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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 09/07/25 = \$1.848.00 Attendance = 86

Missionary Cooperation collection = \$833.00

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

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

09/21/2025 — Living & Deceased Family Members of Tom & Carol Weyenberg

Mass Servers -

09/14/2025— Alex & Reagan Krings

09/21/2025 — Landon & Natalie Fischer, Malachi Gray

Ministers of the Word -

09/14/2025 — Randy Short

09/21/2025 — Sam Krings

Hospitality

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

09/21/2025 — Charlie Herb, Rene LaFond

Missionary Cooperation Plan Thank You

We want to thank Fr. John Fontana, O.S.M. for being with us last Sunday to share with us the message of the gospel and the work the Servite community is doing in the Zulu region of South Africa. We thank everyone for your generous contribution of \$833.00 toward the work of the Servites in that area.

RE NEWS: If anyone can volunteer to be a substitute RE Teacher, please contact Lori Mack at mackli18@hotmail.com or text 920-428-6240. Please make note of these important RE dates:

- 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. **Our parish raised 10 gifts of \$570.00.** 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!!

Please pray for good weather for the Parish Picnic.

Happy Birthday!

September 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. We are asking each family to donate a pie or torte as the desert for the Booyah meal. 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. The church kitchen will be open for drop off from 8 AM—11 AM on Saturday 9/20.

- Polka Mass with The Maroszek and they are playing an extra hou 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. The ball park donated left over inventory from the bar at the ball diamond. So please thank them for the donation.
- 5. Home made Chicken Booyah (Take home available)
- Food menu down in the basement, lots of deserts. Hamburgers (Thank you Rene LaFond), Brats (Thank you Hutter Family), polish Sausage and Pull Pork Sandwiches.
- Money Tree, Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle, with many nice items. Don't forget to register for a number.
- 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.
- 2. 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 Adirondack 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.
- 11. There are copies of the tentative picnic schedules available on the table at the north entrance of the church. Please feel free to take one.

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Reflection on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: "Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14," found on the "Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross remembers the Cross of Jesus. It has been celebrated by the Church for centuries. The feast began in the 4th century, when the True Cross was found by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. Tradition says she found the Cross in Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified. This discovery made a deep impression on Christians and led to honoring the Cross...

We celebrate this feast on September 14. On this day in the year 335, the Church in Jerusalem dedicated a new church built on the site where Jesus died and rose from the dead. The church was built to honor both His crucifixion and His resurrection. Every year since then, the Church remembers this day and the power of the Cross.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a time to reflect on what the Cross means to us.

St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, played a key role in finding the True Cross. She became a Christian later in life and had a deep devotion to Jesus. In the year 326, she went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She wanted to find the places where Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead. Her greatest goal was to find the Cross on which Jesus was crucified.

During her journey, she asked the people of Jerusalem for help. Tradition says that after much searching, she discovered three crosses buried near the site of Jesus' crucifixion. She believed one of these was the True Cross. To know which cross belonged to Jesus, they touched a sick woman with each one. When the woman was healed after touching one of the crosses, they knew it was the Cross of Christ.

The discovery of the True Cross was a moment of great joy for Christians. St. Helena made sure the Cross was treated with great respect. Part of it was kept in Jerusalem, while other parts were sent to churches throughout the Roman Empire. This allowed many Christians to venerate the True Cross.

The True Cross became a central symbol in the Church. It reminded Christians of the sacrifice Jesus made for them. St. Helena's discovery strengthened the faith of many believers. The Cross has been honored ever since as a sign of victory over sin and death. It is a reminder of God's love and mercy. By celebrating this feast, we honor the victory Jesus won for us through His death and resurrection.

The Cross is a symbol of Christ's sacrifice and our redemption. Jesus willingly died on the Cross to save us from our sins. He took on the suffering we deserved and offered His life for us. Through His death, He opened the way to eternal life. The Cross reminds us of this great act of love and mercy.

The Cross also represents forgiveness. Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). His death was an act of forgiveness for the whole world. When we look at the Cross, we see how much God is willing to forgive us, no matter what we have done.

The Cross gives us hope. Even though it was a tool of suffering and death, Jesus turned it into a sign of victory. His resurrection shows that death is not the end. By carrying our own crosses, we are united with Jesus and can share in His victory. The Cross tells us that no matter how hard our struggles are, there is always hope in Christ.

Catholics venerate the Cross in daily life and in liturgy. We make the Sign of the Cross when we pray. We display crosses in our homes and churches. During Mass, the priest raises the Cross, reminding us of Christ's sacrifice. The Cross is a central part of our faith, and through it, we remember God's love and the promise of eternal life.

Gaza Relief Collection

For nearly 2 years, the conflict in Gaza has continued to rage on. At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Bishop Ricken is asking all parishes to have a voluntary special collection to support the relief efforts in Gaza. Funds will be used to support both the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). These organizations are the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church and are in Gaza, working to provide medical and psychological care, food, shelter, and hygiene supplies to all those in need. We will have this special 2nd collection on Sunday, 28 September.

Please put your donation in an envelope with your name on it if you want it on your tax statement.

Credit Card donations can be made by calling the Catholic Foundation at 1-920-272-8008 or online

at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give. Thank you in advance for your generous help.

St. Andrew Dinner—Fall Edition

Calling all High School and College-age men!

Join us for a gathering of disciples open to the priesthood (age 14+).

- When: Wednesday, 24 September 2025, 5:30—8:00 P.M.
- Where: Diocese of Green Bay St. Joseph Chapel, 1825 Riverside Drive Green Bay, WI 54301

The evening includes Mass with Bishop Ricken at 5:30 p.m. and dinner/formation with the Vocations Team to follow. RSVP Online at: www.gbdioc.org/vocations/vocation-events/