

# 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.

St. Francis & St. Mary Parish  
9716 Cemetery Road  
Brussels, WI 54204

**OUR FRONT ENTRANCE IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### 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  
 LDM of our Families and our Parish Family  
 10:15 a.m. Mass in Lincoln

#### Tuesday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels  
 † Norbert & Doris Zenefski  
 Joe & Carolyn Zimmer Family

#### Wednesday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels  
 Living and Deceased Members of  
 Brussels, Lincoln, & Rosiere

#### Thursday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Mass in Lincoln

#### Friday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Mass in Rosiere

#### Saturday, December 30

4:00 p.m. Mass in Rosiere  
 5:30 p.m. Mass in Brussels  
 † Alvin & Della Jeanquart & Gail Gonzeles  
 LDM of Englebert & O'Hern Families

#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Mass in Brussels  
 † Dwayne Tebon  
 † Eugene & Mary Ann Spude

10:15 a.m. Mass in Lincoln

4:00 p.m. Mass in Rosiere

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

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

### Sanctuary Light- Week of December 24

Willard & Bea Marchant, Tebon & Virlee Families,  
 & Pierre & Englebert Families

●Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

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

Lector: Bridget Spude  
 Eucharist: Dave Gengler  
 Server: Brielle Spude & Volunteer  
 Ushers: Kelly Chaudior & Steve Fictum

#### Sunday, December 31 – 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Tara Pierre  
 Eucharist: Deacon Ray  
 Server: Maggie Hoffman & Volunteer  
 Ushers: Nobert LeGrave & Cory Pierre

#### Monday, January 1 – 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Marci Spude  
 Eucharist: Deacon Ray  
 Server: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Joe Spude & Dan Yurek

## Parish News

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

NO HOURS THIS WEEK!

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Tuesday, December 26 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 27 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

### Financial-December 11-17, 2023

Mass Collections: \$ 386.00  
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 2,558.00

### YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Commitment contributions received through Monday, December 31, will automatically be posted in the 2023 calendar year. If you make your contribution by check and it is dated prior to January 1, that will also be posted in 2023. Contribution statements for 2023 will be sent out prior to the end of January.

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages. ~Romans 16:25



### THANK YOU - Giving Tree

Thank you for your generosity in providing Giving Tree gifts for families in need. You have helped others experience a special Christmas season. We ask God's blessings on you all.



●Deacon: Ray Ambrosius

●Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist



# Merry Christmas

## Formed

This Christmas, view more episodes on Formed. Finish off Advent and begin Christmas with *Rooted*. Listen to some music with *O' Holy Night*. For the younger ones: *The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't*. With your Christmas season view: *Adore & Behold*. Liturgical Calendar: 25-Solemnity of the Nativity, 26-The Feast of the Holy Family.

## Matthew Kelly on YouTube

If you are looking for insight each week, search for Matthew Kelly on YouTube. For Christmas this week try 2: *Gospel Reflection-Get Ready for Christmas & How to ENJOY Annoying Family Members*. To reflect on the year *Question 11: Will Your Life Be Different?*

## 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

### \*NO CLASSES THIS WEEK!!

- Confirmation Retreat January 6 in Rosiere
- Confirmation will be January 14 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Luxemburg
- \*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 Christmas Eve-Christ, Our Eucharistic Joy

- Anticipating the joy of receiving Christ in the Eucharist.
- Praying for a heart filled with joy as we celebrate the birth of the Eucharistic Lord.

*Good is good, all the time! All the time, God is God!*

As we gather on this last day of our preparations for the Birth of Christ, we also celebrate the Ninth Day Novena in honor of our Expectant Mother that her Child, Jesus, be born to us! I'm sure our hearts are filled with anticipation and great joy burning with love and echoing the sentiments of King David in our first reading today (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16). "The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord." This proclamation sets the stage for our reflection on Christ, Our Eucharistic Joy, revealed in the mystery of Christmas.

Our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29) resonates with the assurance that we will sing of the goodness of the Lord forever. The mystery of God's plan, hidden for ages, is unveiled in our second reading (Romans 16:25-27). The long-awaited promise is about to be fulfilled, and the joy of this revelation is about to burst forth.

In the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-38), we witness the Annunciation Moment when the angel Gabriel declares to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son. This miraculous event marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior. In the birth of Jesus, we find the source of our Eucharistic joy and the true source of happiness in celebrating another Christmas!

As we approach the celebration of the Eucharist, let us recognize the profound connection between Christmas and the Eucharist. The fullness of our yearly celebrations at Christmas centers on the Eucharist where we re-encounter the Baby Jesus as we behold and receive Him in Holy Communion- THE BODY OF CHRIST. In the same way that Christ took on flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to dwell among us, continues to be present among us in the Eucharist. Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The joy we experience at Christmas is a foretaste of the joy we find in the Eucharist. The mystery of God's plan, hidden for ages, is manifested in the Eucharistic celebration, where we encounter the living Christ. In receiving the Eucharist, we share in the divine joy of Christ's presence, and now become part of our daily lives, fulfilling the promise of everlasting joy proclaimed in our psalm.

As we celebrate the birth of the Eucharistic Lord, let us pray for hearts to be filled with joy that they may experience the joy of Christmas extended into our Eucharistic celebrations, where we encounter the living Christ, and may this joy permeate our lives, bringing hope, peace, and love to a world in need. Amen.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

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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:** Marge Columb, 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.**