

St. Francis & St. Mary Parish



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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day—Check Bulletin

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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 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
- Wednesday after daily Mass
- 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 11

- 4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Bea Marchant-2 yr Anniversary
 † Noretta & Daniel Kaye
 † Rosemary & Walter Derenne

Sunday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Angela, Gary, & Bob Renard
 Donald Bader Family
 † Maggie & Garrett Moore
 & Bernadette Moore
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

Monday, November 13

No Masses

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Gilbert & Todd Spude
 † Judy Jenquin

Wednesday, November 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Silvin Kaiser
 † Norbert & Doris Zenefski
 Joe & Carolyn Zimmer Family

Thursday, November 16

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**

Friday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Mass in Rosiere**

Saturday, November 18

- 4:00 p.m. **Mass in Rosiere**
 5:30 p.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 † Donald LaLuzerne & Norbert Jadin
 † Wilferd & Emily Vandertie Family

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass in Brussels**
 Living and Deceased Members of
 Brussels, Lincoln, & Rosiere
 10:15 a.m. **Mass in Lincoln**



Sanctuary Light- Week of November 12

Shirley DeClark, Debbie Delorit, Gary Fontaine

SHEPHERD HOURS (IN THE RECTORY)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 9:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

Liturgical Roles

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, November 18 – 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Ann Kleist
Eucharist: Ann Kleist
Server: Avery Delwiche & Volunteer
Ushers: Wayne Kleist & Mark Wagner

Sunday, November 19 – 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Beth Hanson
Eucharist: Matt Anderson
Server: Axel Anderson
Ushers: Mike Vandenhouten & Dan Yurek

Parish News

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -- WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12

Monday, November 13 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 14 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Financial-October 30-November 5, 2023

Mass Collections: \$ 398.00
 Offertory Commitments: \$ 2,667.00
 October Online Giving: \$ 3,680.00

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE



~Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.
 ~Matthew 25:2-4

Formed

Check in with Formed with some great content. Try *Catholic All Year at Home and What is Purgatory?* For our teens or younger children: *The Faithful: Stories of Courage*. Liturgical Calendar: *8-BI John Duns Scotus, 10-St. Leo the Great, 13-St. Augustine's Birthday, & 13-The Feast of St. Francis*.

Matthew Kelly on YouTube

If you are looking for insight each week, search for Matthew Kelly on YouTube. Each week he poses different topics to think about. This week, review these two topics: *4 Reasons You Don't Do What You Say You Will Do* and *Six Keys to Fulfillment & Satisfaction In Your Life*.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Lynn Komisarek-Kranich for the donation of coats, snow pants, gloves, mittens and hats again this year. We appreciate your generosity in helping to keep so many warm in the cold days ahead.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

We will be needing volunteers to help with snow blowing and shoveling to keep our church approaches and sidewalks clean. Please consider helping us with this task, maybe as a family or with friends. Equipment is provided. This week there will be a sign-up calendar inside the front entrance to record your choice of week(s).



Religious Education News

- *Religious Education continues
- Kindergarten-5th:6:00-7:15 p.m. at church
- 6th-8th:7:30-8:30 p.m. at church
- 9th-11th:7:30-8:30 p.m. at Union Town Hall
- Confirmation Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Rosiere
- *Please consider volunteering for our Religious Education Program!



GIVING TREE

We will have our annual Giving Tree set up on Thanksgiving Day. We are looking for families, elderly, or individuals who are in need of some help. All names and personal information is kept confidential. Call Sue Johnson (920-559-7519) with names and contact information no later than Sunday, November 19 so the information can be included on the Giving Tree.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Christmas Wreaths will be available to purchase beginning the weekend of November 18-19 after Masses. We will have 18" wreaths for \$11.00 and 24" wreaths for \$13.50. You can order your wreaths by emailing the Parish at stfrancis@centurytel.net or calling 920-825-7555.

Area News

Lee Fontaine Memorial Healthcare Scholarship

The Lee Fontaine Memorial Healthcare Scholarship is available to any member of St. Francis and St. Mary's Parish pursuing healthcare education, participating in continuing education as well as students enrolling in post-secondary healthcare majors. The scholarship is based primarily on financial need, and varies based on number of applicants and merit, but is generally \$1000-\$2000 per year. Pick up an application from the parish office and submit by November 30. Applications are considered year round as well.



Shepherd's Thoughts

FIRST READING (Wis 6:12-16)

Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING (1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14)

God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL (Mt 25:1-13)

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

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

There is a famous maxim, "time is gold" which means, time flies so fast. We don't want to waste time. We always make sure that everything we do should always be in proper timing. There is indeed time for everything. Even the mystery of Christ's first coming happened in God's perfect time but with a long period of graceful waiting.

There is always grace in waiting. Because of our busy schedules and demands from work we tend to keep on rushing. And as a consequence, sometimes, we neglect the most essential. In today's Gospel, the parable of the wise and foolish virgins reminds us of our attitude on how we spend time precisely as gold and how we take advantage of the virtue of waiting to have a perfect timing. Thus, if you keep on rushing, perhaps, you will likely do what those foolish virgins did who came out to meet the bridegroom taking their lamps but brought no extra oil. However, if you consider time as gold, you will surely act like those of the wise virgins who came out to meet the bridegroom and brought with them flasks of oil with their lamps and took advantage of waiting.

"Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps."

In the busiest hour of the day when everybody has already set everything for his/herself, there we can always feel a moment that nobody cares for one another, because everyone's attention focuses more on one's personal business. Thus, when the foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves." May this be a lesson for us all that in every situation like this, one has to learn how to be always vigilant at all times and take an extra effort of kindness to always be of help to others who are in need.

We are a synodal church, we should not count this parable as something good only for the wise virgins who were rewarded because of their vigilance and preparedness. It should have been more meritorious if the wise virgins had a helping hand to the foolish virgins. Instead of telling them, 'Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' Why didn't they just let them stay and wait? And take the foolish with them together so they could also have seen and witnessed the coming of the bridegroom. Have you realized that it was really possible to happen? There could have been no foolish virgins if there were no selfish wise virgins. In other words, there could have been no destitute, needy and poor if all people remained generous all the time.

This parable therefore, gives us a good lesson not to be negligent of one's duty and responsibility and learn to be ready and vigilant. Readiness leads to salvation. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

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Mass Schedules

Maplewood Sunday 9:00AM
 Lincoln/Rosiere.....Saturday 4PM Rosiere & Sunday 10:15AM Lincoln
 Dyckesville: Saturday 4PM Sunday 8:30AM & 10:00AM
 LuxemburgSaturday 4PM & Sunday 7:30AM & 10:30AM
 Casco Saturday 7:30PM & Sunday 9AM

Please continue to pray for . . . **Home-bound parishioners:** Sandy DuBois; **those in assisted living & nursing homes:** Allen Moore, Howard Renard, Shirley Simon, and Monica Vandenhouten; **others in need of healing:** McCoy Vandenhouten, Cleo Franda, Lou DeClark, Donald Spude, and Laurie Bouche Malcore; **the souls of** Steve DeClark and Patricia Eckert; **all who are suffering;** and **the poor souls in purgatory.**