

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 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**

Monday, October 26

No Masses

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Angela Chaudoir

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Bernice, Jerry & Jeff Simon
 † Angela & David Chaudoir

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**
 5:45 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Marney Rass
 † Steve DeClark

Sunday, November 1-Remembrance Mass

8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Dale Columb
 † Brett Buhr
 10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

REMEMBRANCE MASS

This year our Remembrance Mass will be on Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 a.m. Mass. Plan to join us to remember those from our Parish who have died in the past year.

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 9:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

Monday, October 26: 8:30 a.m.-12 noon & 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, October 28: 8:30-10:00 a.m. & 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, October 29: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Financial-October 12-18, 2026

Mass Collections: \$ 550.00
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 1,905.00

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, October 31 – 5:45 p.m.

Lector: Ann Kleist
Eucharist: Jared Spude
Server: Braxton Ebel & Will Spude
Ushers: Brandon Wautier & Kaiden Wautier

Sunday, November 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Commentator: Mary Monfils
Lectors: Tara Pierre & Terri Vandenhouten
Eucharist: Matt Anderson
Server: Ashton Pichette & Jamson Welch
Ushers: Mike Baudhuin & Tim Buhr

Parish News

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

~He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments. ~Matthew 22:37-40



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 Vandenhouten know that you are interested.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVENA MASSES

We have availability if you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for one of the Novena Masses. Days available (all at 6:00 a.m.) are Thursday, December 17, Friday, December 19, Saturday, December 19, Monday, December 21, and Thursday, December 24. Call Ann to schedule your intention.

Religious Education News

If you have any questions, please contact Penny:
stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com
 -Kindergarten-5th Grade: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 -6th-11th Grade: 7:15-8:15 p.m.
 Confirmation:
 -Meet in Dyckesville on Wednesdays: 7:15-8:45 p.m.

 Shepherd's Thoughts

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

This Sunday's readings gently remind us that our love for God is inseparable from our love for one another. Faith is expressed not only through our words and prayers, but also through the way we live, serve, and care for those around us.

In the first reading, God commands, "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan" (Ex 22:22), and assures us that He hears the cries of those who suffer. This is both a call to compassion and an invitation to examine our hearts. God never overlooks the poor, the lonely or the forgotten. He draws near to them with tenderness and asks us to do the same. The Lord calls us not only to avoid causing harm, but also to protect the dignity of the vulnerable and respond generously to their needs.

The Psalmist proclaims, "I love you, Lord, my strength" (Ps 18:2). These words remind us that gratitude for God's goodness naturally opens our hearts to share His love with others. St. Paul likewise encourages us to turn away from anything that takes God's place and to serve the living God (1 Thes 1:9), leaving behind selfishness and indifference.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mt 22:37-39). We cannot separate love of God from love of neighbor. When we truly love the Lord, His love begins to shape the way we speak, forgive, give, and care for those in need.

We might prayerfully ask ourselves: Does the way I treat others reflect the love I profess for God? Christian love is more than kind words or good intentions. It invites us to notice suffering, honor every person's dignity, and respond with mercy. Even small acts of kindness, offered with a sincere heart, can become beautiful signs of God's presence.

In the Holy Eucharist, we receive Christ, who gives Himself for the life of the world. Nourished by His Body and Blood, we are sent forth to bring His presence into our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities through patience, mercy, forgiveness, and generosity.

May every celebration of Mass transform us from hearers of God's Word into people who live it with joy. May the Eucharist make our hearts more like Christ's, turning prayer into loving service and gratitude into generous action.



Reflection Line:

God hears the cries of the vulnerable. May we open our hearts to hear them too and respond with compassion.



Takeaway Thought:

Receive Christ at the altar, recognize Him in the vulnerable, and make His love visible through compassion, justice, and concrete acts of mercy.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

One woman from our Parish is attending the Cursillo Weekend at Most Precious Blood-New London this weekend. She will be discovering how Christ is already present in her life by spending time understanding God's love for her, how to grow closer to Jesus and how to build lasting connections with fellow believers. She is focusing on deepening her relationship with God, her neighbors and the world around her. We offer our prayers that she will continue to grow in faith and actively live that faith more fully in her daily life. The next Cursillo weekends will be in February (Men's) and April (Women's). Contact Jared Spude if you wish to learn more about this faith opportunity.

KERMIS

As Dawn Englebert reported at the Masses last weekend, our profit from Kermis was almost \$51,000 this year. We are able to use this money for Parish operations over the next year. We appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication that makes this possible. Mark your calendars for our next Kermis -- Sunday, October 5, 2027.

