



St. Mary's - Big River Catholic Church

5rd Sunday of Lent

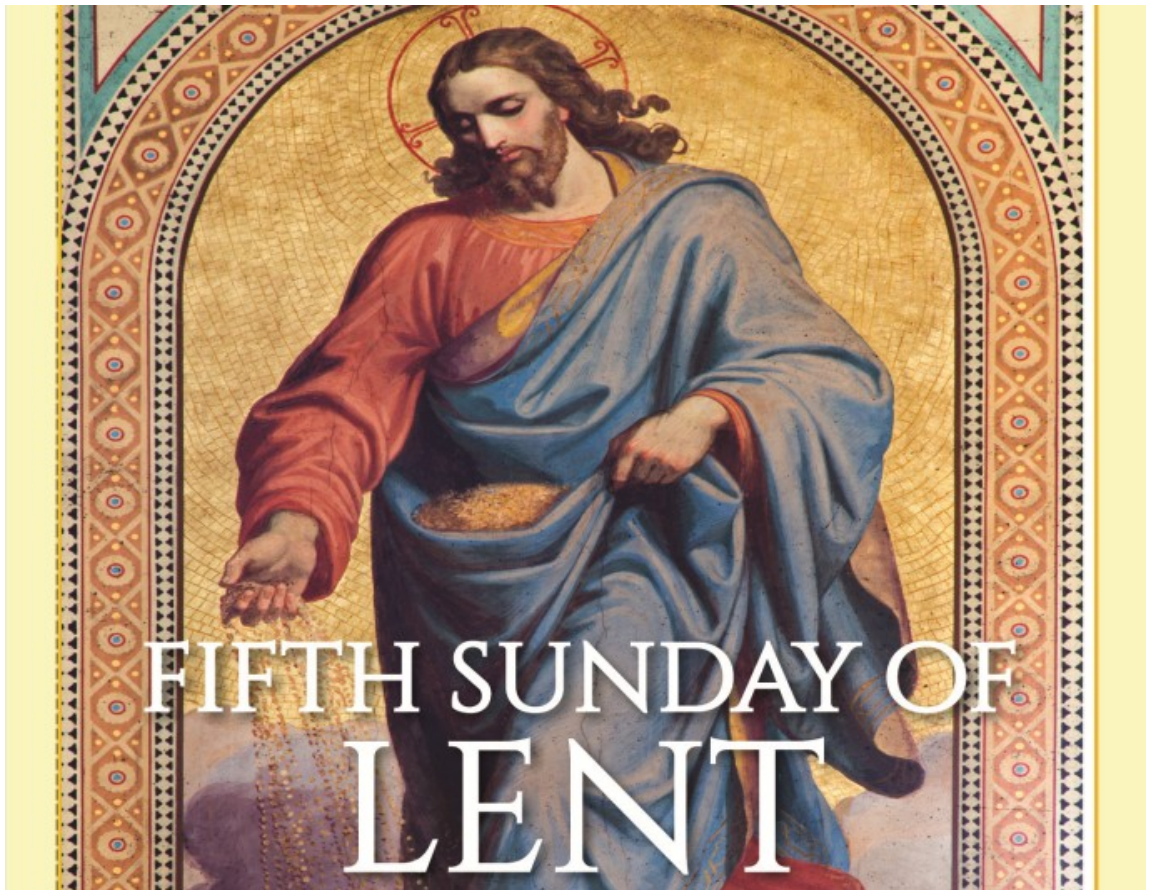
March 18th, 2018

*"Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain
of wheat falls
to the ground
and dies, it
remains just a
grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it
produces much
fruit."*

John 12:24

The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
W10137 570th Ave.
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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



Welcome to St. Mary's

www.stmarysbigriver.com



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/>



Welcome to St. Mary's!

How is your Lent so far?

Remember:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving



This Week's News

This Week's Calendar

Monday - March 19th

8:30 am Holy Mass
6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday - March 20th

8:30 am Holy Mass
6:30 pm talk by Fr. Louis

Wednesday - March 21st

8:30 am Holy Mass

Thursday - March 22nd

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

Friday - March 23rd

No Meat today
8:30 am Holy Mass
7:00 pm Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 24th

5:00 Confession
6:00 pm Holy Mass

Sunday - March 25th

8:30 Confession
9:30 am Holy Mass

****Correction****

Please note that **Holy Saturday Mass** will be at 8:00 pm, NOT 6:00 pm as was incorrectly indicated on the Liturgical Schedule.

