

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 29

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

5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**

✠ Sharon Rass

✠ Jim LeMense

Sunday, November 30

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

✠ Allen & Bernedette Moore

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

Monday, December 1

No Masses

Tuesday, December 2

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

A Special Intention for a Special Family

Wednesday, December 3

6:00 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**

Living & Deceased Members of
Brussels & Dyckesville

Thursday, December 4

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

Friday, December 5

8:30 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

Saturday, December 6

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

5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**

✠ Donna & Roy Delwiche

✠ Troy Delwiche

Sunday, December 7- CLOW Mass

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

✠ Gerard Monfils

✠ Shirley DeClark

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



Sanctuary Light-Week of November 30

Carrie Ann Renard

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

Monday, December 1 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Financial-November 17-23, 2025

Mass Collections: \$ 387.00

Offertory Commitments: \$ 1,307.00

ADORATION

Next weekend, December 6-7, is our monthly adoration. You can sign up on the chart by the elevator to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

●Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, December 6- 5:45 p.m.

Lector: Isabella Jeanquart

Eucharist: Dave Gengler

Server: Braxton Ebel & Emma Engebose

Ushers: Jason Jeanquart & Mark Wagner

Sunday, December 7- 8:00 a.m.

Commentator: Sue Johnson

Lectors: Terri Vandenhouten & JoAnn Guilletter

Eucharist: Kyle Vesser

Server: Madeline Alberts & Malanina Vesser

Ushers: Dick Kinnard & Norbert LeGrave

Parish News

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

~Matthew 24:41-42

CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. We will have a special Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier. After Mass, we will light the outdoor Christmas tree, adorned with ornaments made by our RE students. A potluck supper will follow in the basement. Plan to celebrate with us!



Religious Education News

*Religious Education this week, please attend Mass at 6:00 p.m. all Classes!

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.

CONFIRMATION

It is time to pray for our Confirmation Candidates. You will find a display board to the left of the steps leading into church that lists all of the Candidates from our Parish. Make a note of the names and pray for them on their faith journey, mentioning them by name to the Lord. You can also leave inspiring messages or cards to encourage them to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping to inspire our future generations. May the Holy Spirit be with you all.

●Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist

Shepherd's Thoughts

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

As we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, the Word of God invites us to lift our eyes, open our hearts, and renew our hope. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas—it is a sacred journey of awakening; It is the season when the Lord calls us to move from spiritual sleep to watchful faith, from our daily routine to renewal, from darkness to light.

Isaiah sets the tone beautifully: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain... that He may instruct us in His ways, and we may walk in His paths" (Is 2:1-5). The prophet Isaiah envisions a world gathered under God's peace, where swords become plowshares and nations walk together in the light of the Lord. This "climb" symbolizes conversion. The mountain of the Lord is not climbed with our feet but with our hearts—with humility, prayer, and a sincere desire to be taught by God. Advent asks us: Do I still allow the Lord to instruct my ways? Do I desire to walk His paths, especially when they challenge my comfort?

The Responsorial Psalm continues this ascent: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord" (Ps 122). Jerusalem represents communion, worship, and unity. The joy of the psalmist is the joy of belonging—of being welcomed into the place where God dwells. In a world of conflict, exhaustion, and daily anxieties, the house of the Lord is where we regain our strength and new perspective. Our Mother Church tells us in this Season of Advent, "Come home. Be with our community of faith. And for those who may have already forgotten, step once more into the presence of God and allow Him to restore your joy."

St. Paul then wakes us up with urgency: "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed... the night is advanced, the day is at hand" (Rom 13:11-14). Every moment of our lives is moving toward Christ. Time is not an enemy rushing us—it is a gift drawing us closer to the Lord who saves. Paul calls us to "put on Christ," to let His holiness shape our choices. Advent, then, is not passive waiting; it is an active preparation, choosing God's light over darkness, and virtue over complacency.

Finally, in the Gospel Jesus urges us: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come" (Mt 24:42). The Lord comes in ways we do not expect—through grace disguised in ordinary people, unexpected situations, and quiet invitations to love. To stay awake is to live with spiritual attentiveness, recognizing that Christ is always near. When we are able to do this, we gain a different perspective on how we should treat our neighbors and lead our lives.

As we continue preparing in this Season of Advent and facing the end of the Jubilee year of Hope, let us keep our eyes open towards the ways of Jesus for His coming. Let us spread our light generously until such time we see Jesus face to face. In the meantime, let us acknowledge Jesus' presence in each one of us that we may treat our brothers and sisters with utmost respect and lead a life of active faith.

 Reflection Line:

Advent is the climb of the heart—toward God's light, God's peace, God's dwelling place and transforming presence.

 Takeaway Thought:

Stay awake in hope—Christ comes daily to hearts that are ready for Him.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya-Administrator

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree has moved to the bulletin board by the basement steps. Please take a tag or tow (or however many you wish). Gifts should be returned no later than Monday, December 15, with the tags on them so there is time to get them to the families. Thank you so much for your help!



SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Again this year, we are in need of individuals or families to help clear the walkways and entrances this winter. The Buildings & Grounds Manager is a volunteer position so the snow removal should not fall only to that individual. Please consider helping out when it snows. All equipment will be provided. You can sign up on the calendar just inside of the front entrance. Thank you!

Calendars

We have the 2026 Calendars available at the entrances of the church. If you need one, please feel free to help yourself.

Formed

Start your Advent season right with Formed. Choose from a few different options: *How to Advent or What Should I Do During Advent?* A couple other items to review: *Does Gen Z Know Jesus? Or Small Group Studies.*

Area News

Christmas Spirit Glass Workshop

Workshop run by Gary Chaudoir on Saturday December 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Workshop includes: one ornament, 2 drinks, and a charcuterie of Belgian Chocolates and Renards Cheese. Cost for this event is \$35.00. Reservations encouraged, call 920-619-6363.

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.

39th Annual Holiday Party

The 39th Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday December 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Southern Door High School. It will be time for food, fun and friends. To reserve a spot, call the high school by December 5 at 920-825-7333.

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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; for the soul of** Donald Spude; **and The Poor Souls in Purgatory.**