

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 08/31/25 = \$875.00 Attendance = 60

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

09/07/2025— Bill & Elaine Letter by Letter Family

09/14/2025— Remembrance of Geraldine Young by Barb Erb

Mass Servers –

09/07/2025— Jared & Ava Peters, Beau Diemel

09/14/2025— Alex, Reagan Krings

Ministers of the Word –

09/07/2025— Mary Peeters

09/14/2025— Randy Short

Hospitality

09/07/2025— Steve & Sheila Hartlaben, Barb Erb,

09/14/2025— Anita Wegner, David Nowak, Amy Guyette

Missionary Cooperation Plan Visit—This Sunday—
Welcome Fr. John Fontana!

This Sunday, 7 September, we welcome Fr. John Fontana, O.S.M.. He is a member of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, also known as the Servites. He will be speaking on behalf of the work of their order, and perhaps also 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 this Sunday. Please feel free to use the special Missionary Cooperation Plan envelopes. Let us generously support of work of Fr. Fontana and the Servites. Thank you.

RE NEWS: 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.

- Sun. Sept. 28th 8 a.m.—9 p.m. - 12th Grade Confirmation Retreat @ ABVM Pulaski.

Raising Vocations Collection

We want to thank everyone who contributed to the Raising Vocations Collection. The major drive for this collection has concluded, and our parish raised 9 gifts of \$520.00. Thank you for your support.

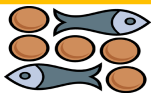
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 17—6 PM

Saturday, September 20 9—11 AM

There will be a box for donations for the food pantry located at the table that will be selling Parish Picnic Raffle Tickets.

Thank you for all the donations so far this year!!



Happy Birthday!

September 7 Jack Peters, Nicole Hartleben; Luann Peters, 10 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

Parish Picnic 9/21/2025 News: September is here 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. Pull tabs will be sold next to the money tree, starting after Mass. Please bring your lawn chair.

1. Polka Mass with The Maroszek and they are playing an extra hour after mass. Thank you Bernie & Pat Weier
2. Buy Raffle tickets “You need to be in IT to win IT!!
3. Ham Raffle Tickets selling every week after mass, \$20 ticket. 10—40# hams are in the drawing and 2—\$50 gift cards from Country Store, Shawano. 13th draw it’s a surprise!!
4. Beer Bar with sandwiches available all day. Dilly Dilly
5. Home made Chicken Booyah (Take home available)
6. Food menu down in the basement, lots of deserts. Ham-burgers (Thank you Rene LaFond), Brats (Thank you Hutter Family), polish Sausage and Pull Pork Sandwiches.
7. Money Tree, Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle, with many nice items. Don’t forget to register for a number.
8. Children’s games, coloring station, pinata, and a photo booth for families and friends that want to have a picture taken. Dress nice and take advantage of the photo shop.
9. Live Auction with 2 Family Vacations in Wisconsin Dells, 2-half Pig Pork from Our Greener Pastures, 4 Tickets to a regular home game to see Green Bay Gamblers during the 2025-2026 season, Table made by Charlie, signs and benches made by Gary, Black stone grill with accessories, collapsible wagon filled with all kinds of surprises, Mystery Box, Mystery Purse, Umbrella that will shower you with gifts when you open it up, 2 rocking chairs donated by Justin Ell and Tim Letter, 2 andirons chairs, Quilting rack, and so many other items too numerous to mention. If you have a item that you want to donate you may leave them here at the parish and don’t forget to fill out the donation slip so we can “Thank you” later.
10. Please contact the office or any of the members of the Core Vision Team with any questions.

Reflection on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: “23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Sunday, September 7, 2025,” found on the “Young Catholics” website—young-catholics.com:

God’s Wisdom Over Human Understanding

The first reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us how limited our human understanding is. It tells us that we often cannot see the bigger picture or fully grasp what God has planned for us. Without His wisdom, we are like people trying to find their way in the dark.

This reading encourages us to turn to God for guidance in our lives. Instead of relying only on what we know or understand, we need to pray for His wisdom. When we face important decisions or challenges, we should ask for His help, trusting that He knows what is best for us.

We are reminded that God’s ways are higher than ours. His wisdom helps us see beyond our own fears and desires. Trusting Him can lead us to choices that bring real peace and meaning. As we reflect on this reading, we can ask ourselves if we are truly listening to God or if we rely too much on our own judgment.

Welcoming Others as Family

In the second reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Paul asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus as a brother in Christ. Onesimus was once a servant, but Paul encourages Philemon to see him differently now. This is a reminder that faith changes how we see and treat others. When we follow Christ, we are part of one family. This means that no matter someone’s background, race, or status, they are our brother or sister. Welcoming others into our lives with kindness and love reflects the way God welcomes us.

This reading challenges us to think about how we treat the people around us. Are there people we avoid or judge because they seem different? Christ calls us to go beyond those barriers and to see each person as a child of God. This kind of love can heal divisions and create stronger communities.

The Cost of Discipleship

The Gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C gives us a tough message about following Jesus. He tells us that discipleship means sacrifice. Carrying a cross was a shocking and painful image for the people of His time, but Jesus used it to show the seriousness of following Him. Jesus is not telling us to literally hate our family or possessions. He is saying that nothing can come before Him—not our family, wealth, or comfort. If we love anything more than Him, we cannot fully follow His path. This is a hard teaching, but it is a call to be completely committed to God.

Discipleship is not about living life as usual. It is about making choices that put Jesus first, even when it costs us something. We are challenged to think about what we might be clinging to that keeps us from fully following Him. If we are not ready to make sacrifices, we risk starting something we cannot finish.

This Gospel asks us to reflect deeply on our priorities. Are we truly committed to the path of Christ, or are we holding back? Jesus invites us to trust Him and to let go of anything that keeps us from walking fully in His way.



Here is an excerpt from an article by [Michelle Laque Johnson](http://catholicnewsagency.com), dated 2 September 2025, and found on the Catholic News Agency website—catholicnewsagency.com:

On Sunday, Sept. 7, Pope Leo XIV will preside over the Mass and canonizations of the two young blessed from St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This will air live at 3 A.M ET (2 A.M. Central Time) on EWTN and the encore presentation will be at 6 p.m. ET (5 P.M. Central Time) on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Here is a special prayer by Kyallo Musau, of Day 4 – of the Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Novena, found on a Facebook page:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of virtue in (Saint) Carlo Acutis and (Saint) Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples. (Saint) Carlo, you told your mother before your death: “I die happy because I did not spend my life wasting my time on things not pleasing to God.” Your goal was to always be close to Jesus.

(Saint) Pier Giorgio, you took a stand for what you believed in. You weren’t afraid of offending others with your beliefs. You were courageous and spoke your mind. You also put those beliefs into action. You helped the poor. You joined advocacy groups. You effected change.

Pray for us, that we may spend every day trying to get closer to God, listening to His words, talking to Him in prayer, and doing good things for others. Pray that we may put God and others first in our lives so that we, too, can die happy.

Please also pray for my intentions: (State your intentions here)

(St.) Carlo Acutis and (St.) Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, may the elevation of these men as saints of Your Church inspire greater holiness and faith among all the faithful but especially the youth.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.