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Meetings

Stewardship Committee meeting Monday, March 19th at 6:30pm.

Fruit Sale

The fruit orders have arrived. Please pick up your fruit **today** after mass. Thank you to all who ordered!

Caregiver Assistance

Among Friends

A Friendly, Locally –Run Social Respite program for Older Adults with Memory Loss and Their Caregivers

This is a program for residents of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Trained professional staff along with trained volunteers take special care of your loved ones and provide the guidance and attention he or she needs during all activities and meals. This program is for anyone over 60 with memory loss or physical frailties and those with young onset dementia.

For more information call 715-293-2561 or email at amongfriendsrf@gmail.com.

The cost is \$35 per session and includes snack and lunch. It is open Tuesdays 9:00am to 3:00 pm.

At First Congregational Church, 110 North 3rd St., River Falls, WI

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Youth Ministry



Youth Ministry
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“Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast, the other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.”

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

CCD - Wed. Mar. 21st Afternoon Session:

Class 3:45 to 5:00 pm

Evening Session:

Class 7:00 to 8:15 pm

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Many students in the afternoon session classes will be participating in a simplified version of the Jewish Passover Seder Meal. A Jewish Seder is a religious ceremony which celebrates the liberation of the Hebrews from servitude in Egypt. The word "seder" means "order" in Hebrew, referring to the 15 parts of the Seder ritual which are observed in a specific sequence during the ceremony and centers around the Passover Seder meal.

Parish Events

“Lent in the Holy Land” by Fr. Louis Tuesday, March 20th

6:30 - 8:00 pm in the school

Join Father Louis for a “Lent in the Holy Land” presentation as a means to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection.

Part Two – “From the Holy Land to the Holy Week Liturgies” – Through the pilgrim diary of Egeria we will hear a detailed description of the liturgies of Holy Week in Jerusalem in 380 AD. From this we will appreciate the ancient roots of so many features of the current liturgies of Holy Week in the Roman Rite.

Since these talks are suitable for all ages, child care will not be available.

Church Cleaning

St. Mary’s group will clean the church on Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 am

ST. MARY’S Johnson, Kristin Matzek, Audrey

- Thom, Gretchen
- Puhrmann, Jessica
- Schaar, Vickie
- Bastian, Elizabeth
- Meier, Linda
- Frandrup, Gayle
- Matzek, Linda
- Pechacek, Sheila
- Blegen, Melissa
- Matzek, Sarah
- Digman, Rachel
- Dosdall, Angela



- *McVicars, Carol
- *Denzer, JoAnne
- *Matzek, Janice
- *Nelson, Gayle
- *Bjork, Pat

Thank You!

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Easter Flowers.....	80.00
Total.....	\$3387.49

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for your
generosity!



A Message From Our Pastor

“Holy Church *celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year* with sacred remembrance. Each week, on the day called the Lord’s Day (Sunday), she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal (Easter) Solemnity, together with His Blessed Passion.

In fact, *throughout the course of the year the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the Saints*” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 1). This cycle of a year – in which the Church through her public worship of the Holy Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours celebrates the mystery of Christ and venerates the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and the Saints – is called the *Liturgical (or Church) Year*. Of the Liturgical Year Venerable Pius XII noted that it is “no cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, or a simple and bare record of a former age. *The (Liturgical Year) is rather Christ Himself who is ever living in His Church*. Here He *continues that journey of immense mercy* which He lovingly began in His mortal life, going about *doing good*, with the design of *bringing men to know His mysteries and in a way live by them*. These mysteries are *ever present and active* . . . (and are) *sources of divine grace*, due to the merit and prayers of Christ” (*On the Sacred Liturgy*, 165).

The *high point of the entire Liturgical Year* is our celebration of the *Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Lord – Crucified, Buried, and Risen – which culminates on Easter Sunday*. On Easter – as on each Sunday – Holy Mother Church *makes present this great event by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death*. Indeed, from Easter derive all other celebrations of the Liturgical Year. With next weekend’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we enter into *Holy Week*. *Our participation in the sacred rites of Holy Week is a privileged manner in which we live more deeply the mystery of our rebirth in Christ through our Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of Christ* (see Romans 6:3-9). Plan now for your participation in the solemn liturgies of these days! In order prepare yourself for the celebrations of these holiest of days, take the time to read the insert to the bulletin that describes the rites of Holy Week.

