

# St. Francis & St. Mary Parish



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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day—Check Bulletin

## **Contact Information**

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Parish Office

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## **Religious Education**

For all children attending public school in grades 5K through 12.

Sacramental Preparation: Students celebrate Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd Grade and Confirmation in 12th Grade.

## **New Members**

Please call the Parish Office or visit our website to establish membership.

## **Baptism**

For Baptism preparation and to set a date for the Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Reconciliation**

- Sunday 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
- Wednesday after daily Mass
- Or by appointment

## **Marriage**

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as you decide to marry to insure availability of the church and to allow time for preparation. A minimum of 6 months before the date of the marriage is necessary.

## **Care For the Homebound or Sick**

- We are happy to make arrangements for visits to the homebound or sick, but, we need to be aware of these folks. Please advise the Parish Office.
- **Anointing of the Sick** If you are anticipating a surgery or are in declining health, you may request the Anointing of the Sick or stay after Mass on the first full weekend of the month. If a member of your family is homebound and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

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9716 Cemetery Road  
Brussels, WI 54204

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### Saturday, December 16

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 1 in Brussels  
 4:00 p.m. Mass in Rosiere-Novena Day 2  
 5:30 p.m. Mass in Brussels  
 † Gary Renard  
 † Carrie Ann Renard  
 LDM Jerry Jeanquart Family

#### Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Mass in Brussels -Novena Day 2  
 Living & Deceased Members of  
 Brussels, Lincoln & Rosiere  
 10:15 a.m. Mass in Lincoln  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 3 in Lincoln

#### Monday, December 18

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 3 in Brussels  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 4 in Rosiere

#### Tuesday, December 19

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 4 in Brussels  
 Special Intention  
 † Gilbert & Todd Spude  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 5 in Rosiere

#### Wednesday, December 20

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 5 in Brussels  
 † Harold & LaVerne Euclide  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 6 in Rosiere

#### Thursday, December 21

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 6 in Brussels  
 8:00 a.m. Mass in Lincoln  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 7 in Lincoln

#### Friday, December 22

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 7 in Brussels  
 8:00 a.m. Mass in Rosiere  
 6:30 p.m. Novena Day 8 in Rosiere

#### Saturday, December 23

6:00 a.m. Novena Day 8 in Brussels  
 4:00 p.m. Mass in Rosiere-Novena Day 9  
 5:30 p.m. Mass in Brussels  
 † Willard Marchant-14th Anniversary  
 † Donald LaLuzerne & Norbert Jadin  
 † Frank Derenne & Anne Mertens

#### Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. Mass in Brussels -Novena Day 9  
 Special Intention  
 10:15 a.m. Mass in Lincoln  
 4:00 p.m. Mass in Rosiere-Christmas Eve  
 8:30 p.m. Mass in Brussels-Christmas Eve  
 LDM Louis & Laura Dachlet Family

#### Monday, December 25-Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. Mass in Brussels  
 10:15 a.m. Mass in Lincoln



### Sanctuary Light- Week of December 17

Shirley DeClark, Ray & Irene Mallien

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, December 23 – 5:30 p.m.

**Lector:** Ann Kleist  
**Eucharist:** Deacon Ray  
**Server:** Avery Delwiche & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Wayne Kleist & Mark Wagner  
Sunday, December 24 – 8:30 a.m.

**Lector:** Beth Hanson  
**Eucharist:** Deacon Ray  
**Server:** Charlotte & Peter Bloniarz  
**Ushers:** Nobert LeGrave & Dan Yurek  
Sunday, December 24 – 8:30 p.m.-Christmas Eve

**Lector:** Terri Vandenhouten  
**Eucharist:** Deacon Ray  
**Server:** Malaina Vesser & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Marc Vandenhouten & Mike Vandenhouten  
Monday, December 25 – 8:30 a.m.-Christmas Day

**Lector:** Matt Anderson  
**Eucharist:** Matt Anderson  
**Server:** Axel Anderson & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Mike Baudhuin & Tim Buhr

## Parish News

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

Monday, December 18 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 19 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

### Financial-December 4-10, 2023

Mass Collections:	\$ 345.11
Offertory Commitments:	\$ 3,677.00
November Online Giving:	\$ 3,695.00
Retirement Collection:	\$ 2,367.00

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### Formed

Continue your Advent journey with *new Rooted*. For the children, enjoy *The Days of Advent and The Story of St. Nicholas*. Liturgical Calendar: *14-The Feast of St. John of the Cross*.





