

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 07/13/25 = \$1,249.00 Attendance = 69

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

07/20/2025— Nick & Justin Diemel by Steve & Sheila Hartlaben

07/27/2025— Living & Deceased Family members of Tom & Carol Weyenbrg

Mass Servers –

07/20/2025— Natalie & Landon Fischer, Beau Diemel

07/27/2025— Alex & Reagan Krings

Ministers of the Word –

07/20/2025— Mary Peeters

07/27/2025— Sam Krings

Hospitality

07/20/2025— Amy Guyette, Rene LaFond, Anita Wegner

07/27/2025— Bernie Weier, Barb Erb, Charlie Herb

Summer Religious Education Program at St. Mary’s in Black Creek

Jesus Loves Me

Children’s Program—Kids from St. Lawrence Parish
are invited to participate!

When: July 28-31, 2025 (Monday-Thursday) 9:00—11:00 A.M.

Where: St. Mary’s Parish Hall, 301 E Burdick St., Black Creek,
920-984-3319

Who: 4K—2nd Grade

Cost: \$20 per child Older kids can help for free

Questions: Call or text Kim Johnson at 920-810-3255



RE NEWS:

First a huge "Thank You" to all of our returning Rel Ed Teachers and subs!!

You are so greatly appreciated. Parents, please notify Lori Mackowiak soon

with any 1st grade student registrations for this fall. Also, we are in need of a

1st OR 2nd grade RE teacher. Also, an 8th grade teacher and a 10th/11th

grade RE Teacher. This is the new 25/26 Confirmation class. Karly Pennings

will still handle all of the Coordination and meetings related to the Confirma-

tion Sacrament but will not be available to teach on Wednesday evenings.

Please, prayerfully consider this important service to the youth of our parish.

Contact Lori Mack at macklj18@hotmail.com or 920-428-6240.

Seminarian Speaker

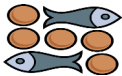
Nicholas Huza, a seminarian for the Diocese of Green Bay, will speak at
Mass on Sunday, 3 August as a part of the Raising Vocations Collection
effort. **We especially ask and encourage the young people of our parish
to please be present at Mass that day to hear what Nicholas has to share
with us.**

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 20— 4—6 PM

Saturday, August 23— 9—11 AM

PLEASE HELP our Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry with our summer fundraiser! You
can use the colored envelopes on the Giving Tree at the North entrance of church,
and drop in in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Lori
Mackowiak or Carol Weyenberg with any questions.



Happy Birthday!

July 20 Brandon Strayer; 21 Carter Balthazor, Ron Herb,
Ardell Nelson; 23 Kris Erb; 25 Garrett Krings; 30 Jennifer
Weier; 31 Bernie Weier



As you know, we have a joint subscription to the FORMED web-
site between St. Lawrence and St. Mary’s Parishes. We got this
subscription so that any member of our parishes could access infor-
mation on the Catholic Faith, conveniently any place and any time
on their internet devices. So, what is FORMED?

- “FORMED is a subscription-based website that provides es-
sential resources parishioners need to understand, live, and
share the Catholic Faith”
- “FORMED can be compared to Netflix for Catholics... but so
much more! It has the best Catholic study programs, movies,
podcasts, audio presentations and eBooks from the most trust-
ed apostolates, just a click away!”
- “A 24/7 unlimited online access to these transformative video-
based programs, audio presentations, movies, and eBooks.”

In simple words; this is an AWESOME website to find ways for us
to discover so much about our Catholic Faith, for all ages, anytime
of the day, on our computers, Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones.
AND it costs nothing; it’s a gift to you from our parish.

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 SUBSCRIPTION”

- 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.

So, give FORMED.ORG a try! It’s the parish gift to you.

Texas Flood Relief

If you would like to help the victims of the floods in Texas you
can make a donation to Catholic Charities online at:
catholiccharitiesusa.org, or calling: 800-919-9338, or sending a
check to: Catholic Charities USA, 2050 Ballenger Ave., #400,
Alexandria, VA 22314.

Reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Below is an excerpt from an article titled: “15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday July 20, 2025” found on the Young
Catholics website—young-catholics.com:

The Importance of Hospitality

In the time of Abraham, there was a code of hospitality that ensured fairness for both hosts and visitors. The host would provide food
and shelter, while the visitor would bring news from afar or entertain with stories. This exchange created a mutual respect and bond
between people. For the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we reflect on how Abraham welcomed three visitors. He saw them as
important guests and offered them the best he had. This act of hospitality was not just about providing food and shelter, but about
showing respect and honor.

Sarah, on the other hand, might have thought the promise of a child was just a funny story. But Abraham believed his guests were
special. These three men are often seen as a representation of the Trinity, showing that Abraham’s hospitality was not in vain. This
story reminds us of the importance of being hospitable. Like Abraham, we should be willing to offer our best to others. By doing so,
we show respect, kindness, and a welcoming spirit, reflecting the teachings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C.

Encountering Christ Through Service and Contemplation

Martha and Mary also offer hospitality in their home. Martha is sometimes seen as not paying the right kind of attention to Jesus.
However, she was doing what was expected of her by preparing and serving. Yet, she failed to recognize the holy presence in her
home and that Mary was offering hospitality by listening to Jesus.

For the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we learn from Martha and Mary that our discipleship must balance service with con-
templation. Martha’s actions were important, but without recognizing Jesus, they were just tasks. Mary chose to sit and listen to Jesus,
showing the importance of taking time to know Him.

Our actions, like Martha’s, are vital in serving others. However, if we do not also take time to learn from Jesus, our works can miss
the deeper connection to our faith. Mary’s choice to listen reminds us that contemplation is essential in our journey with Christ.

The lesson for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C is clear. Both service and contemplation are necessary. By combining action
with a deep understanding of our Lord, we can truly encounter Christ in all we do. This balance helps ensure our works are not just
good deeds but true reflections of our faith.

Rejoicing in Hardships

Paul talks about rejoicing in his sufferings. This teaches us that enduring hardships can strengthen our faith. For the 16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C, we see similar themes in the first reading and the Gospel. These stories show different forms of hardship, such
as infertility and frustration with others.

In Genesis, Sarah faces the hardship of infertility. She struggles to believe the promise of a child because it seems impossible. Yet,
through this hardship, Abraham and Sarah learn to trust in God’s promises. Their faith is tested, but it also grows stronger.

The Gospel story of Martha and Mary includes the hardship of frustration. Martha is frustrated with Mary for not helping her with the
work. Jesus gently reminds Martha that Mary has chosen the better part by sitting and listening to Him. This teaches us that in our
frustrations, we need to focus on what truly matters.

Paul’s message, along with these readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, reminds us that hardships are a part of life.
Whether it is physical suffering, emotional pain, or everyday frustrations, these challenges can help us grow in faith. By trusting in
God and focusing on what is important, we can find joy even in difficult times.

Apollo 11 Moon Landing Anniversary

This Sunday is the 56th anniversary of the Moon Landing of Apollo 11 that
took place on Sunday, 20 July 1969. Here is an interesting tidbit of information
about Buzz Aldrin who flew on the *Eagle* along with Neil Armstrong, on that
historic mission, as found in an article on the Wikipedia website:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buzz_Aldrin:

As a Presbyterian elder, Aldrin was the first and only person to hold a
religious ceremony on the Moon. He radioed Earth: "I'd like to take this
opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they
may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past
few hours, and to give thanks in his or her own way." Using a kit given
to him by his pastor, he took communion and read Jesus's words from
the New Testament's John 15:5, as Aldrin records it: "I am the vine. You
are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much

fruit; for you can do nothing without me." But he kept this ceremony
secret because of a lawsuit over the reading of Genesis on Apollo 8.

In 1970 he commented: "It was interesting to think that the very first
liquid ever poured on the Moon, and the first food eaten there, were
communion elements."

On reflection in his 2009 book, Aldrin said, "Perhaps, if I had it to do
over again, I would not choose to celebrate communion. Although it was
a deeply meaningful experience for me, it was a Christian sacrament,
and we had come to the moon in the name of all mankind—be they
Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, or atheists. But at the time I could
think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the
Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”

Congratulations and Thank You!!

Congratulations to Sam Krings on being elected to the position of Treasurer Trustee.

Thank You to Cathy Ashenbrenner for having faithfully served in that position for several years.

We are grateful to you both. Join us on **August 10** for the **Annual Meeting** after mass in the basement of the church.