

# 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

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## Weekly Liturgical Calendar

### Masses

#### Saturday, March 28-Palm Sunday Vigil

- 4:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 Living & Deceased Members of  
 Brussels & Dyckesville

#### Sunday, March 29-Palm Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. **Blessing of the Palms in Brussels**  
 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Dolores Hume  
 10:00 a.m. **Blessing of the Palms in Dyckesville**  
 10:30 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

#### Monday, March 30

No Masses

#### Tuesday, March 31

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Donald Spude  
 LDM of the Gerald LuMaye Family

#### Wednesday, April 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Jim & Jeannie Wery

#### Thursday, April 2-Holy Thursday

- 4:00 p.m. **Mass of the Last Supper-Brussels**  
 7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Last Supper-Dyckesville**

#### Friday, April 3-Good Friday with Adoration of the Cross

- 1:00 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 3:00 p.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

#### Saturday, April 4-Holy Saturday

- 8:15 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Elizabeth Schrimpf  
 Women's Cursillo Group #274

#### Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. **The Salubong in Brussels**  
 7:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**  
 † Kilton & Monica Vandenhouten  
 † Howard & Angela Renard  
 Women's Cursillo Group #274  
 9:30 a.m. **The Salubong in Dyckesville**  
 10:00 a.m. **Mass in Dyckesville**

#### SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF MARCH 29

Monday, March 30 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



●Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

## Liturgical Roles

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday, April 4- 8:15p.m.

**Commentator:** Mary Monfils  
**Lector:** Mary Monfils, Kristy Kaye,  
 Trina Grovogel, & Patti Baur

**Cups:** Jackie Gerend & Barb Pavlik

**Eucharist:** Beth Hanson

**Server:** Maggie Hoffman, Brielle Spude & Kaiden Wautier

**Ushers:** Brandon Wautier & Matt Wautier

#### Sunday, April 5- 7:00 a.m.

**Commentator:** Terri Vandenhouten

**Lectors:** JoAnn Guilette & Mary Spude

**Eucharist:** Bridget Spude

**Server:** Raegen Spude & Will Spude

**Ushers:** Tim Buhr & Dan Yurek

## Parish News

### OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death even death on the cross.

~Philippians 2:7-8

### Financial-March 9-15, 2026

Mass Collections: \$ 188.00

Offertory Commitments: \$ 4,975.00

### Financial-March 16-22, 2026

Mass Collections: \$ 463.00

Offertory Commitments: \$ 1,261.00

World's Poor Collection: \$ 1,437.00

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday the collection is to help Christians living in the Holy Land. The funds are used to support shrines, parishes, schools, social services and emergency aid. Thank you for whatever you can contribute to preserve the Holy Land for future generations.

### Bishops Appeal

Remember our Bishops Appeal is under way. The Bishops Appeal helps our parish in so many ways from classes to education to other Catholic charities. Helps those who help you!

●Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist

## Shepherd's Thoughts

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

On this Palm Sunday, we enter the mystery of both glory and suffering. The prophet Isaiah reveals the heart of the suffering servant: "I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting" (Is 50:6). Jesus freely embraces suffering—not out of defeat, but out of love for us.

The Psalm echoes the cry of every wounded heart: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Ps 22). In our own moments of pain and sorrow, Jesus is already there, experiencing the rawness of our human sufferings as if they were His.


Yet, this suffering leads to glory. St. Paul reminds us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend" (Phil 2:10). The One who is mocked and humiliated is truly our King.

The crowd that once shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Mt 21:9), later cries, "Let him be crucified!" (Mt 27:22). How quickly hearts can change. We are invited to examine our own fidelity—when do we follow Jesus?

Even in mockery—"Hail, King of the Jews!" (Mt 27:29)—the truth remains. And finally, from the lips of a Roman centurion comes a profound confession: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 27:54).

Today, we walk with Jesus—from palms to Passion. May we remain with Him, not only in praise but also in sacrifice, trusting that beyond the Cross is the promise of new life.

 Reflection Line:  
Stay with Jesus in both joy and suffering.

 Takeaway Thought:  
True love and discipleship means remaining faithful—from "Hosanna" to the Cross.

## BIBLE STUDY

Remember that our Bible Study group meets every second and fourth Mondays of the month from 6:00-7:00 in the basement. During Lent, the group will meet every Monday at 6:00. Come to learn what the Bible can mean in our own lives.



●Administrator: Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya

## Religious Education News

**\*\*This is the last regular class for most students.**

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

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

\*If you have any questions, contact Penny

[stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancis.stmaryre@gmail.com)

**\*\*Our Second Grade class will be making their First Communion on Saturday April 25 at the 5:45 p.m. Mass. Let us pray for them as they prepare.**

## LENTEN COLLECTION OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Our Lady of Fatima Ct. 481 Impact Team will be collecting personal care items during Lent. Items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, lotions, small hand sanitizers and hand cream, etc. A container is in the front entry for your donations. Thank you for whatever items you can contribute.

## Formed

Finish Lent with some topics on Formed. Prepare for the most Holy Week of the year with the following: *Do I have to Give Alms?, Do All Catholics Have to Fast?, The Last Supper, or Foretold.*

## Dynamic Catholic

Find inspiration from fellow Catholic worshipers, like Matthew Kelly and others, as we journey through our life. This week review two great options: *Do You Have a NOT TO DO List?, or Gospel Reflection: Who Are You Becoming?*

## Area News

### Easter Egg Hunt

Come support our local 4-H Club with their Easter Egg Hunt. It will take place on Saturday April 4th starting at 9:00 a.m. sharp. It will take place at the Brussels Town Park. Open to all age until up to 10!