## Matthew Kelly on YouTube

If you are looking for insight each week, search for Matthew Kelly on YouTube. Each week he poses different topics to think about. This week view: *How to Be a Light in the Darkness-Feed Your Soul, Gospel Reflections*.

## GIVING TREE

Please wrap and put the original tag on the present and have it back to church by **TODAY December 17**.

## SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

We need volunteers to help with snow blowing and shoveling to keep our church approaches and sidewalks clean. Please consider helping us with this task, maybe as a family or with friends. Equipment is provided. There is a sign-up calendar inside the front entrance to record your choice of week(s).



## Religious Education News



\*This week, last Class until 2024!

-Kindergarten-5th:6:00-7:15 p.m. at church

-6th-8th Grade: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at church

-9th-11th Grade: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Brussels Community Center

-Confirmation Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Rosiere

\*Any questions regarding the Religious Education Program, Please contact Penny at 920-495-7404 or [4saintsre@4saintsre.org](mailto:4saintsre@4saintsre.org)

## Area News

### 6th Annual Community Christmas Eve Lunch

Come enjoy a Free meal with friends and family on Sunday December 24 from 11:30 am-2:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sturgeon Bay. All are Welcome. Dine-in or to-go meal available. Reservations helpful, but not necessary 920-495-2161. Event Hosted by Carrie & Kyle Starr and Friends.

## Shepherd's Thoughts

On Nine-Day Novena of Masses  
Before Christmas

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## Mass Schedules

Maplewood ..... Sunday 9:00AM  
 Lincoln/Rosiere.....Saturday 4PM Rosiere & Sunday 10:15AM Lincoln  
 Dyckesville: ..... Saturday 4PM Sunday 8:30AM & 10:00AM  
 Luxemburg .....Saturday 4PM & Sunday 7:30AM & 10:30AM  
 Casco ..... Saturday 7:30PM & Sunday 9AM

Please continue to pray for . . . **Home-bound parishioners:** Sandy DuBois; **those in assisted living & nursing homes:** Allen Moore, Howard Renard, Shirley Simon, and Monica Vandenhouten; **others in need of healing:** McCoy Vandenhouten, Cleo Franda, Donald Spude, and Laurie Bouche Malcore; **all who are suffering;** and **the poor souls in purgatory.**





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Saturday	12/23/2023	4th Sunday of Advent	4:00 p.m.	Rosiere
			5:30 p.m.	Brussels
Sunday	12/24/2023	4th Sunday of Advent	8:30 a.m.	Brussels
			10:15 a.m.	Lincoln
Sunday	12/24/2023	Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m.	Rosiere
			8:30 p.m.	Brussels
Monday	12/25/2023	Christmas Day	8:30 a.m.	Brussels
			10:15 a.m.	Lincoln
Saturday	12/30/2023	Holy Family Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Rosiere
			5:30 p.m.	Brussels
Sunday	12/31/2023	Holy Family Sunday and New Year's Eve	8:30 a.m.	Brussels
			10:15 a.m.	Lincoln
			4:00 p.m.	Rosiere
Monday	1/1/2024	New Year's Day	8:30 a.m.	Brussels
			10:15 a.m.	Lincoln

## NINE-DAY NOVENA - December 15-24

		Brussels	Rosiere / Lincoln
Friday	12/15/2023	- - - - -	6:30 p.m. - Day 1 in Rosiere
Saturday	12/16/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 1 in Brussels	4:00 p.m. - Day 2 in Rosiere
Sunday	12/17/2023	8:30 a.m. - Day 2 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 3 in Lincoln
Monday	12/18/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 3 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 4 in Rosiere
Tuesday	12/19/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 4 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 5 in Rosiere
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