

# 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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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, December 13

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**  
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 LDM of Arthur & Lena Pierre Family

#### Sunday, December 14

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Alvin, Della, Jim Jeanquart  
 & Gail Gonzales  
 † Rosemary, Walter, Frank Derenne  
 & Anne Mertens

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

#### Monday, December 15

6:00 p.m. **Novena in Dyckesville- Day 1**

#### Tuesday, December 16

6:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels-Novena Day 1**  
 † Mary Malcore  
 The Dimmer & Malcore Family

6:00 p.m. **Novena in Dyckesville- Day 2**

#### Wednesday, December 17

6:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels-Novena Day 2**  
 Living & Deceased Members  
 Brussels/Dyckesville

6:00 p.m. **Novena in Dyckesville- Day 3**

#### Thursday, December 18

6:00 a.m. **Novena in Brussels-Day 3**  
 † Gerald Nellis

6:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville-Novena Day 4**

#### Friday, December 19

6:00 a.m. **Novena in Brussels-Day 4**  
 † Donald Spude

6:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville-Novena Day 5**

#### Saturday, December 20

6:00 a.m. **Novena in Brussels-Day 5**  
 † Gerald LuMaye  
 4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville-Novena Day 6**  
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Lloyd, Elaine, Brad Guilette  
 † Nelson & Emily Guilette

#### Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels-Novena Day 6**  
 † George & Laura Vandertie  
 † Frank & Laura DeKeyser  
 † Lloyd & Joyce Vandertie  
 † Willard & Beatrice Marchant  
 10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**  
 6:00 p.m. **Novena in Dyckesville- Day 7**

## Sanctuary Light-Week of December 1



Elaine Klaubauf

•Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, December 20– 5:45 p.m.

**Lector:** Jared Spude  
**Eucharist:** Ann Kleist  
**Server:** Braxon Ebel & Will Spude  
**Ushers:** Wayne Kleist & David Marsh  
Sunday, December 21– 8:00 a.m.  
**Commentator:** Terri Vandenhouten  
**Lectors:** Patti Baur & Mary Spude  
**Eucharist:** Brandon Grovogel  
**Server:** Kaiden Wautier & Jameson Welch  
**Ushers:** Brandon Wautier & Matt Wautier

## Parish News

### Financial-December 1-7, 2025

Mass Collections: \$ 708.00  
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 3,674.00

### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

Monday, December 15 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, December 16 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains.  
 ~James 5:7

### Religious Education News

\*Regular Religious Education this week. **This is the last week until after Christmas.**

\*Kindergarten-5th Grade: 6:00-7:15

\*6th-11th Grade: 7:30-8:30

Confirmation classes in Rosiere

\*If you have any questions, contact Penny  
[stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com)

### 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 enter more deeply into this season of Advent, the Word of God invites us once again to open our hearts to an ancient promise yet ever new: God is coming to save us.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims a message we all need to hear as we face our own struggles: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... He comes to save you" (Is 35:4). These words were spoken to a people burdened and discouraged, longing for restoration, yet they echo powerfully today as many of us and our neighbors experience anxieties, challenges, uncertainties and displacement even in our very own communities. Advent reminds us that God does not remain distant. He comes with strength, healing, and mercy. He comes not to condemn but to lift up, to restore and to save. He never forgets His people.

Meanwhile, our Responsorial Psalm gives voice to this saving action: "The Lord keeps faith forever... secures justice for the oppressed... gives food to the hungry... sets captives free." (Ps 146). God is faithful—always. Even when life feels uncertain, God's work continues quietly and powerfully. Advent invites us to look and see where God is already moving in our lives—opening new doors, offering healing, inspiring generosity, and giving us strength to begin again.

Moreover, in the Second Reading, St. James gives us the posture we need to welcome the Lord: "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand" (Jas 5:8). As we are patiently waiting with trust for the Lord's coming, let us remain steadfast even when answers are delayed. Thus, this season of advent, we continue to entrust everything to God so that when He comes, we are ready to receive Him with faith and joy.

Finally, in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of John the Baptist as the messenger who prepares the way. "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way before you" (Mt 11:10). John's mission continues in us. Each of us is called to prepare the Lord's way—in our families and in our parish community. We prepare the way when we forgive, when we choose kindness over hatred, when we speak hope over despair, when we make room for God amid our preoccupations and when we consistently honor Him in our daily choices and decisions.

Advent is God's gentle reminder: Do not be afraid—He is coming. Prepare your heart. Let His saving love renew you.

 Reflection Line:

Where in my life is God inviting me to let go of fear and welcome His saving presence?

 Takeaway Thought:

Advent strengthens our hope—God is coming to save, to heal, and to restore.

### NINE-DAY NOVENA MASSES

Our 9-day Novena Masses start at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16 and end on Wednesday, December 24. For that time, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday or Tuesdays.

### GIVING TREE



Just a reminder: Wrapped 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!

### Calendars

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

### 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!

### For Bishop Ricken's December Intention

For light to reign in a world of darkness: May the Light of the Gospel be a beacon of hope for the world to dispel and the darkness of despair.

### Formed

There is still time to learn and reflect on this Advent Season with Formed. Try one of the following options: *Was Santa Claus a Real Person?*, *What Should I Do During Advent?*, or *Rooted*.

### Dynamic Catholic

Find inspiration from fellow Catholic worshippers, like Matthew Kelly and others, as we journey through our life. This we use the *Gospel Reflection: Stop Pretending & Start Living*.



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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, Shirley Simon. ***Others in Need of Healing:*** Janet Kaye, Laurie Malcore, McCoy Vandenhouten. ***All who are Suffering; and The Poor Souls in Purgatory.***