

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

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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, October 17

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Howard Renard

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † George & Laura Vandertie
 † Frank & Laura DeKeyser
 † Joyce & Lloyd Vandertie

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

Monday, October 19

No Masses

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 O'Hern Anniversary

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 24

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Cletus DeKeyser

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Eugene & MaryAnn Spude
 † Paul Spude
 † Barb Rouer
 10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

Sanctuary Light-Week of October 18

Women's Cursillo Group

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

Monday, October 19 -- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, October 20 -- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Thursday, October 22 -- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Financial-October 5-11, 2026

Mass Collections: \$ 487.25
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 1,517.00

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, October 24 – 5:45 p.m.

Lector: Bridget Spude
Eucharist: Dave Gengler
Server: Eli Spude & Will Spude
Ushers: Kelly Chaudoir & Brian Engebose
Sunday, October 25 – 8:00 a.m.

Commentator: Tara Pierre
Lectors: Penny Pierre & Trina Grovogel
Eucharist: Jane Anderson
Server: Maggie Hoffman & Volunteer
Ushers: Cory Pierre & Dan Yurek

Parish News

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend we will have our annual World Mission collection. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the collection established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. This year's theme is "One in Christ, United in Mission". This collection provides an opportunity to nurture and enrich over 1,000 local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Island, and parts of Latin America and Eastern Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. We appreciate your generosity.

NEW LITURGICAL ROLE

Beginning with the weekend of October 17-18, we will start to have three "Greeters" at each of our Masses. When parishioners and visitors arrive, our Greeters are the first person they see. Greeters will represent the welcoming nature of our Parish and set the tone for them to celebrate with us in song and prayer. Our Greeters can be adults, teenagers, or a family standing at one of our church's new entrances. If you would like to join this new Ministry (no training required), please call Ann in the office or let Terri Vandenhousten know that you are interested.

Shepherd's Thoughts

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

Everything we have ultimately belongs to God. He is the source of our life, our salvation, and every blessing we receive. In His generosity, He entrusts these gifts to our care, not simply for our own benefit, but also for the good of others. We are stewards called to use His blessings wisely and generously.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God reminds us: "I am the Lord, there is no other" (Is 45:6). These words invite us to acknowledge His sovereignty over all things and to honor Him with grateful hearts.

The Psalm echoes this invitation: "Give the Lord glory and honor" (Ps 96:7). We glorify God not only through prayer and worship, but also through the way we live, serve, and share His blessings.

St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for their "work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thes 1:3). These are beautiful expressions of a living faith that bears fruit in generosity, service, and perseverance.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us not only to be responsible citizens but, above all, to be faithful sons and daughters of God.

When the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to trap Him with the question of paying taxes to Caesar, Jesus responds with divine wisdom: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt 22:21).

Jesus does not dismiss our civic responsibilities. Rather, He reminds us that while we have obligations to society, our highest responsibility belongs to God.

We faithfully pay our taxes and fulfill our civic duties as responsible citizens. But how faithfully do we give back to God through our time, talents, and treasures? After all, everything we possess comes from Him.

There is a deeper meaning in Jesus' words. Just as Caesar's image was stamped on the coin, God's image is imprinted on every human person. Therefore, what belongs to God is not merely a portion of our possessions, but our very lives.

This is also a timely invitation to reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day. Sunday is a sacred gift, a special time to honor God through worship, rest, and renewal of our faith. Participating in Sunday Mass is not merely an obligation to fulfill, but a joyful expression of gratitude to the God who has given us everything. Let us make Sunday worship a priority, placing God above our personal interests and activities, and giving Him the honor and thanksgiving He deserves.

This same spirit of gratitude should inspire us to become more generous in supporting our parish life and the mission of the Church.

As we observe World Mission Sunday, let us respond generously to the Holy Father's call through prayer and support for the Church's missionary work. By sharing our time, talents, and treasures, we strengthen our parish community and help sustain the Church's mission beyond our parish boundaries, especially where the Gospel is proclaimed amid poverty and great challenges.

Our offering is not a tax imposed upon us, but a gift freely given from a grateful heart. True stewardship flows from gratitude and finds expression in solidarity and generosity. We give not simply because the Church needs our support, but because God has already blessed us so generously.

