

# 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

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### 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

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

#### Tuesday, January 2

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Harry & Blanche Jeanquart

#### Wednesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Karen Mercer

#### Thursday, January 4

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

#### Friday, January 5

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Rosiere**

#### Saturday, January 6

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Steve DeClark

#### Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 LDM of Clifford DuBois Family  
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**



## Sanctuary Light- Week of December 31

Margaret & Clarence Monfils

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

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

Tuesday, January 2 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, January 3 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.  
 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, January 6 – 5:30 p.m.

**Lector:** Laura Paider  
**Eucharist:** Deacon Ray  
**Server:** Volunteers  
**Ushers:** Jason Jeanquart & Jake Paider  
Sunday, January 7 – 8:30 a.m.  
**Lector:** Mary Monfils  
**Eucharist:** Terrie DeKeyser  
**Server:** Kaiden Wautier & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Brandon Wautier & Matt Wautier

## Parish News

### Financial-December 18-24, 2023

Mass Collections: \$ 406.00  
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 3,510.00  
 Christmas Collections: \$ 1,093.00

### YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Offertory Commitment contributions received through Sunday, 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.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of our Parish in the past year through your pledges, the Bishop's Appeal, the one by One Campaign, the Giving Tree, and our annual Kermis. We not only met our one by One Campaign goal – we exceeded it! Your generosity allows us to keep our Parish maintained and also allowed for the remodeling of the Rectory prior to Fr. Rex's arrival. In addition to the financial support, many hours were spent by numerous volunteers to make our Kermis successful and the Rectory remodeling possible. Every dollar received and every minute spent by volunteers is deeply appreciated. We are truly blessed!

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. ~Hebrews 11:8



### Calendars

Calendars for next year 2024 are now available in the entrances of the church. Please help yourself!





## Formed

Start off the New Year with new items on Formed. Check out *Bread of Life, Suffering, & Into the Breach* to grow your faith. For the younger ones in your family, view *Zack & Yalla and The Christmas Story*. To end this year with the Liturgical Calendar: *29-St. Thomas Becket*.

## 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. Wrap up the Advent and Christmas season with *Radical & Relevant: Pursue What Matters Most and Trust God's Guidance*.



## Religious Education News

### \*Religious Education Classes Resume!

- 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

\*Confirmation retreat next weekend January 6 in Rosiere. Please pray for our young men and women.

\*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)

## Shepherd's Thoughts

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

Patrick Peyton, CSC (January 9, 1909 – June 3, 1992), also known as "The rosary priest", was an Irish-born Catholic priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and founder of the Family Rosary Crusade. He popularized the phrase, "The family that prays together stays together". This links us to the idea of how Mary and Joseph introduced Jesus and taught him to learn their customs in the context of the human family.

The feast of the Holy Family is celebrated yearly within the Octave of Christmas that manifested how God originally designed and highlighted the joyous birth of his only begotten Son. This celebration reminds us of his divine plan to model our families after the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God's invitation to this continual encounter with his only begotten Son is extended to us by fulfilling all the prescriptions of the law as the Holy Family normally did, "they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, for every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."

Our Sunday obligation urges us to do the same and be generous enough by sharing our time, talents and treasures in thanking God for all the blessings we received. Always remember: no one

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who is so rich that has nothing in need and no one who is so poor that has nothing to give.

I understand, we are running out of priestly and religious vocations. That is, I think, one of the reasons why we have missionaries in our Diocese. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, God once again re-invites you to share vocations. It is for this noble purpose why parents are gifted with children not only for their own sake but also to perpetuate the mission of God by offering your sons and daughters to the Lord.

I thank God for having such generous parishioners like you. Continue such wonderful blessings to our parish. I hope I'm not pampering you much with that. But still I'm appealing to you to share vocations. Families are the hope of our Church. You can start promoting vocations by leading your children going to Church and help them appreciate the Holy Eucharist. Let them continue to encounter Christ through the sacraments. Just present them to the Lord! In fact it's God's own decision whom he will choose. "Many are called but few are chosen". The Scripture verse from the Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 22:6) states: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Your home is a seedbed for vocations. Mary's Fiat " or "Yes " to God's invitation brought God's divine plan into a reality and Joseph's unwavering faith made him steadfast for the well-being of his family. Because of their obedience and faithfulness to God the Father, the child, Jesus also grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Just as the Holy Family found strength in their unity, let our families find strength in the Eucharist, where we encounter the real presence of Christ and to other sacraments. May the Holy Family inspire us to say "yes" to God's plan in our lives as we journey together as families in faith. As we celebrate this feast, let us strive to emulate the virtues of the Holy Family, making the Eucharist the center of our lives for the well-being of our families. In doing so, may our families, like the Holy Family, be sanctuaries of love where union of husband and wife is sanctified, trust is fostered and communion is strengthened.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we reflect on the significance of the family as a domestic Church where the Eucharist Lord is first encountered and forgiveness is first experienced. The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, serves as a model for our own families, and their life provides beautiful insights towards appreciation of the sacraments and realization of becoming open to respond to God's call.

As we ponder the Holy Family's journey, may we see this moment of profound trust and obedience. Mary's fiat to God's plan, echoes in the Eucharist. As we say "yes" too to receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharistic, may we also learn this sacred moment to say "yes" by promoting vocations and be part in carrying God's plan.

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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.**