



# St. Mary's - Big River Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15th, 2018

*"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And He said to them, 'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.'"*

*Luke 24: 45-46*



## Welcome to St. Mary's



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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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Oh Sacrament most holy! Oh Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. Praised and adored be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, now and forever. Amen

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend....

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

#### Weekday....

Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am

First Friday & First Sat. 8:30 am

Holy Days....See bulletin

### Confessions

-One hour before each Weekend Mass

-Thurs. before First Fri. 9:00 am

-First Friday 9:00 am

-First Sat. 9:00 am

-Any time by appointment

### Devotional Times

#### Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 to 10:00 am every First Friday.

#### Militia Immaculata (MI) Prayer Group

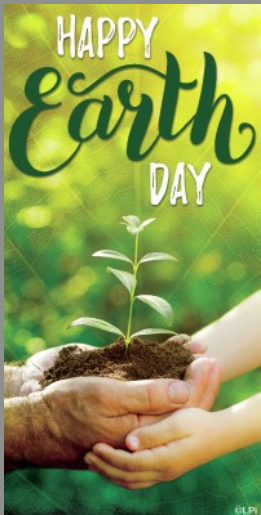
meets Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church.

<http://missionimmaculata.com/>

# This Week's News



Welcome to St. Mary's!



## This Week's Calendar

### Monday - April 16

No Mass

### Tuesday - April 17

No Mass

**6:30 pm Church Cleaning - St. John's Group**

### Wednesday - April 18

No Mass

**CCD 3:45 & 7 pm**

### Thursday - April 19

8:30 am Holy Mass

**6:30 pm MI Prayer Group**

**6:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting**

### Friday - April 20

8:30 am Holy Mass

**Dead Theologians Society 7 - 9 pm**

### Saturday - April 21

**Beeler & Woitas Wedding**

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Holy Mass

### Sunday - April 22

8:30 am Confessions

9:30 am Holy Mass

**10:30 am New Reader**

**Training**

**\*World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

### ***TODAY is the Sunday Usher & \$ Counter Training Session***

Sunday, April 15th after mass a mandatory training session will be held for all **current and new** SUNDAY ushers & \$ counters. New procedures will be introduced. Direct all questions to Pat Bjork who will conduct the training.

### **Liturgical Reader Training**

All **NEW Readers** will receive training on Sunday April 22nd after mass. Direct all questions to Deacon Dan Gannon who will conduct the training.

### **Joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting**

Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm in the school hall.

All members of these two councils are needed to be in attendance.

### **Rice Bowl & Lenten Offering Boxes**

Please return Lenten Offerings as soon as you can. Thank you for your generosity in helping the poor!

### **June Youth Garage Sale Fundraiser**

**Save the Date!** The youth ministry of our parish will be having a Garage Sale Fundraiser June 21st to 24th. Look for a collection notice in late May. Please help with this great cause!



## Gospel Reflection

The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, "Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away." This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this sacrament.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) it states, "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful

men and women."

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term "wiped away," that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be "wiped away" with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally "wipes away" our sins.

God's forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (reconciliation) means that from God's perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, "I will never again remember their sins" — after repentance, that is.

# Diocesan News

## Webinar on Conflict Resolution – Tuesday April 17 at 7PM

Every parent knows how difficult it is to follow God's will and maintain harmony within the home. There always seems to be something that causes disruption. And when that happens, family life becomes tense and irritating.

Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love parenting series for an engaging one-hour discussion on how to handle conflict in the home. They will offer several practical steps that restore unity and reestablish communion when division happens. Register online at [diolc.org/webinars](http://diolc.org/webinars). For more information, call 608-791-2673.

## MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2018

You will not want to miss out on the 2018 conference, which will be taking place at Logan Middle School, located in La Crosse, WI. Stay tuned for more information at [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org)

## Farmers' Hotline

With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP.

We offer two helplines:

The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474

Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: 888-809-9297



## Funeral Notice:

Cathy (Rodger) Oestreich's mother, Leola Marek, passed away Wednesday morning. The wake is 3-6 pm Sunday at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in River Falls. The funeral mass is also there at 10:30 am Monday with visitation an hour prior.

