message of Jonah is clear. Don't give up. Don't lose hope. God has not given up on His plan for you and He has not lost hope. In the end, you may discover that those parts of your life that seem to be the greatest burden and obstacle for you will be turned upside down by God's grace and become the very source of the manifestation of His glory!

My glorious Lord, You never give up on me. You never lose hope. Give me the grace to change, to listen and to respond. Use my weakness and brokenness and let Your strength and grace shine through. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of 18-25 January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Here is a reflection found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website—usccb.org:

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso... The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.