



St. Mary's - Big River Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

April 1st, 2018

"Do not be alarmed, you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

Mark 16:6

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
W10137 570th Ave.
River Falls, WI
54022

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



Welcome to St. Mary's



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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!



Happy Easter!

This Week's Calendar

Monday - April 2

No Mass

Tuesday - April 3

No Mass

Wednesday - April 4

No Mass

Thursday - April 5

8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Confessions
6:30 pm MI Prayer Group

Friday - April 6

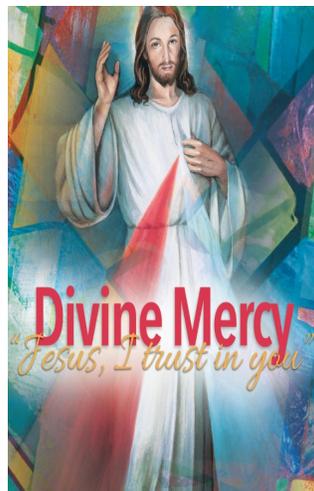
1st Friday
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 - 10:00 am Adoration & Confessions

Saturday - April 7

1st Saturday
8:30 am Holy Mass
9:00 am Confessions
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Holy Mass

Sunday - April 8

Divine Mercy Sunday
8:30 am Confessions
9:30 am Holy Mass
10:30 - Noon Divine Mercy Adoration & Benediction, Rosary, & Chaplet
Noon - Fellowship with lasagna meal served



Diocese Information for Farmers

Project Seed – Help for Farmers

Since 1996, the Rural Life Committee has offered high quality, low cost seeds through Project Seed. There are initial savings of 20-30% and for hardships, further assistance is possible. Forage and corn seed are offered and both conventional and Glyphosate Resistant varieties are available. It is best to pre-order by contacting: Scott Mohr [608-769-2764](tel:608-769-2764) • Steve Mohr [608-780-5460](tel:608-780-5460) • Jim Pingel [715-456-2710](tel:715-456-2710)

Sale dates, locations and contacts are:

- March 10, 10am – 3pm - Richland Center @St. Mary's – Dick Hauser - [608-585-4808](tel:608-585-4808) / Bernard Deitelhoff 608-983-2275/Cell: 608-393-0481
- March 17, 10am – 1:30pm in Kendall @ R. Brandau Sales Barn [715-456-2710](tel:715-456-2710)
- March 24, 10am – 3pm in Stanley/Boyd @ Holy Family School - Ed Chura [715-644-5646](tel:715-644-5646) / 715-456-2710
- April 7, 10am – 12pm in Cassel @ Sacred Heart – Mary [715-443-2103](tel:715-443-2103)
- April 14, 10am – 2pm in Colby @ Forman Farm Home Store - [715-456-2710](tel:715-456-2710)

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](tel:800-942-2474) Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: [888-809-9297](tel:888-809-9297)

Bishop Callahan's Easter Message

Bishop Callahan's Easter video greeting is available at https://youtu.be/_veUg4W47II Check it out!



Thank You - Holy Week Celebrations

Thank you to all the wonderful members of St. Mary's parish who worked so hard to provide all the beautiful Holy Week celebrations. We thank all the choir members and musicians who provided our music and we thank the environment committee for all they do for our liturgies. We especially thank Fr. Louis for all he does for our parish and all the sacrifices he generously makes to serve our parish family.

Altar Rosary Society Thank You - Fruit Sale

Thank you from the Altar Rosary Society for your generous donations toward the Fruit sale. A profit of just over \$1,140 was made from the fundraiser. This money is used to provide for the needs of the parish including providing food and supplies for the fellowships, as well as purchasing the hosts and liturgical wines and altar linens.

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH



G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "The difficulty in explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true." Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth He gave us and hand it down through the centuries, helping people all around the world encounter the love of God in every age and in every corner of the earth.

Over the years, there have been an untold number of questions and objections raised about the Catholic Church's teachings and practices. The answers are there, and it's worth your time to find them. As the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "There are not even 100 people in this country who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be." The Lord wants us all to know and understand His truth, so we can embrace it wholeheartedly and live by it. Christ reminds us, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Visit Catholics Come Home to learn more: www.catholicscomehome.org

Easter Flowers

Thank You to those who donated Altar Flowers for Easter in memory of a loved one



From:

- Pat Bjork
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- Melissa & Steve Langer
- John & Joyce Matzek
- William & Linda Meier
- Rodger & Cathy Oestreich
- Pat & Kelly Pechacek
- Joe & Kerry Reis
- Craig & Jane Zuelke

In Memory of:

- Dave & Rodger Bjork, William & Genevieve Van Guilder
- Joseph Grajkowski and Francis Sonnentag
- Maurice & Dorothy Huppert
- Members of the Ralph & Avis Huppert Family
- Lehman & Keller Families
- Harry & Francis Langer
- Fr. Bill Matzek, Raymond & Irene Matzek, Harold & Francis Langer
- Joseph & Catherine Miller
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Youth Envelopes.....	1.58
Friendship Fund.....	500.00
Improvement Fund.....	30.00
Rice Bowl.....	50.00
Altar Flowers.....	30.00
Total.....	\$5161.70

Thank you
for your
generosity!



A Message From Our Pastor

“Peter then came out with the

other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw

the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and **he saw and believed**” (John 20:3-8). **A happy and blessed Easter** to you and your loved ones! May the Crucified and Risen Lord abundantly bless all of you!