### Corpus February Community Dinner

Corpus Christi will be hosting the next Community Dinner on Friday, May 1 at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend to share a warm meal and fellowship. It's helpful if you RSVP either to [ccparish.net](http://ccparish.net) or call the office 920-743-4716 no later than Wednesday, April 29. The dinner is free for all, however good will donations are accepted if you are able.

### Lee Fontaine Memorial Scholarship

The Lee Fontaine Memorial Healthcare Scholarship is available to any member of St. Francis & St. Mary Parish pursuing healthcare education. It is available to adults participating in continuing education as well as students enrolling in post-secondary healthcare majors. The Scholarship amount varies based on number of applicants and merit, but is generally \$1,000-\$2,000 per year. Request an application from the Parish Office.

●Parish Bookkeeper: Ann Kleist

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

## COME AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE AN EASTER ENCOUNTER (*SALUBONG*)

**St. Francis and St. Mary Parish, Brussels on April 5, 2026 @ 7:00am (Before the Mass)**

The *Salubong* is one of the most beautiful examples of how Filipino Catholic spirituality blends Scripture, Tradition, and local culture into a living celebration of faith. What makes it so especially striking is that it dramatizes an event not explicitly recorded in the Gospels, yet deeply resonant with the heart of Christian belief: the joy of the Resurrection shared first and foremost with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. While the Gospels recount that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the apostles, it is fitting to believe that He also appeared to His Mother.

### **Key Elements of the *Salubong***

- **Timing:** Held at dawn on Easter Sunday, symbolizing the first light of Resurrection breaking into the world.
- **Processions:** Two images—of the Risen Christ and the Blessed Mother—approach from opposite directions, meeting in a staged encounter.
- **The Easter Angel:** Positioned in the *Castillo* (Easter tower), the angel descends to unveil Mary's image, removing her black veil of mourning. This act represents grief transformed into joy, and humanity's sinfulness being lifted by Christ's victory.
- ***Dichos* (Speeches):** Angels sing and recite verses urging Mary and the faithful to rejoice, echoing the biblical angel's announcement of the Resurrection.
- **Alleluia Chorus:** The unveiling culminates in a jubilant chant of Alleluia, affirming the triumph of life over death.
- **Eucharist:** The reenactment leads directly into the Easter Mass, grounding the drama in the central mystery of Christian worship.

### **Theological Significance**

- **Sacred Tradition:** While not found in Scripture, the *Salubong* embodies the conviction that Mary, who shared in Christ's suffering, must also share in the first joy of His Resurrection.
- **Symbolism:** The removal of Mary's veil is a powerful image of sorrow turned to joy, and of humanity's redemption through Christ.
- **Community Faith:** The event is not only a liturgical drama but also a communal proclamation of Easter, drawing entire towns together in celebration.

### **Cultural Dimension**

The *Salubong* reflects the Filipino gift for dramatizing faith in ways that engage the senses and the heart. It is both catechesis and celebration—teaching through ritual, song, and symbol. The *Castillo* or Easter tower, often built with great creativity, shows how local artistry is woven into worship. In essence, the *Salubong* is a living catechism: it proclaims the Resurrection, honors Mary's role in salvation history, and invites the faithful to enter Easter morning with joy and hope.

# Divine Mercy Sunday

The First Sunday after Easter

Rejoice in the  
*Resurrection*

Rejoice in  
*God's Mercy*

*"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy."*

(Jesus to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Diary*, paragraph #699)

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*



# The Feast of Mercy - A Day of Extraordinary Grace

## The First Sunday after Easter

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured upon the world. Today, we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

*“I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy” (299).*

Every family needs God’s mercy. Lenten prayers, fasts, alms giving, and good deeds afford us the opportunity to prepare well for extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

*“No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed or brought to shame” (1541).*

Jesus to St. Faustina:

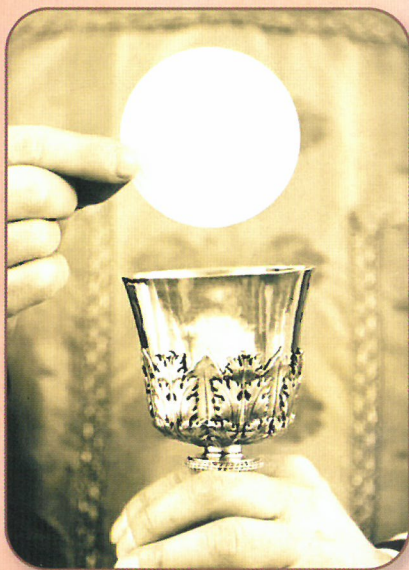
*“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (699).*



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska  
1905 - 1938

“Ordinarily, only the sacrament of Baptism effects in the soul the ‘complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.’ Reception of the Eucharist in a state of grace ordinarily remits only venial sin, while strengthening the soul against both venial and mortal sin (Catechism, 1394-1395). But on Mercy Sunday reception of Holy Communion worthily and with trust in God’s Mercy pours out upon the soul a complete renewal of baptismal grace.” - Rev. Ignacy Rozycki, STD, Former Member of the Holy See’s International Theological Commission

Turn to the Lord with trust for all of your needs, spiritual as well as temporal. Ask for much and join the hundreds of thousands that have received hope, healing and answers to many prayers on this special day. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Rejoice in God’s Mercy.



## How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, if we want to receive mercy we must be merciful. Our Lord told St. Faustina:

*“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy” (742).*