

# 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 9

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 LDM Arthur & Lena Pierre Family  
 For Healing Derenne & Jeanquart Families

#### Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 Donald Bader Family  
 † Troy Tremble & Grandparents

10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

#### Monday, December 11

No Masses

#### Tuesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 Laura Theys & Family

#### Wednesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Addison Call  
 † Doug & Mary Jo Maisonneuve

#### Thursday, December 14

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

#### Friday, December 15

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 6:30 p.m. **Novena Day 1 in Rosiere**

#### Saturday, December 16

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere-Novena Day 2**  
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels-Novena Day 1**  
 † 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**



### Sanctuary Light- Week of December 10

Addison Call, Carrie Ann Renard,  
& Troy Tremble & Grandparents

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

Monday, December 11 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 14 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

● **Administrator:** Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

● **Deacon:** Ray Ambrosius

● **Parish Bookkeeper:** Ann Kleist

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, December 16 – 5:30 p.m.

**Lector:** Julie Engebose  
**Eucharist:** Julie Engebose  
**Server:** Brielle Spude & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Brian Engebose & Mark Wagner  
Sunday, December 17 – 8:30 a.m.  
**Lector:** Mary Monfils  
**Eucharist:** Terrie DeKeyser  
**Server:** Kaiden Wautier & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Brandon Wautier & Matt Wautier

## Parish News

### Financial-November 27-December 3, 2023

Mass Collections: \$ 561.00  
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 3,336.00  
 Special Children's Mass Collection: \$ 131.00

### Second Collection

This weekend, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own Diocese. Thank you for helping those who have given so much over the years.

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. ~2 Peter 3:14



### Formed

With the season of Advent, Formed has so much to offer. For children: *Christmas Special Laugh & Grow Bible of Kids*. Growing in our own faith with *Rooted many options, and the Advent weeks*. Liturgical Calendar: *6-The Feast of St. Nicholas, 7-The Feast of St. Ambrose, 8-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, & 9-The Feast of St. Juan Diego*.

### Calendars

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

### GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up in the entrance. Please take a tag or two to help those in our Parish in need. Please wrap and put the original tag on the present and have it back to church by **next weekend December 17** so they may be handed out in time for Christmas.





### 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 review *How to Prepare for Jesus' Return - Feed Your Soul: Gospel Reflections*.

### 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

- \*First Reconciliation for 2nd grade during class with parents
- 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

#### Holiday Concert

Griffin String Quartet Holiday Concert at the Belgian Heritage Center - Dec 16th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Free admission but donations to support the artists greatly appreciated. Wine, beer and cheese bar sponsored by Von Stiehl Winery & Renard's Cheese available for purchase. Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

#### Christmas Bingo: It's a HO-HO-HOLY Night

Did Santa babysit the baby Jesus? Why were the Three Wise Men so lost? The answers to these and other humorous questions are answered in this holiday comedy. Written by Vicki Quade, one of the creators of the hit comedy Late Nite Catechism, CHRISTMAS BINGO brings together two of the best things about being Catholic: Christmas and Bingo. The show features the character of Mrs. Mary Margaret O'Brien, a former nun and current bingo caller. This hilarious show will be coming to the Southern Door Community Auditorium for one night only Saturday, December 16th at 7pm. Purchase your tickets online by visiting [southerndoordoorauditorium.org](http://southerndoordoorauditorium.org)

#### 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

**FIRST READING** (Is 40:1-5, 9-11)

Prepare the way of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 85:9-15)

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**SECOND READING** (2 Pt 3:8-14)

We await new heavens and a new earth.

**GOSPEL** (Mk 1:1-8)

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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

Speaking of our own unique way of preparing ourselves this Season of Advent leading to Christmas, we also have to consider our personal and gradual conversion that the prophet Isaiah is telling us. "The voice cries out: "In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley."

The same message is conveyed upon us in the Gospel today, wherein John the Baptist appeared proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. "voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This message also serves as a constant reminder for all of us that preparing the way of the Lord entails making our way of life smooth, taking our initiative for spiritual renewal and motivating ourselves for change.

There could be no total conversion without repentance for the forgiveness of sins. So, the best personal preparation ever comes from within. It must come from our hearts. If we are waiting for someone special, we must prepare inwardly and that includes our willingness to change, through the sacrament of reconciliation where repentance for forgiveness of sins happened.

Genuine conversion entails two directional movements: that is turning away from sin and turning towards God. When a person realizes the sense of sin and begins to repent with remorse, it indicates that he is already in a process of gradual conversion. God's grace is working to a person with a spiritual change of heart-"Metanoia". When we are in the state of sin, we also lose the sense of the sacred, the sense of the holy so we begin to lose the value of prayer, the value of doing good and the value of life to the extent that we no longer appreciate the highest value of God in our lives.

Without change of heart and total conversion, it is very hard for us to obtain his promise of a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. So St. Peter in his second letter reminds us "Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."

John the Baptist, in his life with all his goodness and kindness still deemed himself unworthy before the Lord as he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Yes! We are all unworthy before God, but it's something new that we take the initiative doing something good for our personal sanctification. Doing good for our personal growth is not only valid for one today, not only for this Christmas. Always remember that we are continuously awaiting for the second coming of Christ. No matter how unworthy servants are we, at least we did our best to always be ready to meet Christ on the last day when he comes again with his glory.

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:** 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; the soul of Ella Mae Maccoux, and the poor souls in purgatory.**



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## SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE - December 23, 2023 - January 1, 2024

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
Wednesday	12/20/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 5 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 6 in Rosiere
Thursday	12/21/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 6 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 7 in Lincoln
Friday	12/22/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 7 in Brussels	6:30 p.m. - Day 8 in Rosiere
Saturday	12/23/2023	6:00 a.m. - Day 8 in Brussels	4:00 p.m. - Day 9 in Rosiere
Sunday	12/24/2023	8:30 a.m. - Day 9 in Brussels	- - - - -