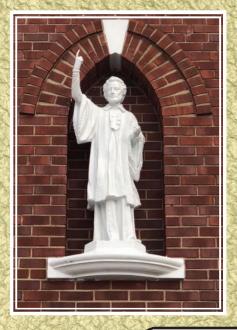
# St. Francis & St. Mary Parish





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#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:45 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 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.

#### <u>Baptism</u>

For Baptism preparation and to set a date for the Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

#### Reconciliation

- Sunday 7:15 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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# Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Masses

Saturday, August 16

4:00 p.m. Mass in Dyckesville 5:45 p.m. Mass in Brussels

🕆 Cletus & Madonna Boulanger

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

🕯 Laurie Kaye

10:00 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Monday, August 18

No Masses

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

For a Very Special Intention

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

Bernadette & Patrick Moore

Trice

Thursday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Friday, August 22

8:30 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Saturday, August 23

4:00 p.m. Mass in Dyckesville 5:45 p.m. Mass in Brussels

**†** Bernard & Mildred Granius

បិ Dan Kroll

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

Tristen Karabush

Donald & Angela Spude 65th Anniversary

10:00 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

Tuesday, August 19 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon Wednesday, August 20 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF AUGUST 17

Monday, August 18 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Financial-August 4-10, 2025

Mass Collections: \$ 404.00 Offertory Commitments: \$ 2,163.00

Mission Trip Thank You Event

If you would like to hear about the Mission Trip a few of our youth went on, join the group on Sunday August 17 from 4-6 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church.

Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya



# Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, August 23-5:45 p.m.

**Lector:** Bridget Spude **Eucharist:** Dave Gengler

Server: Braxton Ebel & Will Spude

Ushers: Jack Jeanguart & Jason Jeanguart

Sunday, August 24– 8:00 a.m.
Commentator: Mary Monfils

**Lectors:** Trina Grovogel & Beth Hanson

**Eucharist:** Jane Anderson

**Server:** Madeline Alberts & Ashton Pichette **Ushers:** Brian Renard & Cody Renard

# Parish News

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood. ~Hebrews 12:3-4

#### **RAISING VOCATIONS**

The Collection for Raising Vocations is underway. This collection supports college campus ministry, youth ministry, conferences, and more to help young people discover Jesus and hear God's call. Bishop Ricken has sent a letter and pledge card for your contribution to this collection. The Diocese has a goal of 30 Seminarians. In the mailing you will also receive a "Called by Name" card where you can share the name of a young person you believe would make an excellent priest or religious sister. Please return your contribution and Called by Name card directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided. Thank you.

#### **KERMIS 2025**

Our 14th Kermis is only 2 weeks away. The Raffle & Auction Books are at the front entrance, along with tickets for the Bucket Raffle -- take several books for yourself and more for your family and friends! There is a basket if you wish to donate a bottle or two for the Wine Pull. And please consider volunteering at the Park; signup sheets are across from the elevator. We need many people to make the day go smoothly. Let's make this our best Kermis yet!

#### Dynamic Catholic

Find inspiration from fellow Catholic worshipers, like Matthew Kelly and others, as we journey through our life. Sign up for the Divine Mercy Novena!

•Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist

# Shepherd's Thoughts

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

Reflecting on the first reading today, we will encounter another challenge for us to be more intentional with our actions with regard to our faith; We must know if our deeds bring ourselves and others towards God or away from Him. At the end of each day, is it God that we please or is it just ourselves and the people around us? In this passage, we can observe how Jeremiah's loyalty to God brought him almost to death. He speaks with courage and indeed he is a man of strife and contention. As it is written, "Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10). He did not care about what the authorities will think about him; He only focused on teaching the message that God wanted Him to deliver to the people.

Another question as we delve deeper into our readings, from whom do we draw our strength when we feel weak from life's challenges? Our Responsorial Psalm teaches us to seek God's help in our lives constantly. It invites us to trust in Him fully for He is our God, Who makes all things possible, Who renews us into new life as it is written, "And He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD." (Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18).