As we reflect on Jesus' words today, may we remember that giving back to God is not simply about how much we contribute, but how sincerely we offer ourselves in faith, love, and service.

Reflection Line:

Caesar's image is stamped on a coin, but God's image is imprinted on our hearts. Are we giving God what truly belongs to Him?

Takeaway Thought:

Give to society what is due, but give to God what is His—your time, your faith, your generosity, and your very life by living it faithfully.

Religious Education News

If you have any questions, please contact Penny:

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-Kindergarten-5th Grade: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

-6th-11th Grade: 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Confirmation:

-Meet in Dyckesville on Wednesdays at 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Formed

This week on Formed, explore *The Rosary Challenge*. A couple other options for this week include *Faith, Hope, & Love* and *God Above All*. *Liturgical Calendar: 17-St. Ignatius of Antioch, 18-St. Luke the Evangelist*.

Dynamic Catholic

Find inspiration from fellow Catholic worshipers, like Matthew Kelly and others, as we journey through our life. This week's Gospel Reflection: *What Belongs to God?*

Area News

Candlelight Vigil for Life

Join us to pray for an end to Abortions on October 30 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This will take place at the Old St. Joe's Chapel on the St. Norbert College Campus in DePere. There will be music, a speaker, and time for prayer and reflection.

Respect Life Mass

Join us for Respect Life Mass on Saturday October 31 at 10:00 a.m. We will be celebrating Life from conception to death. This will take place at the Old St. Joe's Chapel on the St. Norbert College Campus in DePere.

Trick or Treat with the Saints

Join the St Louis Parish for Trick or Treat with the Saints on Saturday October 31 at the Parish Center from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Trick or Treat, free popcorn/drinks, and games/prizes. Sure to be a good time.

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Mass Schedules

Maplewood Sunday 8:45AM
 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. For all in Need of Healing: Janet Kaye, Laurie Malcore, McCoy Vandenhouten. For all who are Suffering. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

St. Francis & St. Mary Parish
SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE - November 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

Day	Date	Description	Time	Location
Sunday	11/1/2026	All Saints Day & Remembrance Mass	8:00 a.m.	Brussels
			10:00 a.m.	Dyckesville
Monday	11/2/2026	All Souls Day	6:30 a.m.	Brussels
			8:30 a.m.	Dyckesville
Thursday	11/26/2026	Thanksgiving Day	6:30 a.m.	Brussels
			8:30 a.m.	Dyckesville
Saturday	12/5/2026	Feast of St. Francis Xavier	5:45 p.m.	Brussels
Sunday	12/6/2026	Feast of St. Francis Xavier	8:00 a.m.	Brussels
Tuesday	12/8/2026	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:30 a.m.	Brussels
			8:30 a.m.	Dyckesville
Sunday	12/20/2026	Dedication of Gathering Space	8:00 a.m.	Brussels
Thursday	12/24/2026	Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m.	Dyckesville
			8:30 p.m.	Brussels
Friday	12/25/2026	Christmas Day	8:00 a.m.	Brussels
			10:00 a.m.	Dyckesville
Thursday	12/31/2026	New Year's Eve	4:00 p.m.	Dyckesville
			5:45 p.m.	Brussels
Friday	1/1/2027	New Year's Day	8:00 a.m.	Brussels
			10:00 a.m.	Dyckesville



Simbang Gabi 2026
Nine-Day Novena - December 15-24



Day	Date	Brussels	Dyckesville
Tuesday	12/15/2026	-----	6:00 p.m. - Day 1 in Dyckesville
Wednesday	12/16/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 1 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 2 in Dyckesville
Thursday	12/17/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 2 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 3 in Dyckesville
Friday	12/18/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 3 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 4 in Dyckesville
Saturday	12/19/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 4 in Brussels	4:00 p.m. - Day 5 in Dyckesville
Sunday	12/20/2026	8:00 a.m. - Day 5 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 6 in Dyckesville
Monday	12/21/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 6 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 7 in Dyckesville
Tuesday	12/22/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 7 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 8 in Dyckesville
Wednesday	12/23/2026	6:00 a.m. - Day 8 in Brussels	6:00 p.m. - Day 9 in Dyckesville
Thursday	12/24/2026	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