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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

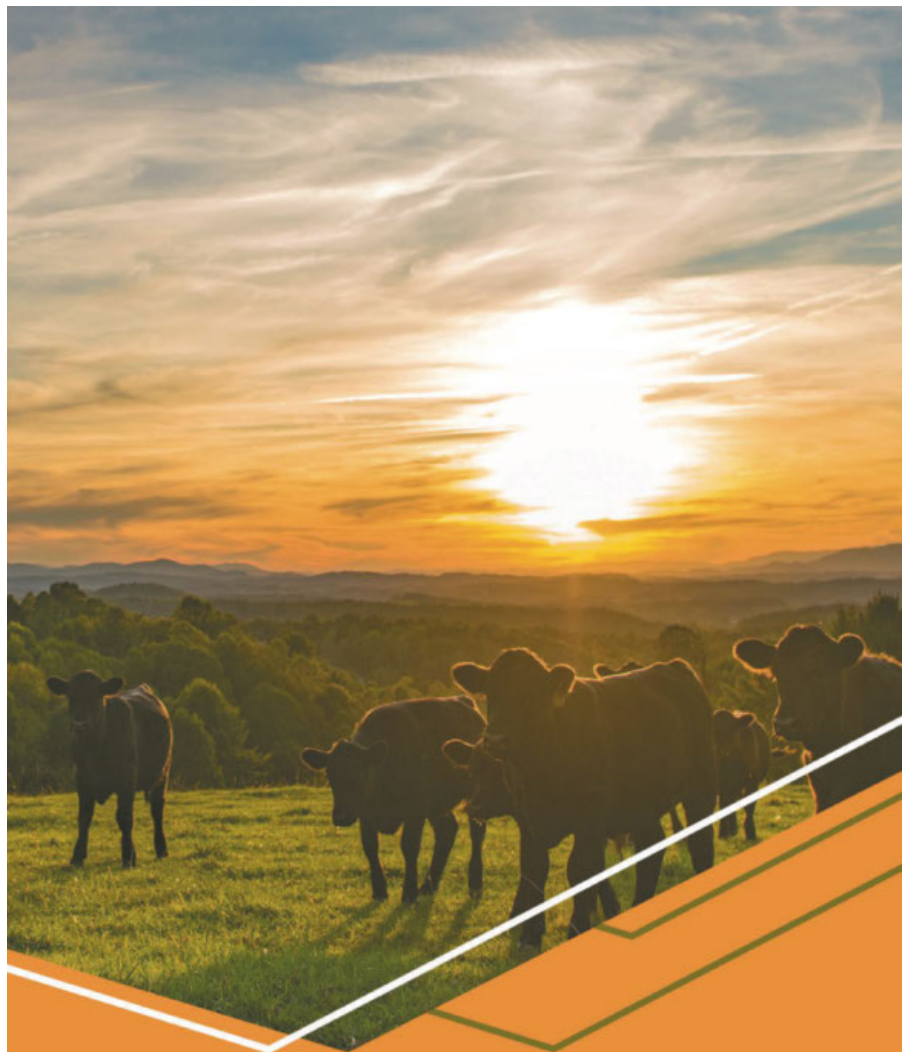
Pax Christi Adoration

Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 10:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a



We would like to welcome **Gary Butler** who recently joined the parish.



WorshipHymn Choir will practice at 6:00pm on Sunday, March 3rd.

Adult Choir will practice at 7:00pm, following the WorshipHymn choir practice

WorshipHymn and Adult Choirs are always looking for more singers in these groups. If anyone is interested in joining this music ministry, know that you are certainly welcome to attend the practices and go from there.



Be in control of your future and light the way for those you love. Join St. Croix

Hospice for a free education session on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's School Cafeteria. Our Lighthouse End-of-Life Planning Program can light the way for your loved ones to support your healthcare wishes when you are unable to speak for yourself. This program provides complimentary tools, information, and training to help you plan. Members of the Clinical Team will be available to answer questions about advanced care planning and hospice care. Please contact Lori Witberler at 715.591.1279 or Laurie Baiert at 715.591.1673 with any questions and to RSVP. Drop ins are welcome!

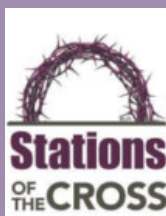
Week at a Glance

Wed., Mar. 6.....HSRE Gr 9 5:45pm

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◇ Wednesday Lenten Mass at 6:30pm.

◇ Friday morning Stations of the Cross during Lent, following 8:00am morning Mass.



Marian Messenger Lenten Parish Mission March 6th—8th, 7:00-8:00pm Three Nights with Our Lady of Guadalupe

Nightly Topics:

1. **Wednesday night:** "I am truly the ever-perfect Holy Virgin Mary.
2. **Thursday Night:** "Am I not here, I who have the honor to be your Mother?"
3. **Friday night:** "Do you need anything more?"



Fr. Tim Oudenhoven, pastor at St. Bernard Parish, Abbotsford and St. Louis Parish, Dorchester was ordained in 2010. Two years ago Fr. Oudenhoven completed his dissertation for a doctorate on Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. John Paul II. He will be presenting this 3-night parish mission here centering not only on his photography and knowledge of Guadalupe but also her call to us in our day. Mary is the first disciple of Jesus; she is the best of teachers to inspire us on how to live our faith these days.

**Wednesday night's talk will be preceded by Mass at 6:30pm.*

February 25, 2024

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online \$ 9,494.11

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Total for the week\$ 12,474.21

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Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couples who will be celebrating a special wedding anniversary in the month of March

Wayne & Jain Hemmrich 40yrs
 Timothy & Amanda Sulzer 10yrs

Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular we pray for **Jake Lozon.**



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
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The Pope's March Intention—For the new martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

February Birthday

Special birthday wishes go out to:

Joan Seubert 95
 Rita Stieber 94
 Harold Butalla 93
 Donald Riehle 93
 Marvin Blume 92

Happy Birthday!

St. Mary's Catholic Church Family Adoration with Benediction

When: Monday, March 18 at **6:30 PM**

Where: Nativity of the BVM Parish, Marathon, WI

Who: Families - Children of all ages

For more information or questions please e-mail Caitlin Lemmer at: caitlinborchardt@gmail.com.

Come be with the Lord and bring your family! Religious coloring sheets and books will be provided for use as needed for toddler age children.



Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

**Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.*

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Saturday mornings after the 8:00am Mass or anytime by request.


Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.
- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.
- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.
- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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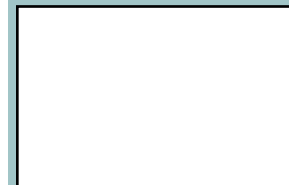
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