

# St. Francis & St. Mary Parish



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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 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 7:30 a.m.
- 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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Brussels, WI 54204

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Joann Rass

#### Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Dolores Hume  
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln & Stations of the Cross**

#### Monday, March 18

No Masses

#### Tuesday, March 19

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels & Stations of the Cross**  
 Special Intention

#### Wednesday, March 20

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Bernard & Mildred Granus  
 6:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross in Brussels**

#### Thursday, March 21

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

#### Friday, March 22

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

#### Saturday, March 23-Palm Sunday Vigil

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 For Our Parishioners Who Are Ill

#### Sunday, March 24-Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Todd Spude  
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

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

Monday, March 18 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 19 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. ~Romans 8:8-9



### Parish Lenten Retreat

Make plans to attend our Parish Retreat. It will take place on Monday March 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Brussels Church. Come reflect and finish our Lent Journey strong.

●Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, March 23 – 5:30 p.m.

**Lector:** Ann Kleist & Sue Johnson  
**Eucharist:** Sue Johnson  
**Server:** Volunteers  
**Ushers:** Jason Jeanquart & Joey Jeanquart  
Sunday, March 24 – 8:30 a.m.  
**Lector:** Marcie Spude & Terri Vandenhouten  
**Eucharist:** Terrie DeKeyser  
**Server:** Charlotte & Peter Bloniarz  
**Ushers:** Joe Spude & Matt Wautier

## Parish News

### Financial-March 4-10, 2024

Mass Collections:	\$ 295.02
Offertory Commitments:	\$ 1,940.00
Online Giving for February:	\$ 3,477.00
World's Poor Collection:	\$ 936.00

### Bishop's Appeal 2024

Please remember the Bishop's Appeal has started. Take time to pray and consider giving to our campaign. So far we have met 40% of our goal.

### Formed

Enjoy some time with Formed and many episodes. Try some of the following: *Restore*, *The Three Temptations*, *Catholic Parent: Handling on the Faith*. The Liturgical Calendar: *17-St. Patrick Bishop*.

### 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 watch two powerful segments: *Six Defining Spiritual Moments* and *The Power of Weeping*.

### Parish Fish & Shrimp Fry!!

This year's Lent Fish & Shrimp Fry will be on Friday, March 22 from 4-7. Perch, shrimp, fries, potato salad, rye bread, dessert and beverage are on the menu! \$20 for adults, \$8 kids 6-12, 5 & under FREE. Take out available. Please sign up to help work or bring a dessert. Thank you!



●Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist





## Religious Education News

The Last Regular Class will be this Wednesday, March 20. Please attend the Living Rosary, Sorrowful Mysteries at 6:30 p.m. done by the high schoolers.

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

## Area News

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

Knights of Columbus are having a meeting on Tuesday March 19 at 7pm at St Peter and St Hubert parish in Rosiere. Please join us.

### BINGO

We have been having a great time playing Bingo. The next time will be Sunday, April 7 at 1:00PM in the Lincoln church basement. Please consider joining us.

### GB Diocese Council of Catholic Women Assembly

GB Diocese Council of Catholic Women Assembly: Women of Faith Encounter the Eucharist on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's, 1412 Main St., Luxemburg, WI 54217. Open to all women, the day begins at 8:00 a.m., Mass and the event concludes at 2:30 PM. Speakers are Fr. Matthew Colle and Deborah Gretzinger. Registration is \$30 per person or \$125 for a group of five attendees. All registrations are due by April 10. For contact information or to register, please visit our website at [www.gbdcw.org](http://www.gbdcw.org)

## Shepherd's Thoughts

Important updates and reminders for proper and worthy celebrations of the Holy Week:

Holy Week must be given higher importance among other weeks in a year. It is with great reverence and solemn observance that the whole Catholic Christian families should give priority to our Parish and Church activities. It is highly encouraged that an individual or family should visit other Churches instead of just going out for leisure or amusement. Other acts of piety and sacrifices within this Holy Week are very much helpful for spiritual growth and personal sanctification.

Palm Sunday recalls the story in Sacred Scripture of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches praising "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest. It is a reminder for us Catholic Christians to welcome Jesus into our hearts and be willing to face suffering and death in following him. It is therefore necessary to have at least one procession in each parish before the Holy Mass. (If possible, the blessing of the palm starts at the entrance of the Church or in a suitable place to highlight the reenactment of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem with a procession going to Church- it is recommended to use the basement for pastoral reasons).

It is also within this day that the Passion of Jesus is read. If done in a narrative way, Christ's part must be read by the priest not by the deacon or lay and a brief homily follows.

As part of our Parish Activity, everyone, in and out of our parish, is encouraged to attend the Parish Lenten Retreat at 6:00-8pm (Brussels Church). It is in this period of time that as one community of believers in Christ, we are one in the spirit of prayer and moment of reflections as we prepare ourselves for the Paschal Triduum of the Church.

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Paschal Triduum which highlighted the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Within the Mass, the newly blessed sacred oils by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass is offered before the singing of the "Gloria" to let the people know and understand their importance as we use them for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Sacred Ordinations and for the Anointing of the sick.

After the homily follows the washing of the feet of the 12 Apostles demonstrating the importance of humility and service by remembering Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The celebration continues with the usual flow of the Holy Mass but will end up with the Eucharistic procession inside the Church towards the altar of reposition where people can extend silent and personal prayer and reflection. After this celebration, the altar is stripped, if possible cross is removed, Church bells are kept and will not be rung until the Easter Vigil Mass. It is expedient that the cross and other statues remaining in the Church be veiled.

Good Friday commonly called the Friday of the Passion of the Lord. It is a Catholic Christian Tradition commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Mt. Calvary. It is observed during this moment of grief the adoration of the Holy Cross. After the Adoration follows the intercessions and the Holy Land Collection. Holy communion is also served to the people who are present in this celebration. The liturgy ends with concluding prayer without the final blessing and leaving the Church in silence. It is important to note that there will be no flowers and other decorations on the altar to let the people feel the sense of loss and sorrow on death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Black Saturday- In a predominantly Catholic Christian Country, Philippines, this day commemorates the day that Jesus laid in his tomb and remains the whole day for personal reflections.

On Easter Vigil, the liturgy highlights the anticipation of Christ's Glorious Resurrection which starts with the blessing of fire with the light of Christ to curse darkness, the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, blessing of water and renewal of baptismal promises (proper only to the newly baptized) and profession of faith by all baptized into Christ.

Mass intentions for Easter Vigil should be for the newly baptized alone and it is not a good practice to accept other intentions on this celebration. Same with the intentions on Holy Thursday which is only proper for Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and for vocations.

What is Easter? Easter is the principal of all the holidays and solemnities of Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence. It is the Feast of Feasts, a Solemnity of all Solemnities. Thus, the center of the Catholic Christian Faith.

This year in our parish communities, we will experience a special Easter Sunday Liturgy with "Salubong" or Encounter before the Holy Mass. It is a unique way of Celebrating the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Christ on the first Easter Morning which highlights the meeting or encounter of Christ and the Blessed Mother.

Towards the end of the reenactment, after all the angels have spoken and the black veil has been removed from the Blessed Virgin Mary, the priest will bless the angels and the people, then follow the Eucharistic Celebration.

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.**