

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 07/20/25 = \$1,084.00 Attendance = 71
Amount needed per week - \$ 1,401.54

Mass Intentions

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

08/03/2025— Memory of Leroy & Lois Hartlaben by VanLanen Family

Mass Servers –

07/27/2025— Alex & Reagan Krings

08/03/2025— Malachi Gray, Jamesen Boerst

Ministers of the Word –

07/27/2025— Sam Krings

08/03/2025— Mary Peeters

Hospitality

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

08/03/2025— Rene LaFond, Anita Wegner, Karen VanLanen

Summer Religious Education Program at St. Mary's in Black Creek
Jesus Loves Me

Children's Program

Kids from St. Lawrence are invited to participate

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

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



Happy Birthday!

July 30 Jennifer Weier; 31 Bernie Weier August 3 Emily Hodkiewicz, Mary Loney; 4 Tony Letter; 6 Jaden Bohm; 7 Linda Beschta; 10 Taylor Maroszek; 11 Pam Nowak; 12 Marcus Gray, Allen McCoy; 13 Madalyn Balthazor; 14 Kyle Hanus; 16 Karen Patza; 20 Ann Bierhals; 21 Kathy Dollhopf; 22 Randy Short; 25 Mallory Short; 27 Shelly Kent; 28 Keith Zuleger, Judy Nelson; 31 Billy Reif, Quinn & Eli Vanden Heuvel, Kristin Evenson

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.

Trinity will be having a Pie & Ice Cream Social after their service today. Service is at 1 PM and the Social is at 2 PM. Feel free to join them for pie & ice cream.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 20— 4—6 PM July Report— 37 Families, Saturday, August 23— 9—11 AM 87 People

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



Revised Amount Needed per Week

The Finance Council recently approved our parish budget for FY25/26. The budget has a projected amount of \$68,255.00 for Adult Envelopes, \$4,325.00 for Loose Collection, and \$300.00 for Holy Day offerings. \$68,255 + \$4,325 + \$300 = 72,880.00. \$72,880 ÷ 52 = \$1,401.54, which is the new "Amount needed per week."



As you know, we have a joint subscription to the FORMED website between St. Lawrence and St. Mary's Parishes. We got this subscription so that any member of our parishes could access information 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 essential 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 trusted 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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: "17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday July 27, 2025," found on the "Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

Prayer Is Sharing with God

St. Therese of Lisieux described prayer as a surge of the heart. Prayer is more than saying words; it is opening ourselves to God. We share our joys, struggles, and hopes with the One who knows us best. This is the kind of prayer Jesus teaches in the Gospel for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. Jesus calls us to address God as Father, a close and loving term. We acknowledge God's holiness and ask for his will to be done. Jesus reminds us that we can bring our needs to God, asking for our daily bread, mercy, and strength in hard times.

This prayer shows us that God cares about every part of our lives. It encourages us to trust that we can speak openly to God, just as we would to a parent or close friend. Through prayer, we learn to depend on God and to stay close to him in every situation.

The Power of Persistent Prayer

In the Gospel for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Jesus urges his disciples to be persistent in prayer. He tells them to keep asking, seeking, and knocking. This persistence is not about changing God's mind but about building a deeper connection with Him. When we don't give up on prayer, we keep the line of communication open. This allows God to guide us, soften our hearts, or help us see things in a new way. Prayer shapes us, teaching us patience and trust in God's timing.

Through persistent prayer, we open ourselves to God's presence in our lives. Even when answers don't come quickly, continuing to pray reminds us to trust God. This kind of prayer builds our faith and strengthens our relationship with Him.

Trusting God's Mercy and Care

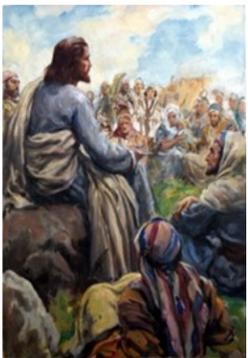
The readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlight God's mercy and care for His people. In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for the people of Sodom, trusting in God's justice and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus shows that we can ask God for what we need, confident in His love for us. Abraham's boldness in speaking to God shows that we, too, can approach Him with our worries and hopes. God listens when we pray for others and seeks to help us in ways we may not always see. This reminds us to care deeply for others and to trust in God's kindness.



Jesus teaches that God provides good things to His children. Just as a parent meets the needs of their family, God hears our prayers and responds. This does not mean we always get what we ask for, but we can trust that God knows what is best for us.

Both readings remind us to trust in God's love and mercy, even in difficult times. They encourage us to pray with faith, knowing that God listens and cares deeply for us and for those we bring to Him in prayer.

Lord, teach us to Pray



Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!

Next weekend the kickoff for the Raising Vocations Collection.

Raising Vocations Is Counting on You: A spiritual family needs spiritual leaders. That is why the Raising Vocations Collection is so important. Perhaps you have, or will likely receive a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you receive in the mail. Every gift makes a difference. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another!

Please Note—This collection is a direct mailing. Every family in the Diocese of Green Bay will be asked to participate in this

collection through direct mail. There will be no second collection taken up at any of the Masses. To make your gift please use the materials that have, or will be, sent to you, or visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give or call Tammy Danz at 920-272- 8123.

How does your gift to the Raising Vocations Collection support vocations?

This important collection supports ministries that help young men and women discover Christ and accompany them on their vocation journey. The collection is supporting ministries and is sending youth to events like Steubenville Conferences, Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Day, SEEK conferences, and even more. This collection will help us reach our Diocesan goal of 30 men in seminary formation.

What is the Called by Name card?

The intention of this card is to have individuals fill out the card with the name(s) of someone they believe would make an excellent priest or religious. Cards can be returned in the yellow return envelope along with your gift.