

# 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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## **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  
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**OUR FRONT ENTRANCE IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### Saturday, January 6

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

#### Sunday, January 7

7:30 a.m. **Holy Hour**  
 8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 LDM of Clifford DuBois Family  
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

#### Monday, January 8

**No Masses**

#### Tuesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Vincent Maccoux

#### Wednesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Milt Johnson Jr  
 † Mel & Sarah Johnson  
 † Jackie & Wally Marin

#### Thursday, January 11

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

#### Friday, January 12

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

#### Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Kilton Vandenhouten

#### Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 Living and Deceased Members of  
 Brussels, Lincoln, & Rosiere  
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

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

Monday, January 8 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who lifted their voices in the Choir for our breathtaking Christmas music. Thank you to Jackie Gerend for coordinating the wonderful church decorating. And thank you to Fr. Rex for sharing "Joseph's Song" with us. Our Christmas Masses were beautiful.



## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, January 13 – 5:30 p.m.

**Lector:** Julie Engebose  
**Eucharist:** Julie Engebose  
**Server:** Brielle Spude & Volunteer  
**Ushers:** Brian Engebose & Steve Fictum  
Sunday, January 14 – 8:30 a.m.

**Lector:** Terri Vandenhouten  
**Eucharist:** Deacon Ray  
**Server:** Charlotte & Peter Bloniarz  
**Ushers:** Marc Vandenhouten & Mike Vandenhouten

## Parish News

### Financial-December 25-31, 2023

Mass Collections: \$ 525.67  
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 2,452.00  
 December 2023 Online Giving: \$ 5,325.00

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do

him homage." ~Matthew 2:1-2

## Formed

Start your New Year by exploring more with Formed. View the new episode of *Suffering: What Every Catholic Should Know*. Also view other topics throughout the site like *Pray with Formed*. Liturgical Calendar: 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 6-St. Andre Bessette, 7-The Epiphany of the Lord, 8-Baptism of the Lord.

## Matthew Kelly Lessons

Matthew Kelly takes a deeper look into our faith on YouTube or with Dynamic Catholic. He poses questions and reflects to make you think deeper. This week two different topics for the closing of the Christmas season and start of the New Year. Explore:- *The Best Year of Your Life: 25 Questions to Transform Your Life, and Feed Your Soul*, *Gospel Reflection: The Truth About the Christmas Star*.



# Happy New Year!



## Religious Education News

- \*Religious Education Classes Continue
- 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

\*Reminder: 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)

## SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

There are still dates open 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).



## Area News

### Faith Growth

Cursillo provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ, and to live a more authentic Christian life. The three-day weekend features an encounter with Self, with Christ, and with Others. Please prayerfully consider attending a Cursillo. It will be a weekend of learning and growing deeper in your relationship with Christ and others.

\*2023 Men's Fall Cursillo #265: February 29 – March 3

Most Precious Blood Parish, New London

\*2023 Women's Fall Cursillo #266: April 4 – April 7

St. Francis Xavier Middle School, Appleton

For more information on Cursillo visit:

[www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/)



"All new beginnings, all fresh starts, require a bold leap."

MATTHEW KELLY  
Difficult Teachings

## Shepherd's Thoughts

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

The Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany is a manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage (Matthew 2:1-12). We also highlight in this celebration how a star led the Magi who were also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born," then, they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." as symbols of His threefold missions as King, Priest and Prophet.

The message of this Epiphany Sunday does not focus on how the three wise men offered their material gifts but on how they received Christ as their Lord and King and revealed his presence to the whole world.

God our loving Father is the Prime Giver of gifts. Not the three wise men. They were just instruments of generously sharing their gifts. "God so loved the world that He gave us his only Son as His most wonderful gift to us! And this gift of the person of Jesus Christ always remains present in the Most Blessed Sacrament as we devoutly behold him every time we do the benediction and silent adoration. He continues to manifest himself in the liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist that we celebrate especially as we partake of his Body and Blood in holy communion.

Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, emulates that act of giving because of love by dying for us on the cross! "No greater love man has than to lay down his life for his friend". He offered his own life as a lasting gift to us!

May our undying search for God, like the three wise men, be our new goal as we move forward to the next chapter of our lives this 2024. May our constant encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist urge us to become more generous bringing our gifts of time, talents and treasures to him and learning to share his wonderful gift of presence to everyone.

There is a song "Persons are Gifts"

by Sr. P. Del Rosario that could help us value the gifts given to us by God. As Christ is the most wonderful Gift of God to us, we too are gifts of God to everyone.

*Persons are gifts of God to me  
That comes all wrapped so differently.  
Some so loosely, others so tightly;  
But wrappings are not the gifts*

*I am a gift from God to me,  
Do I accept the gift I see  
I am a person, and for this reason,  
A wonderful gift of love.*

*Am I a gift to others too,  
That must be given for you and you.  
We are all persons, we are all gifts.  
So let's have a grand exchange of gifts.*

If we are all gifts from God, we have to take care of all these presents. No matter how loosely or tightly we were wrapped or whatever kind of wrapping we may be, still be grateful to God because he gave us the wonderful gift of love.

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.**