St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM, Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

Father David Greskowiak Administrator
Thursday Mass 08/14/2025 = \$60.00 Attendance = 19
Friday Mass 08/15/2025 = \$95.00 Attendance = 9
Sunday 08/17/25 = \$780.00 Attendance = 57

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

08/24/2025— Remembrance of James Krings by The Krings Family **08/31/2025**— Remembrance of family members of Tom & Carol Wevenberg

Mass Servers –

08/24/2025 — Malachi Gray, Jamesen Boerst

08/31/2025— Jared & Ava Peters

Ministers of the Word -

08/24/2025— Jerry Nowak

08/31/2025— Mary Peeters

<u>Hospitality</u>

08/24/2025 — Pam Wetts, Barb Erb, Charlie Herb

08/31/2025 — Rene LaFond, Pam Wetts, Charlie Herb

Labor Day Mass

We will have a Mass for *The Sanctification of Human Labor* at **8:00 A.M. on Monday, 1 September** at St. Mary's Church in Black Creek. Everyone from St. Lawrence Parish is welcome.

Happy Birthday!

August 31 Billy Reif, Quinn & Eli Vanden Heuvel, Kristin Evenson September 7 Jack Peters, Nicole Hartleben; Luann Peters, Kathy Jarek; 14 Joyce Balthazor; 15 Cory Bohm; 18 Mary Nett, Justin Short; 19 Kelly Krull, Corinne Sorensen; 20 Marissa Wegner; 24 Barb Erb; 25 Glen Nelson; 27 Andrew Mackowiak; 30 Karly Pennings, Bill Weier



Raising Vocations for Tomorrow,
Help them say Yes!
Our Future Priests and Religious
Need Your Help: Thank you to those who have participated in the Raising Vocations Collection! More than 500



Many of our young brothers and sisters are struggling with the challenges of today's society. Thanks to Steubenville Youth Conferences, thousands of young men and women start their vocation journey.

Steubenville makes it possible for our youth to experience Jesu in the Mass, confession, vocation testimonies, and so much more! When you support the Raising Vocations Collection, you are providing resources for our young people to attend.





high school students from our diocese attended Steubenville Youth Conferences this summer to discover Jesus and hear God's call to the priesthood and religious life. This is just one of the many ways your gifts are already at work! Will you please support our youth, so they can say "yes"? So far this year, our parish has raised 8 gifts of \$495.00. Every gift makes an impact in the formation of hundreds of young men and women throughout northeastern Wisconsin as they say "yes" to vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

Please make your gift today by mailing in your pledge card, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123.





Some of the video programs available on **FORMED** How to sign on and create your own account on FORMED:

- Go to Google, or whatever your search engine is, and type in FORMED, in either upper or lower case.
- Click on "Formed | On-Demand Catholic Movies, Audio Books..."
- It will then bring up the next screen that will give you two blue buttons to select
 - Click on "FORMED FOR PARISHES"
- It will then bring you to the next screen with two blue buttons again.
- Click on "FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIP-TION"
- It will then take you to the next screen with a blue button that says
- -"Continue to Sign up/Login"
- Click on it.
- Type in your email address, and click "NEXT"
- A 6-digit code will be sent to your email in-box.
- Go to your in-box, retrieve the code and copy or type it in the box.
- Click on "SUBMIT."
- You will then be directed to a screen that says "Join your parish" followed by
 - "Find your Parish or Organization"
 - Type in: "St. Lawrence-St. Mary's"
 - If that doesn't work type in zip code: "54106"
 - You will then see in the box below:
 - "St. Lawrence-St. Mary's 301 E Burdick St. Black Creek WI"
 - Click on that.
 - Then click the "Submit" blue button.
 - The website will now come up and you will be able to use it with its variety of pull-down menus.

The website will also give you the option of creating a password for future logins.

Interested in forming a local Kiwanis Club?

We were recently visited by Kathy and Randall Durner of Kiwanis International. They were wondering if there were people in the area who would like to help form a local Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis is a global non-profit organization of volunteers who are dedicated to improving communities one child and one community at a time. Members participate in community service projects, fundraising, and offer fellowship through volunteer work that supports various causes for children and communities worldwide. If you are interested in helping form a local Kiwanis Club please contact Kathy at 814-331-2240 or kathydurner@wiumkiwanis.org. Thank you.

Email: <u>stlawrencenavarino@gmail.com</u>

Reflection on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: 2st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday August 24, 2025," found on the "Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

Website: stlawrencenavarino.org

God's Inclusive Invitation

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C emphasize God's call to all people, no matter where they come from. In Isaiah, we see God's promise to gather people from distant lands. This shows that God desires a diverse and inclusive family. He does not limit His love to one group; He invites everyone to know Him.

This message is important because it reminds us that God's love is universal. We are all invited to be part of His family, regardless of our background, culture, or nationality. This inclusive call challenges us to be open and welcoming to others. We are called to share God's love with everyone, not just those who are like us...

This call to inclusion also challenges us personally. We need to examine our attitudes and behaviors. Are we welcoming to all people, or do we hold prejudices? The readings invite us to embrace others with the same love that God shows us...

The Loving Discipline of God

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach us about God's loving discipline. In the book of Hebrews, we learn that God disciplines those He loves, just as a parent disciplines a child. This might seem hard to accept, but it is a sign of His care for us. God's discipline helps us grow and become better people. Discipline is not always easy. It can be uncomfortable and challenging...

The readings remind us that God's discipline is part of His love. He corrects us not to punish, but to help us grow. It is an expression of His desire for us to be holy and to live in peace. This perspective can help us accept challenges and difficulties in our lives. We can trust that God is guiding us through them.

As we reflect on the readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we can think about how we respond to discipline. Do we resist and complain, or do we try to learn and grow? God's discipline is a chance for us to become more like Him. It is an opportunity to grow in our faith and character...

The Challenge of Following Jesus

Following Jesus is challenging. The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us of this. Jesus attracted many people with His message of love and healing. People wanted to hear His words and see His miracles. However, when He spoke about taking up a cross and the difficulties of being a disciple, some people turned away. They were not ready for the hard parts of following Him.

Many people had their reasons for following Jesus. Some hoped for healing, others wanted freedom from Roman rule, and some sought relief from strict religious practices. While these are good desires, they missed the full meaning of discipleship. Jesus called His followers to do the Father's will, not just to fulfill their personal agendas.

We might also have our own reasons for being part of the Church. Maybe we want to see positive changes in society, enjoy being part of a community, or admire the Church's teachings. These are all good things, but they are not the whole picture. True discipleship means knowing Jesus personally and following His teachings, even when it is hard.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that following Jesus is not just about the benefits. It also involves sacrifice and commitment. There will be tough times and challenges that test our faith. We might face rejection, misunderstandings, or even persecution. But if we truly love Jesus, we will stay committed to Him. Being a disciple means making sacrifices... Are we looking for what we can get, or are we willing to give our all for Him?... The journey might be tough, but it leads to eternal life with Him.

Parish Picnic 9/21/2025 News:

September is around the corner and our parish picnic will soon be here. Please have all your Silent and Live Auction Items/baskets at the church hall by Sunday September 14th. Please do not wait till the day of the picnic! Have your basket donations put together with estimated value, so the team can put together the clipboards and bid sheets on Thurs, 9/18, at 5 PM. When you drop off an item,,,,, please write it on the "Picnic Donation Received" sheets that are available in the hall, kitchen, on the table in the meeting room or in the breezeway. Ham and meat raffle tickets will be sold at the Country Store. Also, have you Country Store veggies and bakery items priced. Be sure to stop by after Mass for boooyah, brats, burgers, and Polish Sausage with sauerkraut (optional), and pies! Pull tabs will be sold next to the money tree, starting after Mass. Also enjoy the extra hour of polka music in the afternoon. Please bring your lawn chair.

RE NEWS:A big Welcome to Rena and Joe Esposito soon to be new parishioners. Also, thank you to Rena who has volunteered to be our 8th grade RE teacher. If anyone can volunteer to be a substitute RE Teacher, please contact Lori Mack at macklj18@hotmail.com or text 920-428-6240. Please make note of these important RE dates:

Wed. Sep. 10th 6:30pm - RE Teachers Mtg and Virtus training help.

Wed. Sep. 24th 6:30pm - Parent Registration (bring forms) AND first day of RE Class.

Sun. Sep. 28th 10:00am - Teachers and Subs attend Mass for Blessing.

Upcoming Missionary Cooperation Plan Visit

Every parish in the Green Bay Diocese is asked to set aside one weekend of the year to host a visiting missionary to come and explain the nature and work of their mission(s) and take up a collection in support of their missionary work. This is a way that we here in Wisconsin can share in missionary work of the Church worldwide.

On <u>Sunday 7 September</u>, we will be visited by Fr. John Fontana, O.S.M.. He is a member of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, also known at the Servites. He will be speaking on behalf of their missions in South Africa. He will also likely speak on the devotion the Servites have to St. Peregrine, O.S.M., patron saint of those suffering from cancer or other serious illnesses. There will a second collection that Sunday. Special envelopes will be provided. Thank you in advance.