



St. Mary's - Big River Catholic Church

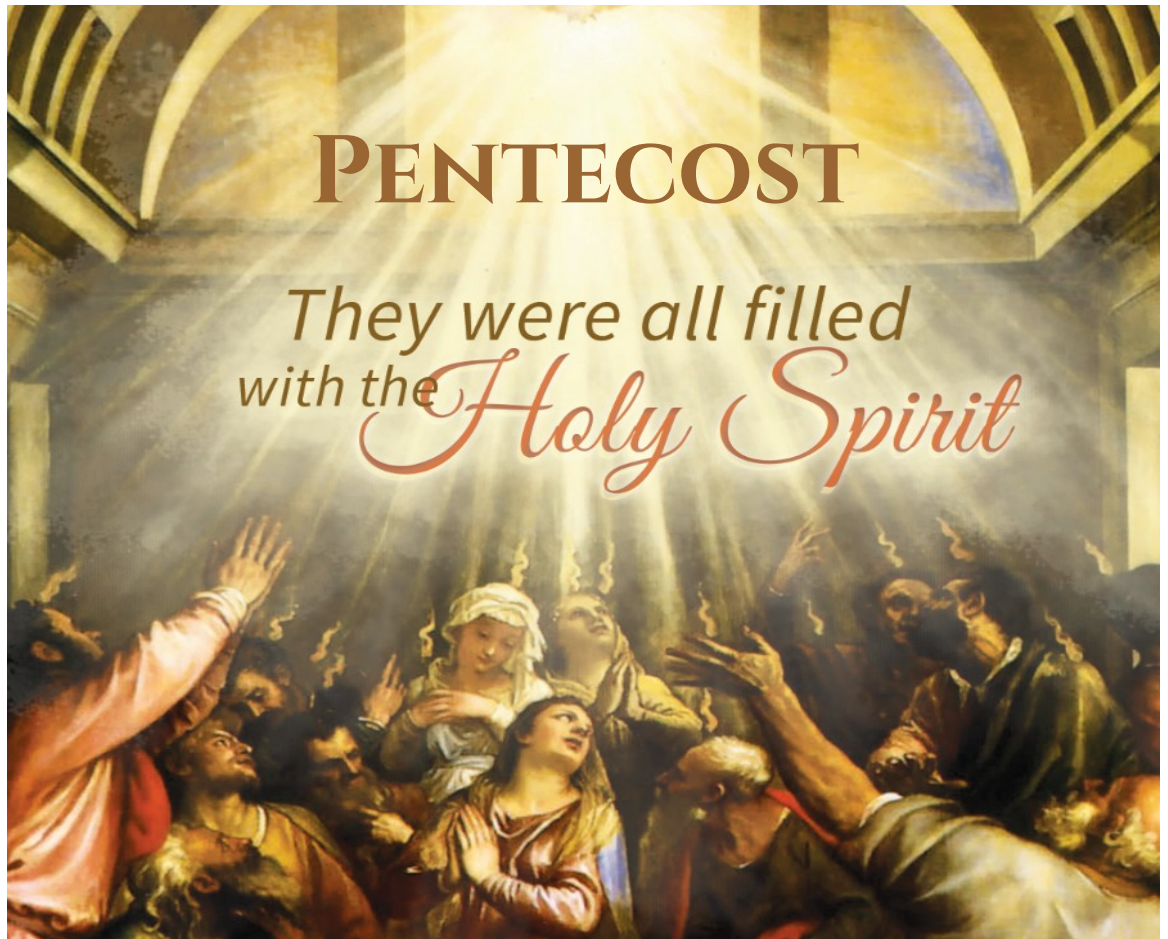
Pentecost

May 20th, 2018

*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming."
John 16:13*

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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River Falls, WI
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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



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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/>



Welcome to St. Mary's!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

This Week's News

This Week's Calendar

Monday - May 21

8:30 am Mass

Tuesday - May 22

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday - May 23

No Mass—Father is away

Thursday - May 24

No Mass—Father is away

6:30 pm MI Prayer Group

Friday - May 25

No Mass—Father is away

Saturday - May 26

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Holy Mass

Blessed Art is here

Sunday - May 27

8:30 am Confessions

9:30 am Holy Mass

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TODAY is Fellowship

Join us for a fellowship in honor of our 1st Communion students and High School Graduates.

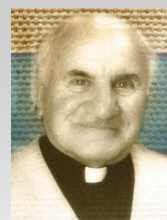
Fr. Louis Away

Father will be away from the parish Wed. 23rd to Fri. 25th. No Mass.

