

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

Administrator - Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

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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 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.

St. Francis & St. Mary Parish
9716 Cemetery Road
Brussels, WI 54204

OUR FRONT ENTRANCE IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Masses

Saturday, November 15

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Willard & Bea Marchant
 † Bernard Baudhuin

Sunday, November 16

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 Living and Deceased Members of
 Brussels & Dyckesville

10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

Monday, November 17

No Masses

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

8:30 a.m. **NO Mass in Dyckesville**

Friday, November 21

8:30 a.m. **NO Mass in Dyckesville**

Saturday, November 22

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 Robert & Delores McCabe & Siblings

Sunday, November 23

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

† Dan Kroll
 † Roy Delwiche
 John & Carol Bender & Family

10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

Monday, November 17 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Financial-November 3-9, 2025

Mass Collections: \$ 574.00

Offertory Commitments: \$ 1,255.00

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Christmas Wreaths will be available to purchase on the weekend of November 22-23 after Mass. Cost this year: 18" wreaths are \$20 and 24" wreaths are \$25. You can order your wreath(s) by emailing the Office at stfrancis@centurytel.net or by calling 920-825-7555.

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

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, November 22-- 5:45 p.m.

Lector: Jared Spude

Eucharist: Dave Gengler

Cup: Jackie Gerend & Marion Schley

Server: Braxton Ebel & Reagen Spude

Ushers: Kelly Chaudior & Mark Wagner

Sunday, November 23-- 8:00 a.m.

Commentator: Marcie Klaubauf

Lectors: Beth Hanson & Terri Vandenhouten

Eucharist: Kyle Veaser

Cup: Joanne Guilette & Barb Pavlik

Server: Maggie Hoffman & Malaina Veaser

Ushers: Marc Vandenhouten & Mike Vandenhouten

Parish News

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

~2 Thessalonians 3:11-12



Religious Education News

*Religious Education continues this Week!

5K-5th Grade: 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

6th-11th Grade 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation classes in Rosiere

*If you have any questions, contact Penny

stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com

*Help us with our Food Drive. The shelves have been getting low quickly, and we would appreciate any assistance.

*Children's Liturgy of the Word: The next opportunity will be Sunday December 7 at the 8:00 a.m. service.

GIVING TREE

We will continue our tradition of the annual Giving Tree. It will be set up on Thanksgiving Day in the front entrance. We are looking for families, individuals or the elderly who are in need of some help. All names and information are kept



strictly confidential. Call Sue Johnson (920-559-7519) with names and contact information by this weekend.

● **Parish Bookkeeper:** Ann Kleist

Shepherd's Thoughts

God is good, all the time! And all the time, God is good!

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, we are reminded of a truth that is both challenging and consoling: God will come to judge the world with justice and mercy. Many acknowledge this truth, yet not all live with it in their hearts. Sometimes we become too comfortable, too distracted, forgetting that our lives are meant for holiness and conversion. This makes us even more complacent of our current situation thus becoming unwilling to improve or change from old sinful ways to newness of life.

The prophet Malachi comforts the faithful: "For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." (Mal 3:20). God's judgment is not simply punishment — it is purification. For those who walk in faith, it brings light, healing, and renewal.

The Psalm proclaims: "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice and the peoples with equity." (Ps 98). God's justice is not about vengeance but about setting things right. It assures us that truth, love, and goodness will have the final word. Justice will surely come in God's time. It is therefore with certain hope that God will judge us according to His mercy.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that faith must be active: "If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." (2 Thes 3:10). We are called not to idleness or fear but to meaningful service and perseverance in doing good.

Paul in this manner instructed his followers to address specific behavior. It was meant to emphasize that while the community should work and support themselves, they should also be encouraged to perform good deeds and support those in need.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns that trials, persecution, and confusion will come — yet He gives us courage with this promise: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:19). The end times are not meant to terrify us but to strengthen our faith and readiness.

God's justice is always tempered by mercy. His judgment is not meant to condemn but to redeem. As this liturgical year draws to a close, may we live each day as a gift — persevering in love, standing firm in faith, and trusting that the Lord who judges with mercy will embrace us with everlasting peace.

 Reflection Line:

"God's justice restores what sin has broken; His mercy heals what the world cannot."

 Takeaway Thought:

Live each day with a faithful heart — working, loving, forgiving — so that when the Lord comes, He may find you ready and radiant with hope.

SIMBANG GABI 2025 (Nine-Day Novena)

We will celebrate the Nine-Day Novena Masses from Tuesday, December 16 through Wednesday, December 24. All Novena Masses in Brussels will be at 6:00 a.m. Novena Masses will also be in Dyckesville at 6:00 p.m. On these days, this will be the only morning Mass -- there will be no 8:00 a.m. Masses in Brussels or 8:30 a.m. Masses in Dyckesville. Weekend Masses will follow the regular schedule.

Welcome to Our Parish

Welcome to the newest member of our Parish. Drake Jon, son of Nicholas and Mariah Feuerstein. May God Bless your family!!



Formed

This week in Formed, start planning for the seasons. Explore *How to Advent? & What If It's NOT God? Liturgical Calendar: 13-St. Augustine's Birthday, 13-The Feast of St. France Cabrini, 15-St. Albert the Great, 16-The Feast of St. Giuseppe Moscati*

Area News

Finding the Fisherman's Bones

The fascinating story of the Vatican search for the tomb of St. Peter presented by Fr. James Jugenheimer from St. Pius X Parish in Appleton. Monday, November 17 at 7 pm. Xavier Fine Arts Theater, 1600 Prospect Avenue, Appleton. No reservations needed; seats available on a first come basis. Details: 920-450-3025.