Thank you to everyone who made our **Holy Week celebrations** so prayerful and beautiful at our parish – decorators including those who work with candles and flowers and altar coverings, musicians, cantors, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, Deacon Gannon, and each of you through your participation! May the special graces of these liturgies bring continued **spiritual renewal to our parish family**.

Thank you for your **kindness and generosity to me personally during this Easter season**. I am most grateful for the numerous cards, notes, and gifts that have been delivered to the rectory. I appreciate, too, your words of encouragement written in so many cards and the assurances of your prayers. Know that you and your loved ones are daily in my prayer.

Having completed the “marathon” of the Season of Lent, Holy Week, and the Sacred Paschal Triduum, I will be spending the remainder of Easter Sunday through Wednesday **with my family in Marshfield**. On Wednesday I will be in La Crosse to take part in my last meeting of the **Seminary Board of Admissions** for our Diocese of La Crosse. That body assists the Bishop in the discernment process regarding acceptance and promotion of young men who desire to study for the holy priesthood for our Diocese. It was then-Bishop ListECKI who appointed to me to that Board in 2005 following my seven years of work in priestly formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. After 13 years it is time to make room for another priest of our Diocese to serve on that Board! Please pray for all the priests and deacons of our Diocese as well as the men in formation for those vocations!

Our joyful observance of our Lord Jesus Christ’s victory over sin, death, and hopelessness continues with next week’s celebration of the Second Sunday of Easter. Today is also designated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. What are the historical roots and meaning of this day of Divine Mercy? **Helen Kowalska** was born in 1905 in Poland. Her family was materially poor and lived deeply their Catholic faith. Already as a youngster, Helen was known for her genuine piety, depth of prayer, and concern for the poor. At 20 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name **Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament**. In her community, she worked as a cook, gardener, and door-keeper. Her inner life was very rich as the Lord blessed her with many extraordinary spiritual gifts. Jesus communicated to Sister Maria Faustina that she was to be the apostle of His

Divine Mercy in our modern world. The mission entrusted to her was to (1) remind the world and the Church of the truth of God’s mercy for every human being, (2) entreat Divine Mercy for the whole world, especially sinners, through the new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy, and (3) initiate the apostolic movement of Divine Mercy, the followers of which proclaim and beg Divine Mercy for the world and practice the works of mercy. Sister Faustina Kowalska died of tuberculosis at 33. On April 30, 2000, Saint John Paul II canonized her as the **first saint of the New Millennium**. During his homily on that occasion, the Holy Father also announced that the **Second Sunday of Easter** would now be celebrated throughout the entire Church as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In her *Diary* – a modern spiritual classic – Saint Faustina reported this message of the Savior: “My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for the poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (699). **We observe Divine Mercy Sunday in our parish following the 9:30 AM Mass until Noon with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Penance (Confession), Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction**. Following these spiritual exercises a **lunch including lasagna** will be served in our school. For more information on Saint Faustina and this devotion you can visit the official website of our **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** (Stockbridge, MA) at thedivinemercy.org. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world! Jesus, I trust in you!

Every year I field questions from the faithful regarding the **conditions for obtaining the special indulgence of Divine Mercy Sunday**. To gain *any* indulgence one must be in the **state of grace** (that is, not having committed a mortal sin or having been sacramentally forgiven for any mortal sin committed). In addition, in order to obtain the *plenary* indulgence, one must (1) have the **interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin**; (2) have **sacramentally confessed one’s sins**; (3) **receive Holy Communion**; and (4) **pray for the intentions of the Pope**. The question always arises regarding the timing of the completion of these actions. Must I do all this on Divine Mercy Sunday itself or is it possible to complete some of them before or after that Sunday? How many days before or after are acceptable? Well, the Vatican office that deals with such questions – the Apostolic Penitentiary – clarified matters with its document *The Gift of the Indulgence* of January 29, 2000. Paragraph 5 of that document says that “it is *appropriate, but not necessary*, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope’s intentions take place *on the same day* that the indulgenced work is performed; but **it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act**. Prayer for the Pope’s intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an ‘Our Father’ and a ‘Hail Mary’ are suggested.”

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us! Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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 2.....
8:30 am No Mass

Tues., April 3.....
8:30 am No Mass

Wed., April 4.....
8:30 am No Mass

Thurs., April 5.....
8:30 am † Lorraine Gavin
By Kevin & Mary Schaar

Fri., April 6.....
8:30 am † Don Engel
By Friends & Family

Sat., April 7.....
8:30 am † Margaret Jacobs
By Phil & Mary Jacobs
6:00 pm † Dave Bjork
By Jim Cobian & Linda Matzek

Sun., April 8.....**Divine Mercy Sun.**
9:30 am Pro Populo
& Danielle Erickson
By Mark & Lori Faymoville

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

Liturgical Roles

April 7th

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader..... Carol Betzel
Ushers.....Randy Huppert, Mark Huppert, Randy Maier, Peter Pechacek
Cross..... Maximus Husby
Candles..... Marcus & Nathaniel Merta
Music..... Joanne Maier
Rosary..... Pat Bjork

April 8th

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader..... Andy Mishek
Ushers/\$ Counters.....Rodger Oestreich, John Yunker, Craig Zuelke, Shawn Dosdall
Cross/Incense..... Daniel O'Malley
Candles.....Isaac Loe, Ben & Joseph O'Malley
Rosary..... Toby & Janice Keller
Gift Bearer..... Mike O'Malley Family



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