Looking for God

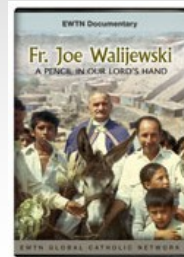
One of the greatest mistakes in history has been to go off looking for God in the extraordinary. God occasionally uses the extraordinary to get our attention, but since the beginning, his favorite place has been amid the very ordinary things of life. Dynamic Catholic 2017

A Saint Among Us



Please join us for the Mass celebrating the closing of the investigation of Father Joseph Walijewski's life and cause for sainthood on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the Mass live online at www.dioc.org/live. Please continue to keep the Cause in your prayers.

Look for this wonderful documentary DVD "A Pencil in our Lord's Hands" about Father Joseph Walijewski's life, which can be found from EWTN's Religious Catalogue. www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com or order by phone 1-800-854-6316



Pentecost Reflection



Today is Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter (counting both Easter Sunday and today). Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." As we hear in Holy Scripture, today is the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers, and with that Jesus' mission on earth was completed.

Jesus calls His followers and literally all of us to be missionaries. The Latin root word for "missionary" is derived from the original Greek word *apostolos*, which meant "one sent forth." Obviously, we get the word "apostle" from that as well. It is further defined as one who attempts to persuade or convert. It involves the "apostle" or "disciple" working outside of the community.

When Jesus spoke these words, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That includes each and every one of us. We, too, are sent. Many times we have reiterated that being sent means that we live out our Catholic faith in everything we do. That is the best way to evangelize, to let those around us know what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Christ and His disciple.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops made the following statement about what it means to evangelize: "Here, there are two elements of evangelization at work: 1. Witness, which is the simple living out of the faith; 2. Sharing, which is spreading the Good News of Jesus." Do we follow the admonitions given us by the Lord? Are we examples of what it means to be a Catholic and Christian? Do we truly share the Good News?

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**Congratulations to all our
St. Mary's - Big River
2018 High School Graduates!**

- James Anderson*
- Ozmond Boigenzahn*
- Kathryn Burmood*
- Michael Campion*
- Dalton Huppert*
- Rebecca Jacobs*
- Dylan Keller*
- Isaac Kemmerer*
- Mary Kolars*
- Caroline Loe*
- Katelyn Miller*
- Abby O'Malley*
- Nichole O'Malley*
- Doug McNamara*
- Daniel Pluth*
- John Regnier*
- Catherine Stewart*
- Audrey Zuelke*

Graduation Prayer

Dear God, those whom you called to do great things for you were often tested first. You did so, not to frustrate them, but to bring out what you saw as the best in them. Joseph was raised from slavery to royalty, and you gave him grace to forgive when he'd been wronged. Solomon was raised from prince to king, and you granted him wisdom to govern his people.

Jeremiah was raised from youth to prophet, and you gave him courage to proclaim your truth. Today begins a new chapter in the lives of these graduates. Give them the wisdom to make wise decisions, just as you gave your servants guidance in ages past.

Amen.

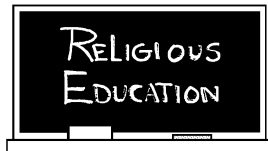
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Graduates - You are needed!!

Since you have graduated, we invite you to a more adult participation in the parish and liturgy. We would greatly appreciate you sharing your talent as a Reader, Cantor or Musician; your spirituality as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion or Catechist; your generosity as an Usher or Catechist Aide. Your gifts are greatly needed for our parish and your service will bring you many inner rewards. Please feel free to contact Fr. Louis or Deacon Dan for more information

Registration for Fall CCD

Registration forms are in the church entry. Please pick one up and return it to us as soon as possible so class size estimation and material ordering can take place. You may drop the completed registration form in the mail or the collection basket. Thank you.



Funding

The cost is about \$35 per year (which comes out to about \$1 per class session). This does not cover our expenses for snacks, copies, instruction materials and supplies.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the Religious Education Program it would be greatly appreciated!

The future of the Catholic Faith depends on how well we form our children in the Faith.

Volunteer Instructors and Helpers:

We are in need of Catechist Instructors and Aides. We could also use help with events, bulletin boards, etc. **Let us know if you are interested!**

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Adult Envelopes	1787.00
Youth Envelopes	5.75
Ascension	515.00
Friendship Fund	10.00
Improvement Fund	750.00
Madonna Plan	15.00
Bibles	80.00
Total.....	\$3531.75

Thank You!



