

St. Aloysius Church

115 Madison St.
Sauk City, WI 53583

St. Mary Health of the Sick Church

231 Main St.
Merrimac, WI 53561

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:15 AM
Saturday: 8 AM and 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 10:30 AM
and 12:30 PM (Spanish. *Misa en español*)

ST. MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

St. Aloysius: 1 hour before Masses
and Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 PM

St. Mary: Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM
Sunday 9:00 - 9:15 AM
Thursday 5:00 - 6:45 PM

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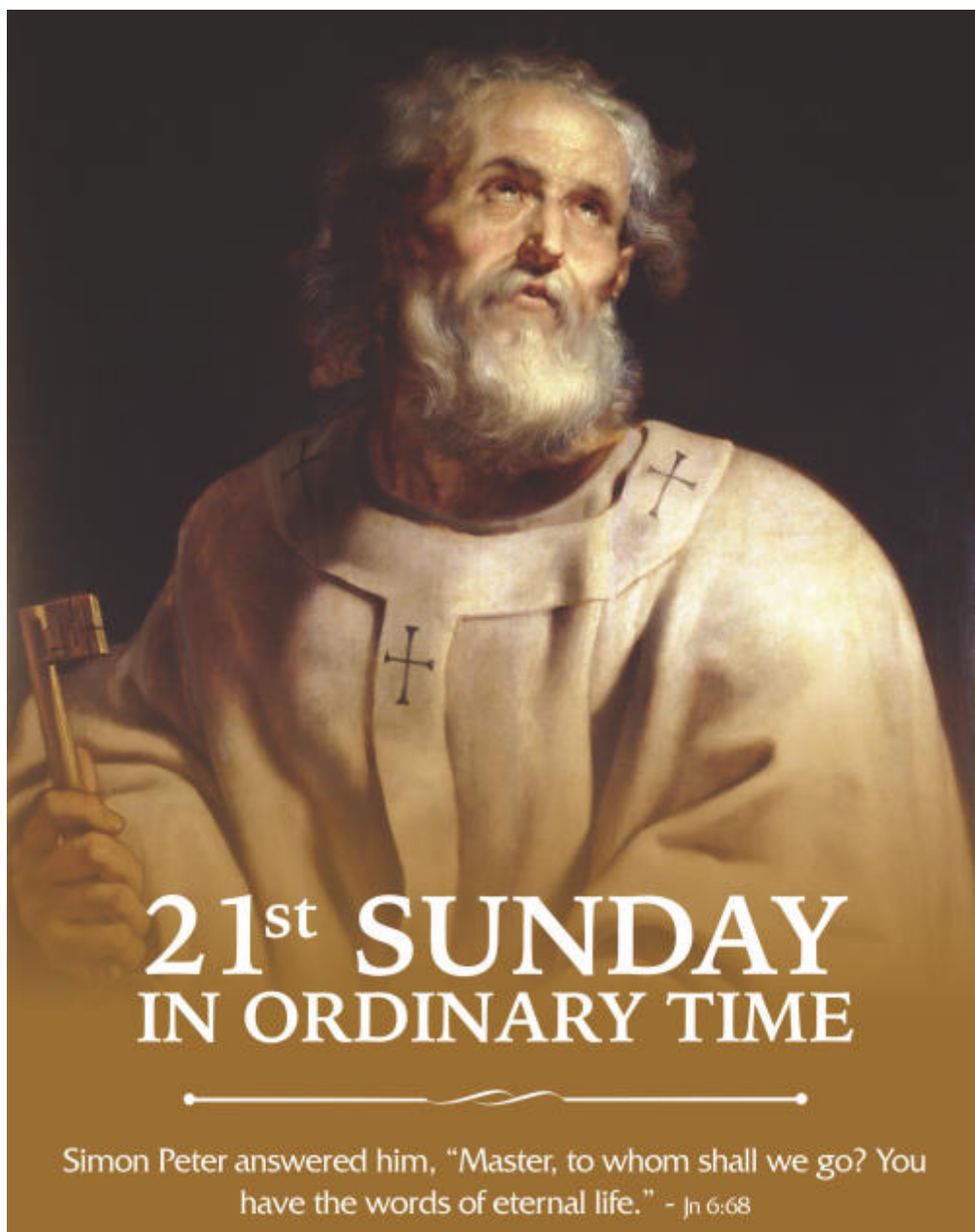
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

St. Aloysius Mass Intentions



Monday, August 23

- ◆ 8:15 AM † Donna Moran
(Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)

Tuesday, August 24

- ◆ 8:15 AM † Sylvia & Wilbert Laubmeier
(Family)

Wednesday, August 25

- ◆ 8:15 AM † Mary Gorius
(Nicole Muller)

Thursday, August 26

- ◆ 8:15 AM † William Miller & William Jr.
(Family)