Mosaic Glass Workshop

Learn how to do Mosaic Glass with a workshop held at the Belgian Heritage Center. This will take place on Friday November 28 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Each project will cost between \$10-20 depending on pattern. Stop in anytime throughout the day. Please arrive by 2:00 p.m. to be able to finish your project.

Celtic Angels Christmas Show

The Southern Door Community Auditorium in Brussels welcomes the Celtic Angels Christmas Show on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 4:00pm. Come celebrate the many moods of the season and immerse yourself in the heavenly joy of Christmas. Hands will be clapping and toes will be tapping in this awe-inspiring production marrying the old and new worlds with traditional and contemporary Irish and holiday favorites. This show encompasses dynamic vocal harmonies paired with show stopping world class champion Irish dancing and a live band. For tickets, call the box office at 920-676-1920 or reserve online at sdauditorium.org.

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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
 LuxemburgSaturday 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, 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.**

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SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE - December 3, 2025 - January 1, 2026

Day	Date	Description	Time	Location
Wednesday	12/3/2025	Feast of St. Francis Xavier	6:00 p.m.	Brussels
Monday	12/8/2025	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:15 a.m. Brussels 8:30 a.m. Dyckesville	
Wednesday	12/24/2025	Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m. Dyckesville 8:30 p.m. Brussels	
Thursday	12/25/2025	Christmas Day	8:00 a.m. Brussels 10:00 a.m. Dyckesville	
Wednesday	12/31/2025	New Year's Eve	4:00 p.m. Dyckesville 5:45 p.m. Brussels	
Thursday	1/1/2026	New Year's Day	8:00 a.m. Brussels 10:00 a.m. Dyckesville	



Simbang Gabi 2025
Nine-Day Novena - December 15-24

Day	Date	Brussels	Dyckesville
Monday	12/15/2025	-----	6:00 p.m. - Day 1 in Dyckesville
Tuesday	12/16/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 1 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 2 in Dyckesville
Wednesday	12/17/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 2 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 3 in Dyckesville
Thursday	12/18/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 3 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 4 in Dyckesville
Friday	12/19/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 4 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 5 in Dyckesville
Saturday	12/20/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 5 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 6 in Dyckesville
Sunday	12/21/2025	8:00 a.m. - Day 6 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 7 in Dyckesville
Monday	12/22/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 7 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 8 in Dyckesville
Tuesday	12/23/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 8 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 9 in Dyckesville
Wednesday	12/24/2025	6:00 a.m. - Day 9 in Brussels	-----



What makes a Christmas celebration unique and different?

Let me share with you our traditional ways of preparing and celebrating Christmas. When the month of September comes, we Filipinos, full of excitement, start to decorate our houses with our primary Christmas lanterns like "Belen" or statues of Nativity scene, Christmas lights and "Parol" -a starlike signifying the guiding star to the Magi in finding the Baby Jesus, commonly made from native and recycled materials.

Moreover, what makes our celebration more meaningful is no other than our "Misa de Aguinaldo". The Most Rev. Rex Andrew Alarcon, Archbishop of Caceres, Bicol Region, Philippines clearly explained with his expertise in Church History, that "Misa de Aguinaldo" is a privileged votive Mass, that is, a Mass that does not correspond to the liturgical calendar but has a special intention. It is celebrated for a 'grave or weighty reason' (pro re gravi) and with massive attendance of the faithful. The prayers are not strictly those of the Advent Season, but in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The color of the vestments of the priests during the Misa Aguinaldo is white, instead of violet that is proper of advent.

Among the characteristics of the Misa de Aguinaldo are:

- It is a 'novena-mass', nine-day masses from December 16 to December 24.
- It is celebrated very early in the morning (summo mane); at dawn (adauroram); before daybreak (antequam dies illuxerit)
- Its mood is festive. The Gloria is sung.
- It is attended by a large number of people.

Based on the study of the historian Fr. Fidel Villarroel, the Misa de Aguinaldo is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, religious traditions in the Philippines. The tradition of the Misa de Aguinaldo originated from Spain, particularly Seville and Granada; and also from Mexico. But the practice of the Misa de Aguinaldo has disappeared in Spain and Mexico as the privilege was withdrawn. The Philippines, in 1961, was granted by the Vatican an extension of five years. The permission was not revoked. The practice continues up to this day.

The reasons for allowing the Misa de Aguinaldo were: 'for the perseverance of the natives in the faith and for the preservation of Religion in this part of the world; certainly for a very weighty reason - the advancement of Religion. 'The word Aguinaldo originally referred to gifts given during the Christmas Season until Epiphany, also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. Gifts given at other time of the year are not called Aguinaldo. Thus, the Misa de Aguinaldo, is like a gift of the faithful to the Lord. In Tagalog, the Mass is called 'Simbang Gabi' as the mass is celebrated while it is still dark.

The Misa de Gallo, in Spain, refers to the Midnight Mass of December 24. Thus, the Misas de Aguinaldo culminate with the Misa de Gallo. However, one finds that the terms are often interchanged in current usage in the Philippines. New forms of the Misa de Aguinaldo or Simbang Gabi have been added, like the mass in the evening, anticipating the dawn mass, for example, December 15 evening Mass. This is to cater to those who find it difficult to attend the dawn masses, yet wish to celebrate the novena in preparation for Christmas.

The celebration of Misas de Aguinaldo prepares the faithful, with Mary the expectant Mother, to enter into the mystery of the Birth of the Son of God into the world, -a very important historical event that even secular historians took notice of. In fact, even the reckoning of dates has reference to the birth of Jesus. The initial B.C. signifies Before Christ and A.D., Anno Domini, means 'In the year of the Lord.'

For many Filipinos, the start of the celebration of the Aguinaldo Masses sparks a heightened sense of anticipation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus - the Messiah.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator