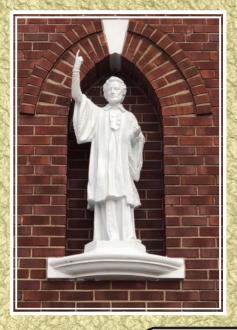
St. Francis & St. Mary Parish





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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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OUR FRONT ENTRANCE IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Masses

Saturday, October 4

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

Family of Phil & Bonnie Vogel

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

Lou DeClark

For Strengthening the Marital Bond of

Timothy & Annette Alrand

10:00 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Monday, October 6

No Masses

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 a.m. **NO Mass in Brussels**

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 a.m. **NO Mass in Brussels**

Thursday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Friday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Saturday, October 11

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

[↑] Marc Boulanger

The Deceased Members of Jules DuBois &

Leo Feest Families

Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Mass in Brussels

[†] Joe Lopez

10:00 a.m. Mass in Dyckesville

Sanctuary Light-Week of October 5

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SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

Thursday, October 9 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Financial-September 22-28, 2025

Mass Collections: \$ 417.00 Offertory Commitments: \$ 2,410.00



Welcome to Our Parish

Welcome to the newest member of our Parish. Harper Lea, daughter of Marc and Sarah Vandenhouten. May God Bless your family!!

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, October 11-5:45 p.m.

Lector: Ann Kleist

Eucharist: Julie Engebose

Server: Braxton Ebel & Emma Engebose **Ushers:** Brian Engebose & Wayne Kleist

Sunday, October 12-8:00 a.m.

Commentator: Terri Vandehouten **Lectors:** Beth Hanson & Matt Anderson

Eucharist: Kyle Vesser

Server: Maggie Hoffman & Malaina Vesser **Ushers:** Mike Baudhuin & Tim Buhr

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Parish News

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ~Luke 17:5-6

Religious Education News

*Religious Education continues this Week!

*Confirmation classes will take place in Rosiere
*If you have any questions, contact Penny
stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com

*Children's Liturgy of the Word: next one will be November 2. Children ages pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to join us for a special time of worship. No registration is needed. Interested in volunteering or learning more? Please contact: Amber Spude (920) 495-2543.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

Plan to attend an evening presentation by Deacon David Scheuer, a Denmark, WI native, as he shares his faith and intimate encounters with the Divine; he tells how miracles unfold when we make space for God in our hearts. Deacon Scheuer will be here on Wednesday, October 22. A flyer will be included in next week's bulletin.

For Bishop Ricken's October Intention

For a greater respect for human life: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts so that we may better appreciate the dignity of God's gift of life from conception to natural death.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group will meet Monday evening October 6 from 6 to 7 in the basement. Join us for a spiritual discussion of the Bible. All are welcome.

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October 4-5, 2025

Shepherd's Thoughts

In our common understanding, we know that God is a compassionate and merciful God. He punishes the wicked and promises deliverance to the just. Thus, in the first reading today, God Himself said in response to prophet Habakkuk's cry for justice, "The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live" (Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4). This emphasizes to us that God's justice is His mercy. With His justice and might, He will strike the arrogant and with His mercy and compassion He will save the just.

The righteous or the just will always live in the presence of the Lord because of their faithfulness and total dependence on God. But the rash or the proud will always end up powerless because they only rely on their self-righteousness and worldly power.

The concept of "Sola Fide" or "Faith Alone" in Habakkuk 2:4 which is theme of our first reading today, was a foundational principle for a German Monk Martin Luther and other Reformers during the Protestant Reformation in 1517, leading to the doctrine of justification by faith alone. This Protestant doctrine states that a person is declared righteous before God not by their own actions or works, but solely by God's grace received through faith in Jesus Christ. The key difference therefore between the Protestant and Catholic understanding is the role of good works in salvation.

For us Catholics, faith and good works are inseparable aspects of a single, unified path to salvation. Like an eagle, to be able to soar high, one must have two strong wings of Faith and good works. The Catholic Church teaches that justification is a process that involves both faith and good works in cooperation with God's grace. Grace is not just unmerited favor; it is also an empowering force that enables good works.

In the Catholic view, faith and good works are two sides of the same coin. A person is justified by works, "not by faith alone," as explicitly stated in James 2:24. This is not an argument for earning salvation but for demonstrating a loving, obedient faith that is made perfect through action.

The Catholic Church, through the Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), rejected the idea that justification is by faith alone, affirming that grace and charity are also necessary. Thus, the Roman Catholic Church rejects the "Five Solas" of the Reformation: Sola Fide (faith alone), Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), Solus Christus (Christ alone), Sola Gratia (grace alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone), viewing them as a rejection of its core tenets regarding revelation, justification, and worship. Key responses include: Sola Fide (faith alone) is rejected because the Church teaches that salvation comes through faith working in love, not faith alone.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone) is rejected in favor of Scripture and Tradition, along with the Church's teaching authority (the Magisterium).

Solus Christus (Christ alone) is rejected because the Church affirms the importance of the Sacraments and the intercession of the saints as part of God's plan for salvation.

Sola Gratia (grace alone) is rejected in principle, as the Church teaches that grace is given to the believer through faith and cooperation with God's will, not solely by God's will.

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone) is accepted, as the Church believes all glory is owed to God, but argues that it does not mean God's glory is diminished by the Church's role or the intercession of saints.

To continue our reflections, look at how the Israelites when they were at Meribah and Massah quarreling with Moses over lack of water, leading Moses to strike a rock to provide it (Massah means "testing," and Meribah means "contention" or "strife"), they "tested" God despite having "seen His works". They believe in all the wonders of God but they did not heed His voice. They kept on complaining because of stubbornness in their hearts. This is a powerful reminder for all of us and a strong warning against our spiritual resistance as our responsorial Psalm tells us, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9).

Meanwhile, the Apostle Paul in the second reading encourages Timothy not to be ashamed of their shared faith in Jesus Christ or of Paul himself, who was imprisoned for his work for God. As it is written, "So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God" (2 Tm 1:8). Here, we are again reminded of our participation through hardships with God's grace.

Moreover, our Gospel consists of two parts. First, Jesus uses this imagery of a mustard seed to explain that even a small amount of true faith is incredibly powerful and capable of extraordinary things. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to

this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. (Luke 17:6). The imagery of a minuscule mustard seed in contrast with a large mulberry tree highlights that the quality of faith, not its quantity, determines its ability to enact change.

In addition, Jesus explains to us the parable about a master and his servant, illustrating that after completing all tasks assigned, the servant should not expect special recognition. "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do" (Lk 17:10). Jesus directed this teaching to his followers, highlighting a crucial aspect of their relationship with Him as their master. It serves as a lesson to counteract any feelings of entitlement or self-congratulation for performing their duties.

This would summarize the message of our Sunday Liturgy today, that faith should always be accompanied by good works. And the grace of God abounds to those who faithfully obey Him and who fundamentally respond to their obligations expecting nothing in return.

As we all eventually face the end of our Jubilee Year of Hope, let us then ask ourselves, in what concrete action can we align our faith that God's grace may abound in us everyday?

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya -Administrator

Formed

Things are always changing and updating on Formed. This week there are new opportunities with House of David, What does the Church Teach About Competition, or Can My Job Lead Me to Heaven? Some new contact for the kids: Awesome Animals and Mini Me.

Area News

Great 1871 Fire

Join The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion as they host a day of remembrance of the Great Fire on Wednesday October 8. Events will start at 9:30 a.m. with events happening all day. The day will be filled with prayer, presentations, and Belgian Food and heritage. The day will conclude with Adoration and Rosary on the hour starting at 9:00 pm and concluding at 7:00 a.m.

Luxemburg-Casco FFA Toy Craft & Vendor Show

This will take place October 12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Luxemburg-Casco High School Gymnasium. Over 30 Vendors, Food and Beverages, Door Prizes, Gun Raffle, Free Bouncy House and Peddle Tractor for the kids. Admission: \$2 Adults and \$1 Ages 11-18; Children 10 and Under are free.

Green Bay Council of Catholic Women

The G.B. Council of Catholic Women is offering a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, October 25 in the Neville Conference Room at St. Norbert Abbey from 8:00 AM – 12 Noon. Sr. Sally Ann Brickner OSF will be presenting on the Jubilee Theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Sr. Brickner is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Green Bay. The cost is \$25 which includes morning Mass in the Abbey church followed by a Continental Breakfast. Registration is due by October 10. For a registration form go to www.gbdccw/events or call 920-468-3455 or pick up a form by the bulletin.

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Please continue to pray for Homebound Parishioners: Sandy DuBois. Those in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Marge Columb, 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.