Friday, August 27

- ◆ 8:15 AM † LaVern & Allene Welsch (Family)

Saturday, August 28

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention
◆ 4:30 PM † James Zajicek (Family)

Sunday, August 29

- ◆ 8:00 AM † James Edward McDonald
(Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
◆ 10:30 AM † Steven Wedwick
(Mike & Janet Wedwick)
◆ 12:30 Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la
Parroquia

St. Mary Health of the Sick Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 21

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special Intention
(Nancy Breunig)

Sunday, August 22

- ◆ 10:00 AM † Eileen Bauer
(Vern & Marie Weisensel)

Tuesday, August 24 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention for our God Children
(Al & Kris Koberstein)

Thursday, August 26

- ◆ 7:00 PM Special Intention for Dan & Shirley
Krejchik (John & Mardell Krejchik)

Dear Parishioners,

"To whom shall we go?" Our Lord's teachings may sometimes seem too difficult and countercultural in today's world, but they are the only ones that can give us true joy and peace. Only Our Lord's teachings can bring healing into our broken world.

I am sharing with you an article from Regis Martin published in the National Catholic Register about divorce.

God bless,

Fr. Miguel

There is a town in Bosnia-Herzegovina, I am told, which is part of the Balkan Peninsula, called Široki-Brijeg, where no one in living memory has ever been divorced. About 30,000 souls inhabit the place, nearly all of whom are Catholic.



How can this possibly be in a world where, even among professed Catholics, so many marriages fail? What is it that makes this town so different? Is it something in the water supply?

No, it is not. Nor is it the result of any sort of law forbidding couples to divorce. Because there are no such laws. People who marry in Široki-Brijeg have not been schooled by the State into seeing the union of man and woman as a life sentence. There is no penal code, in other words, in which the compliance of married couples is required. The exchange of vows at the altar is not to be confused with the ritual of the hangman placing a noose around the neck of a condemned prisoner. If there is to be any bending of the will, it will not be the result of anyone other than the couple themselves.

So, what is it that keeps these couples together? It is the fruit of a fixed attitude of free and complete submission to Jesus Christ, whose Cross unites at the deepest level every aspect of their lives. So that, for all the differences dividing them, they nevertheless remain deeply committed to a life of mutual self-giving love. In short, it is a life centered entirely upon Christ and his Cross, on which he freely chose to hang for the world's salvation.

And what does he say to us from his Cross? He says in effect: "I love you. And here is the proof that I really mean it: that I have chosen to die for you." There is an undeniable joy and peace awakened by the knowledge imparted by that Cross, of a life steeped in such sacrifice.

Can couples joined to Christ do less than try to imitate their crucified Master? What else does it mean to anneal

oneself to the sacred wood of that Cross? It means, as a practical matter, that one is constantly asked to die for the spouse one has chosen to live for. And when we fail, which we oftentimes do, we don't throw in the towel and walk resignedly away. Instead we soldier on for the sake of the one we love, someone for whom no sacrifice is too great. Every last splinter of wood from the Cross is to be gathered up, lovingly presented back to God for the one we've promised to care for.

Imagine the freedom this brings to couples, their lives blessedly untethered from a culture built upon lies. They no longer need to see things through the haze of Hollywood romance, the tinsel of unreal expectations — that whole Hallmark Greeting Card illusion that blinds so many couples, who would far rather feast on fantasy than fact when facing the prospect of marriage.

It is the realism, in other words, of knowing that no human relationship can equal human desire, since only God can finally satisfy the longings of the heart. But that through human love one is nevertheless granted a glimpse of God's own love, in which one is vouchsafed tantalizing glints of his own glory.

Isn't this, after all, how God typically shows his love for us? How else can the love of an infinite Deity reach the finite creature if not through signs of mediation? Through the prism of the sacramental life, especially when, as in Christian marriage, the couple themselves administer the sacrament. "Love cannot be a single moment," writes Karol Wojtyla in *The Jeweler's Shop*. "Man's eternity passes through it. That is why it is to be found in the dimension of God, because only he is eternity."

No one can live without love. But only if there is the recognition that to love another person in a world filled

with fallen and defective creatures, constant transfusions of forbearance and forgiveness are required. To try and bear the weight of your spouse's sin is simply not possible without the grace of God. But knowing he helps us carry that weight, indeed, shoulders most of it himself, becomes a source of profound solace and joy.

What is involved here, as the testimony of countless couples will tell you, is that the actual exchange of vows takes place while the couple are literally clinging to the Cross. Listening, moreover, with rapt attention to the priest, as he wraps their hands around the Cross, reminding each: "You have found your Cross! It is a Cross you must love and take with you every day of your lives. Know how to appreciate it!" And then, having kissed the Cross taken from the altar, the couple enthrone it in a place of honor in their home, secure in the knowledge that to abandon one or the other is to abandon Christ. It is he alone who can sustain — and sanctify — their marriage.