A Message From Our Pastor

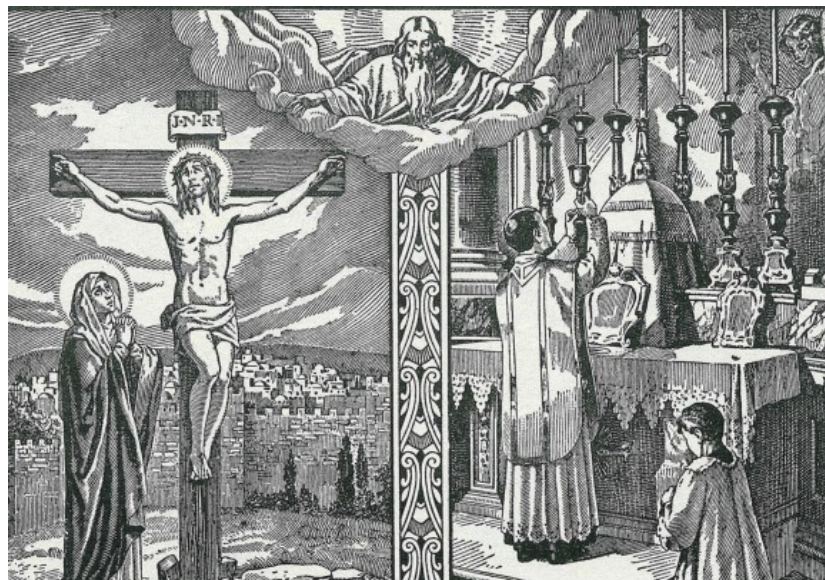
Over the previous three weeks we have been reviewing the great gift Christ has bestowed on the Church – the **Most Holy Eucharist**. The Mass “makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 280) and in the Holy Eucharist Jesus Christ “is present in a true, real and substantial

way, with His Body and His Blood, with His Soul and Divinity” (*Compendium*, 282).

With regard to the reception of Holy Communion in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite the **universal “default” norm is for the communicant to receive the Sacrament on the tongue while kneeling. However, in those places where the Bishops have obtained permission from the Holy See – a permission granted in 1977 for the dioceses of the United States – the communicant may receive the Sacrament in the hand, “the choice lying with the communicant”** (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal Third Typical Edition*, 161). Also, according to the 2010 “how-to” manual for the celebration of the Ordinary Form of the Mass for the Roman Rite “the norm established for the **Dioceses of the United States of America** is that Holy Communion is to be received

standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling (*Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Instruction On Certain Matters to be Observed or to be Avoided Regarding the Most Holy Eucharist Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 91). When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant **bows his or her head** before the Sacrament as a gesture of **reverence** and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal Third Typical Edition*, 160). The kneelers at the foot of the sanctuary at Saint Mary facilitate the reception of Holy Communion while kneeling for those communicants who desire this option.

These questions covered the nature of the Holy Eucharist and the manner of its reception. We now turn to the question about **who may receive Holy Communion at the Mass?** (1) With regard to one who is **Catholic**, “to receive Holy Communion one must be **fully incorporated into the Catholic Church** and be in the **state of grace**, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the Sacrament



of Reconciliation before going to Communion. Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a **spirit of recollection and prayer**, observance of the **fast** prescribed by the Church, and an **appropriate disposition of the body** (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 291). (2) With regard to our **fellow Christians**, “we **welcome** our fellow Christians to (the) celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in (the) Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us ‘that they may all be one’ (John 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those **churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion**” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion*).

“**Eucharist sharing in exceptional** circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the **directives of the diocesan Bishop and the provisions of Canon Law** (844 §4). Members of the **Orthodox Churches**, the **Assyrian Church of the East**, and the **Polish National Catholic Church** are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the *Code of Canon Law* does

not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these churches (844 §3)” (*Guidelines*). “Whether a Catholic or a fellow Christian, “all who are **not receiving Holy Communion** are encouraged to express in their hearts a **prayerful desire for unity** with the Lord Jesus and with one another” (*Guidelines*). (3) With regard to **non-Christians**, “we also **welcome** to (the) celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we **cannot admit them to Holy Communion**, we ask them to offer their **prayers for the peace and unity of the human family**” (*Guidelines*).

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 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, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:30 am Mass Anthony Keller

By Toby & Jan Keller

Tues., May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am Mass Carol LeClercq

By Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

Wed., May 23

No Mass

Thurs., May 24

No Mass

Fri., May 25 St. St. Bede

No Mass

Sat., May 26 St. Philip Neri

6:00 pm Matthew & Jesse Barstad

By Pat Bjork

Sun., May 27 Trinity Sunday

9:30 am Pro Populo

& Zachary Anderson

By Mark & Lori Anderson

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

Liturgical Roles

May 26th

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader Molly Orso
Ushers Randy Huppert, George Matzek, Tony Matzek, Peter Schommer
Cross Geoffrey Orso
Candles James Campion, John Paul Kolars
Music Joanne Maier
Rosary Melissa Blegen

May 27th

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader Shari Turvaville
Ushers/\$ Counters Shawn Dosdall, Pat Pechacek, John Yunker, Joe Merta
Cross/Incense Nathaniel & Marcus Merta
Candles Eli Books, Joseph O'Malley
Rosary Shawn & Angie Dosdall
Gift Bearer Shawn & Angie Dosdall