## Youth Events

### Dead Theologians Society

Meeting Friday, April 20th from 7 to 9

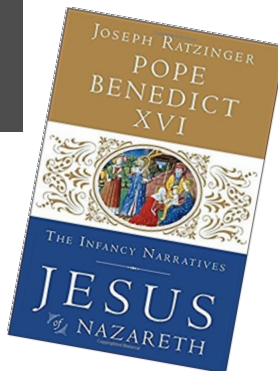
### Young Adult Group

Meeting Thursday, April 19th from

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Don't forget to read:

Ch. 3 of the Infancy Narratives!



### CCD - Religious Studies

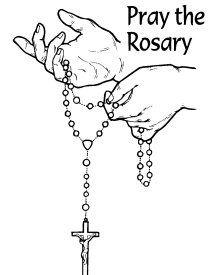
Wed. April 18th

Afternoon Session:

Class 3:45 to 5:00 pm

Evening Session:

Class 7:00 to 8:15 pm



## Support Our Advertisers

- First Communion
- Devotional Aids
- Confirmation
- Wedding
- Baptism



- Seasonal Gifts
- Fontanini
- Collectibles
- Games
- Movies
- Books

St. Augustine Church: 408 3rd St. N. • S. St. Paul, MN 651-470-3958

## Income for April 7th & 8th 2018

Plate .....	\$580.75
Adult Envelopes.....	2732.00
Youth Envelopes.....	7.50
Good Friday.....	5.00
Easter .....	155.00
Improvement Fund...	25.00
DCCW.....	804.25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4396.50</b>

## Thank You!

New Year.....	5.00
Madonna Plan .....	30.00
Initial Offering.....	2.00
Rice Bowl.....	30.00

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Prayer Chain Requests -**  
715-273-3577

**School Hall Office -**  
715-425-7830

**Altar Rosary Society (ARS) -**  
Angie Dosdall 715-792-2447

**Finance Council -**  
Pat Pechacek 715-262-4089

**Stewardship Committee -**  
Andy Mishek 715-426-1978

**Grounds & Building Maintenance -**  
Danny McNamara 715-821-1197

### Welcome new visitors!

If you would like to be a member of our parish just call the Administrative Assistant and we will help you get registered.

## Mass Schedule

**Mon, April 16**.....

No Mass

**Tues., April 17**.....

No Mass

**Wed., April 18**.....

No Mass

**Thurs., April 19** .....

8:30 am Mass Fr. Kevin Louis

By Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

**Fri., April 20** .....

8:30 am Mass Living & Deceased Mem-

bers of Altar Rosary Society

By Altar Rosary Society

**Sat., April 21** .....**St. Anselm**

6:00 pm Mike O'Malley

By Caroline Loe

**Sun., April 22** ..... **4th Sun. Easter**

9:30 am Pro Populo & † Don Engel

By Friends and Family

**Please note:** The Mass Intentions Calendar has been filled through June 2018.

\*Even if Father is gone, intentions will be said.

## Liturgical Roles

**April 21st**

**Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass**

**Reader** .....JoAnne Parks  
**Ushers** ..... Mark Huppert, Jon Matzek,  
Joe Matzek, Tony Matzek  
**Cross** ..... Andrew McNamara  
**Candles** .....David & Doug McNamara  
**Music** ..... Joanne Maier  
**Rosary** ..... Melissa Blegen

**April 22nd**

**Sunday - 9:30 am Mass**

**Reader** .....Andy Mishek  
**Ushers/\$ Counters** ..... Pat Pechacek,  
John Yunker, Rodger Oestreich, Craig  
Zuelke  
**Cross/Incense** .....Andrew & Daniel  
Pluth  
**Candles** .....Brent Coppler, Geoffrey  
Orso  
**Rosary** ..... Gary & Kathy Tapp  
**Gift Bearer**.....Andy Mishek Family



**Note!**  
**Use of the Chalice has been suspended until May.**