They are to go to the Cross whenever troubles arrive, kneeling before it to ask Jesus to help them carry it. And as a sure token of their appreciation, they are to give gifts to the one whom they have been enjoined by God to embrace before and upon that very Cross.

It is not an option, the couples of Široki-Brijeg are saying, to live like this. It is the only way to live. To live each day from the reality of an already deeply intimate participation in the life of Christ, allowing him to live now in us. Faith in Christ, therefore, which serves as a springboard for the promised fidelity to one another, is no longer an ideal to which one strives haplessly to conform; it is the very center from which they find themselves already living.

And, yes, there is much joy — and not a little laughter — amid a life shared in that Christ-centered way.

**Mobile
Meals**



**Coming up the weeks
of September 13 & 20**

We need a driver and a runner Monday through Friday of these 2 weeks. Pick up time is between 11:20 & 11:30 (at Sauk Prairie Hospital), and you will be back by 12:30. Thank you for your help!

Sign up sheet will be at the side lobby.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of August 15, 2021

Collections.....\$ 10,684.32

Needed for Budget.....\$ 8,846.15

Difference: \$ 1,838.17

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 56,715.48

Needed for Budget..\$ 61,923.05

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Drinks for the Heart
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"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass."
~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Young Adults Group: Join us for our next Encounter night at St. Aloysius in Sauk City

on Thursday, August 26th! We'll be having Eucharistic Adoration starting at 6 pm with confessions available, and Holy Mass following at 7 pm. Pray for good weather, we'll be having an outdoor bonfire with drinks and refreshments following Mass! See you there!

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Tuesday 2:00 pm - midnight

Wednesday midnight- 5:00 am, then 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

We are still looking for adorers for 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm on Wednesdays so we can open up some more hours.

Please, contact Laura Breunig, our Chapel Coordinator at (608) 963-2720 if you are interested.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

We invite you to register your children for Religious Education at St. Aloysius for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and begin on September 8th for all grades (Kindergarten through 8th grade, and 9th grade Confirmation). Please register online using our website: <https://www.divinemercy-parish.org/religious-education> or contact our Director of Religious Education, Karen Merline, at 608-516-8046 with any questions.


DIVINE MERCY
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Feast of St. Monica

Her journey covers the distance between life and death, despair and hope, tears and joy. And the vehicle for her travel was untiring, persevering prayer.

Saint Monica has been honored for generations as a special patroness of married women and an example for Christian motherhood.





ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK NEWS

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY

Please join Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners our weekly Family Faith Formation in St. Mary's Hall after the Sunday Mass. We typically have a movie for the little ones, so bring the whole family! All are invited and most welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND

Because of your generosity there are 7 Masses available in November and 5 in the December. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most efficacious prayer that we can offer for our living and deceased loved ones since it is the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. To reserve a Mass in August and beyond, contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608 742-3364 or calcab89@yahoo.com or simply put your request in the collection basket at the next Mass. Please include your telephone number in case there are questions. A special thank you goes to those who have already reserved a Mass for their intentions.

SCRIP PROGRAM AT ST. MARY'S

Thank you to those who have supported our parish by ordering Scrip cards in the past. If you haven't, why not give it a try? To order a card (s), just complete the order form (found on the bulletin board in back of church) and put it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass. We will have your cards available the following weekend. A percentage of the value of the cards you purchase will automatically be paid to Divine Mercy Parish by the vendors of the card(s). It is an easy and painless way to shop for groceries, gas, prescriptions and household goods and donate to Divine Mercy Parish at the same time. It is also convenient—no fumbling for cash or writing a check. Just swipe the card and your done. Your receipt from the vendor gives you the balance on the card. Try it—you'll like it!

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COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, August 21

- ◆ 4:00 - 4:30 PM Confession
- ◆ 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, August 22

- ◆ 9:30 - 9:45 AM Confession
- ◆ 10:00 - 11:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 26

- ◆ 5:00 - 6:45 PM Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions
- ◆ 7:00 - 8:00 PM Mass

St. Mary's Prayer Chain
(608) 493-2337

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

- 7:35 AM Rosary
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Faith Discussion with Father
- 9:00 AM Refreshments

MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S

GLEN. Please join us this Tuesday, August 24, 2021, for Mass at 8:00 am. If Mass needs to be cancelled due to Covid-19, an email will be sent to those who usually attend, or you can call 608-356-8113 with any questions. This week's Mass is being offered as a special intention for God Children of Al & Kris Koberstein.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ADORATION CHAPEL MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available in the Adoration Chapel during the School year. Please contact Peggy Kruchten at peggy.kruchten@shorelesslake.school or 608-844-3711 to request that your Mass intentions be put on the schedule. God bless and may you all have a wonderful and safe school year!





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