Formed

This week review many options on Formed this week. Try a few of these great episodes. *Jesus Thirsts; God Above All; I Couldn't Handle Rejection*. To prepare for bed, try this option: *Bedtime Bible Meditation*.

Dynamic Catholic

Find inspiration from fellow Catholic worshipers, like Matthew Kelly and others, as we journey through our life. This week's Gospel Reflection: *Measure Your Love*.

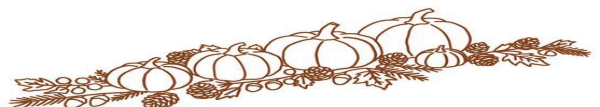
Area News

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.

Southern Door Craft Show

Help support our local students with the Southern Door Eagles Athletic Booster Club Craft Show. It will take place on Sunday November 1 from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Come do some early Christmas shopping. Admission is \$5.00. Hope to see you there.



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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 DeBois. Those in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Marge Columb, Shirley Simon. For all in Need of Healing: Laurie Malcore, McCoy Vandenhousten. For the soul of Janet Kaye. For all who are Suffering. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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October 18, 2026

A Pastoral Message on the New Diocesan Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

My dear parishioners in Christ,

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

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is the greatest gift Christ has entrusted to His Church—the gift of His very Body and Blood. For this reason, we are all called to approach, celebrate, and administer this sacred mystery with the utmost reverence, dignity, and love.

On August 28, 2026, Bishop David Ricken promulgated the *Norms and Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass*, which will become mandatory throughout the Diocese of Green Bay on **November 1, 2026**.

These guidelines respond to concerns about abuses, negligence, lack of reverence, and instances of desecration involving the Holy Eucharist. Their purpose is not to discourage anyone from serving, but to safeguard the sacredness of the Blessed Sacrament and ensure that this ministry is carried out faithfully and in accordance with the teachings and discipline of the Church.

The guidelines reaffirm that bishops, priests, and deacons are the ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers may assist when there is a genuine pastoral need, particularly when the number of communicants is large.

Their ministry must never unnecessarily replace that of an available ordinary minister (GIRM, 162).

In preparation for implementing these norms, the diocesan Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments has provided formation sessions, workshops, and the Rite of Commissioning to help our ministers understand and faithfully fulfill their sacred responsibilities.

One significant change concerns bringing Holy Communion to the sick, the elderly, and the homebound.

Under the new guidelines, this ministry is entrusted to priests, deacons, and properly trained and commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Ordinarily, commissioned ministers will bring Holy Communion on Sundays, immediately following their reception of the Holy Eucharist at Mass.

After the distribution of Holy Communion and before the Prayer after Communion, these ministers will approach the altar to receive the Eucharist from the priest or deacon. Following a brief sending forth and the prayers of the community, they will proceed directly to those entrusted to their care, without remaining for further gatherings or activities.

In exceptional circumstances, pastors may request permission from the Bishop for a designated Extraordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion during the week when no priest, deacon, or instituted acolyte is available.

For this reason, I encourage all active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our parish to be present for the Rite of Commissioning within the Holy Mass on the 31st of this month. Your participation will allow you to continue serving in this ministry to the homebound, the sick, and the elderly, provided that you are willing to take part in the additional trainings and workshops that will be offered by the Diocese in the future.

I also recognize that these changes have not been easy for everyone.

This is especially true for those who, for many years, have faithfully brought Holy Communion to sick or elderly family members, friends, and homebound

parishioners. I understand that some may feel disappointed, hurt, or confused by these new requirements.

Some have understandably asked me, *“I have been doing this for so many years. Why is this becoming an issue only now?”*

This is a fair question, and I sincerely acknowledge the feelings behind it.

Perhaps certain practices were permitted to continue over the years without sufficient attention to established liturgical norms. Whatever shortcomings may have occurred in the past, our responsibility today is not to assign blame, but to move forward together with greater understanding, reverence, and fidelity to the Church.

Unfortunately, these changes have also caused misunderstandings, frustrations, and criticisms, sometimes directed toward me as I carry out the directives of our Bishop. Some parishioners may even feel discouraged about continuing their involvement in parish life.

To those who feel this way, I humbly ask for your patience and understanding.

Please remember that these new requirements do not invalidate or diminish your many years of generous and faithful service. The love, sacrifices, and compassion you have shown to those in need remain precious in the eyes of God and deeply appreciated by our parish community.