As you look ahead to participating in the oftentimes complex liturgies of Holy Week, have you ever wondered about their origin, history, and meaning? On **Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8:00 PM** I am offering a presentation “*From the Holy Land to the Holy Week Liturgies*”. Through the diary of a pilgrim named Egeria we will hear a detailed description of the liturgies of Holy Week in Jerusalem in 380 AD. From this we will appreciate the ancient roots of so many features of the current liturgies of Holy Week in our Roman Rite. This presentation is suitable for all ages.

With today’s celebration of the Fifth Sunday of Lent we

enter into the final days of our preparation for Holy Week and the

Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Lord. Formerly *these days of the Fifth Week of Lent through next weekend’s Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord were called Passiontide* – a fitting name as we approach the solemn proclamation of the Passion of the Lord on Palm Sunday and the celebration of the Lord’s Passion in the Good Friday liturgy. During these days of Passiontide we hear proclaimed at Mass the entire (minus only a few verses) eighth chapter of Saint John’s Gospel. These passages reveal the growing tension between Jesus and the authorities. This conflict became so heated that in the Gospel for Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent (and which was formerly proclaimed on this Sunday) we hear that *the crowd “picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid and went out of the Temple area”* (John 8:59).

The *Roman Missal* – the large red book that contains the instructions and prayers for the priest for the celebration of Holy Mass – notes with regard to the Fifth Sunday of Lent that “the practice of *covering crosses and images throughout the church* from this Sunday may be observed.” *Covering the images of Jesus mirrors “the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, hiding Himself from the mob ready to kill Him . . . The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear”* (Dom Prosper Gueranger, 1805-1870). What is more – entering these last days of our preparation for our annual observance of the Lord’s saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection – the veiled images are *symbolic of that which we celebrate in the liturgy of Good Friday: Christ is taken from us by His death on Calvary*. It is only during the second part of the Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – namely, the Adoration of the Holy Cross – that the image of Christ crucified is unveiled. Finally, similar to other things from which we abstain in Lent, the veils serve to draw us deeper into the Paschal Mystery. For example, on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent we abstain from eating meat. Also, in the sacred liturgy of the Season of Lent we abstain from the joyous refrains of the *Gloria* (Glory to God) and the Alleluia. *With the veiling of the crosses and images we even abstain from seeing the image of Christ and the saints* – the saints being those who have allowed the image of Christ to shine brilliantly through their lives. This abstinence serves as a visual reminder that we are to unite all of our Lenten penances with Jesus who suffered death for the forgiveness of our sins thereby reconciling us with our heavenly Father. It is only at the Easter Vigil – during which we liturgically celebrate the Savior being restored to us through His Resurrection – that the images are unveiled.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Our Lady of Sorrows, 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, Mar. 19.....**St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 am †Dorothy Frandrup
By Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

Tues., Mar. 20.....

8:30 am Marcus Merta
By Joe & April Merta

Wed., Mar. 21.....

8:30 am Ben O'Malley
By Mike & Kristi O'Malley

Thurs., Mar. 22.....

8:30 am †Don Engel
By Friends & Family

Fri., Mar. 23.....**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:30 am †Lorraine Thom
By Jean Kremmer

Sat., Mar. 24.....

6:00 pm †Dave Bjork
By Jody Fink

Sun., Mar. 25.....**Palm Sunday**

9:30 am Pro Populo & Andy Campion
By Fabian & Traci Campion

Liturgical Roles

March 24th

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader Bob Maier
Ushers ... Randy Maier, Randy Huppert,
George Matzek, Tony Matzek
Cross Justin Maier
Candles Matt Maier, James Campion
Music Joanne Maier
Rosary Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

March 25th

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader Michael Gugala
Ushers/\$ Counters John Yunker,
Dan Huppert Jr., Pat Pechacek, Craig
Zuelke
Cross/Incense William Gugala
Candles Isaac Loe, Ben &
Daniel O'Malley
Rosary Toby & Janice Keller
Gift Bearer..... Mike O'Malley Family



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