We can notice that Jesus has perfected His expression of love to His Father through His complete obedience and surrender. Through His flesh and blood, we were bathed in new life and born in new beginnings. This is what our second reading wants us to see, Paul emphasizes to us Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross. It is urging us to persevere and persist in our journey to holiness and reminds us that we ought to do what it takes even if it is painstakingly difficult. Thus, let us also "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Heb 12:1-4).

And the Gospel prompts us to ask, how come Jesus will cause division and not peace if He is considered the "Prince of Peace"? Jesus' ministry does not contradict His primary role as our Savior. He does not want us to be scattered and divided. The truth is, He unites us even more to become closer to the Father and to bring us spiritual peace. When He speaks of division in this passage, He is talking about how He will be understood as the Messiah. Yes, when Jesus came, the world became divided because not all believers accepted Him as the Redeemer and the message of truth that He brings.

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Lk 12:49-53). Thus, in this passage, Jesus is giving us an early instruction that following Him does not come handy but rather built on daily conscious and constant efforts of choosing God more than ourselves and even our families or anything that contradicts Jesus' teachings and ways. Following Him entails a lot of sacrifices. This is exactly what He Himself is telling us that we will be persecuted in His Name. Like prophet Jeremiah in the first reading, he was persecuted because of faith.

Sometimes, the division that we may encounter does not come from external factors but rather from within ourselves, when our actions are not congruent with what we know and believe in, we are the ones creating a gap that hinders us from becoming true disciples of Christ.

Unless we accept Jesus by heart in our lives, division will never end. And we can never achieve lasting peace if we do not live up our faith in Jesus. It is then ideal in this Jubilee Year of Hope to reunite ourselves to the teachings of Christ and stand up for our true identities as children of God.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya-Administrator

#### Religious Education News

\*The Religious Education program will resume in fall. Registration was sent out to fill out.
\*We are still looking for a 3rd grade teacher to join our team of dedicated catechists. All materials and support will be provided. If interested, contact Penny stfrancis.stmarvre@amail.com



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

These families have recently joined our Parish. Fr. Rex will extend a special blessing to them next Sunday, August 24. We welcome them to our Parish Community.

Rachel Alberts
Eric & Nicole Dietrich
Nathaniel & Erica Fameree
Michaela Guilette
Patrick & Laura Lindemann
Kirk & Valerie Schupbach
Colleen Vilumis

#### For Bishop Ricken's August Intention

For our Catholic Schools: May our students live as faithful disciples as they grow in their knowledge and love of God, and may our schools shine forth as beacons of light as they give witness to the Gospel in our society.

#### Formed

Don't forget to log in Formed to see what is new each week. This week don't forget to view the Summer of Saints. For our youth: The Sanctuary Youth Series; for young children: Brother Francis Sing Along. Liturgical Calendar: 18-St. Helena, 20-St. Bernard of Clairaux, 21-Pope St. Pius X.

## Area News

#### St. Peter & St. Hubert 29th Annual Kermiss

The Kermiss will take place on Sunday August 24th on the St. Peter's church grounds in Lincoln. It will start with a Polka Mass at 10:15. Activities will continue with many kids activities, auctions & raffles, music, and of course food and beverages. Come have some fun!

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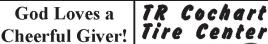
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# Mass Schedules

Maplewood ...... Sunday 9:00AM Lincoln/Rosiere.....Saturday 4PM Rosiere & Sunday 10:15AM Lincoln Dyckesville: ..... Saturday 4PM & Sunday 10:00AM Luxemburg ......Saturday 4PM & Sunday 7:30AM & 10:30AM Casco ...... Saturday 7:30PM & Sunday 9AM

Please continue to pray for ... Homebound Parishioners: Sandy DuBois. Those in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Marge Columb, Al Moore, Shirley Simon. Others in Need of Healing: Janet Kaye, Laurie Malcore, Donald Spude, McCoy Vandenhouten. All who are Suffering and The Poor Souls in Purgatory.