Moreover, everyone is still encouraged to visit the sick, the elderly, and the homebound, offering companionship, prayers, encouragement, and practical assistance. These acts of charity are beautiful expressions of our Christian faith. The distinction is that bringing Holy Communion is a sacred liturgical ministry entrusted to those properly authorized by the Church.

As your parish priest and administrator, I, too, am a servant of Christ and His Church. I have the responsibility to implement faithfully the directives of our Bishop, even when doing so brings challenges or misunderstandings. My intention is never to offend, exclude, or discourage anyone, but to protect the sacredness

of the Eucharist while preserving the unity and spiritual well-being of our parish family.

If you have questions or concerns, I remain willing to listen and speak with you personally. I only ask that our conversations be guided by mutual respect, patience, and Christian charity. You are also welcome to bring your concerns directly to our Bishop.

Above all, let us remember that the Holy Eucharist is not about our personal preferences, privileges, or long-standing practices. It is about Jesus Christ, who gives Himself to us as the Bread of Life.

Our love for the Eucharist should unite us, not divide us. Our years of service should deepen our humility, not become a source of resentment. And our obedience to the Church should be an expression of our love for Christ, who entrusted this sacred gift to His people.

As we implement these new diocesan guidelines, may we approach these changes not merely as requirements to follow, but as an opportunity to renew our faith, deepen our reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, and strengthen our communion with Christ and one another.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, generosity, and continued commitment to our parish community.

May God's will always be done, and may everything we do bring greater honor and glory to His holy name.

In Christ,

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator

St. Francis & St. Mary Parish, Brussels
St. Louis Parish, Dyckesville

Tumba (toom-bah)

Burial site

- a. grave
- b. tomb

A Filipino or Tagalog word “puntod” comes from the Spanish word “tumba” which means tomb, grave, sepulcher or burial place (a term which is also used in British, English and other European Countries).

This innovative and commemorative event is an annual remembrance of our beloved dead who passed away not only during the past year, but also to pray for our departed brothers and sisters who died a long time ago – especially those who have already been forgotten by their families and loved ones.

We make use of this “tumba” where we can put all the names of our departed brothers and sisters on a sheet of paper to remember them especially within the Mass with the responsory for the dead.

This demonstrates how we combine our cultures and subcultures’ traditions and practices in honoring our beloved dead. The Tumba will stand in our sanctuary and will remain there throughout the month of November so we have enough time to pray and remember our loved ones who have already gone to their rest.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya



Gain Plenary Indulgences for the Souls in Purgatory

For the Souls in Purgatory – Plenary Indulgence Grant #29.1.1

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted each and every day from Nov 1 to Nov 8, who devoutly visit a cemetery and there pray, if only mentally, for the departed.

All Souls' Day – Plenary Indulgence Grant #29.1.2

A plenary indulgence is granted the faithful who, on All Souls' Day (or according to the judgment of the bishop, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visits a church or an oratory and recites an Our Father and the Creed.

Requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence:

- Do the work while in a state of grace,
- Receive Sacramental confession within 20 days of the work (several plenary indulgences may be earned per reception),
- Receive Eucharistic communion (one plenary indulgence may be earned per reception),
- Pray for the pope's intentions (Our Father and Hail Mary, or other appropriate prayer, is sufficient),
- Have no attachment to sin (even venial) – i.e., it is sufficient that the Christian makes an act of the will to love God and despise sin.

Requirements for a partial indulgence: The work must be done while in a state of grace and with the general intention of earning an indulgence.

Notes:

- Only baptized persons in a state of grace who generally intend to do so may earn indulgences.
- Indulgences cannot be applied to the living, but only to the one doing the work or to the dead.
- Only one plenary indulgence per day can be earned (except for prayer at the hour of one's own death).
- Several partial indulgences can be earned during the same day.
- If only part of a work with plenary indulgence attached is completed, a partial indulgence still obtains.
- If the penance assigned in confession has indulgences attached, the one work can satisfy both penance and indulgence.
- Confessors may commute the work or the conditions if the penitent cannot perform them due to legitimate obstacles.
- In groups, indulgenced prayer must be recited by at least one member while the others at least mentally follow the prayer.
- If speech/hearing impairments make recitation impossible, mental expression or reading of the prayer is sufficient.
- For an indulgence attached to a particular day requiring a church visit, the day begins at noon the day before and ends at midnight.

Also recommended:

1. Pray the Eternal Rest Requiem:
Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the Perpetual Light Shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.
(Pray this Prayer all year long, and particularly when passing by a cemetery. When these souls in Purgatory are in Heaven, they will intercede for souls on earth.)
2. Sprinkle the grave with Holy Water.