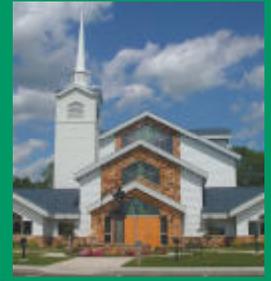




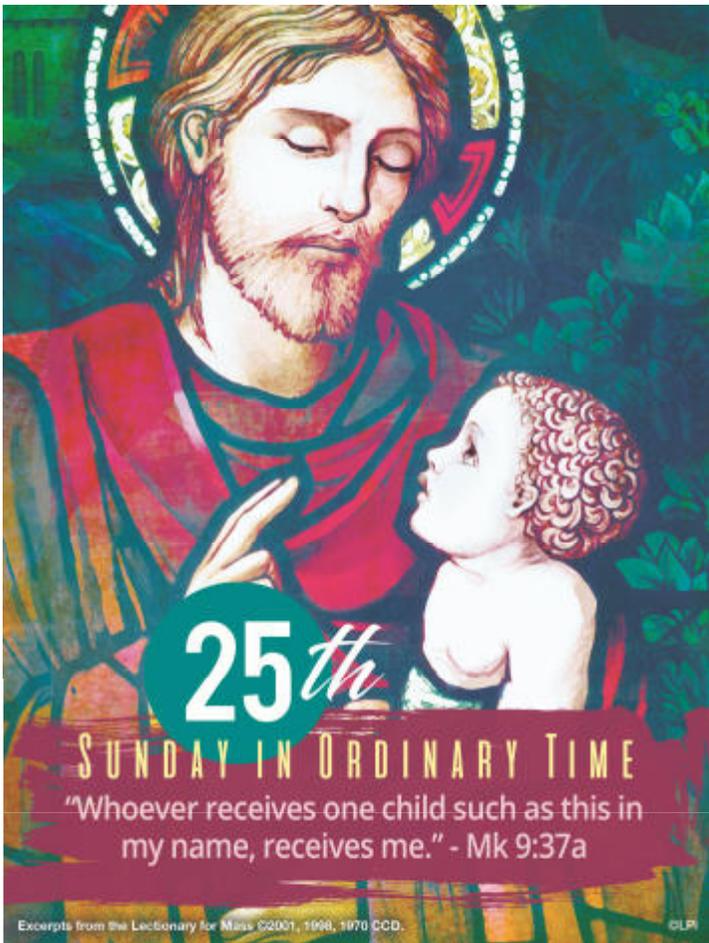
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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

September 18 through September 26			
Sat., Sept. 18	4:00p	SM	† Rich Wahl
	6:00p	SR	Priest Intention
Sun., Sept 19	8:30a	SR	Mary Gallick
	11:00a	SM	Priest Intention
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention
Mon., Sept. 20	No Mass		
Tue., Sept. 21	8:00a	SR	Virginia & Dick Helm
Wed., Sept. 22	5:30p	SM	† Rita Schmitt
Thu., Sept. 23	8:00a	SR	All residents of nursing homes, care facilities and their caregivers
Fri., Sept. 24	2:30p	SM	† Paul C. & Clara Bauer
Sat., Sept. 25	4:00p	SM	Priest Intention
	6:00p	SR	† Al Howe
Sun., Sept. 26	8:30a	SR	Priest Intention
	11:00a	SM	† Pauline Meyer
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday	7:00p-9:00p	SR
Saturday	10:00a-12:00p	SM

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION**

Tuesday	5:00p-9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00p-10:00p	SR

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## Reflections from Pastoral Ministry Director Jon Jones

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“Students don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” I heard this little nugget of wisdom many times as a public educator, and it couldn’t be more true.

Students are more interested in personal connection first before they are ever interested in learning something from someone they don’t know. They want to see that they really matter and that they can trust the one trying to lead them. If they are convinced of these two things, that they matter and that they can trust, I could ask them to do just about anything (like build a human tower 4 levels tall!) and they would give it their best shot. The joy we felt as a class when the connecting moments happened was like magic. Our hearts connected as we all leveled for a moment. There was joy, vulnerability, trust, and fellowship all rolled into one. In those moments we really became a community.

I recently heard a similar saying applied to parish ministry. “People want to come to Church to the degree the Church wants to come to them.” It may sound different, but it is very much the same principle.

People raised outside the Church come from a culture that mistrusts authority and that sees religious people as hypocritical or just plain ignorant. They need a reason to feel like the Church has anything to offer them. Many raised inside the Church experience the same lack of trust like the Church simply does not relate to today’s world. Just take the Church’s teaching on family for example—three-fourths of Catholics believe that the Church should allow the use of birth control, according to a Pew study in 2015, or in 2019 we learned that only one-third believe that the Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of our Lord. Many of us are wondering just how many Catholics will return to Mass after the pandemic.

How do we expect this to change except by the personal witness of people like you and me, regular, non-ordained, everyday people? The question for us as a parish is whether we are waiting for them to come to us, expecting them to humbly walk through our doors asking us for help, or are we going out to connect with them showing them that we care about their sufferings and that they can trust us with the message that we bring?

The Holy Father Pope Francis has said, “The Church is showing her maternal side, her motherly face, to a humanity that is wounded. She does not wait for the wounded to knock on her doors, she looks for them on the streets, she gathers them in, she embraces them, she takes care of them, she makes them feel loved.”

In our Catholic tradition we are blessed to have catechesis teaching us the breadth and practicality of our faith. We have the corporal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, and more. We also have spiritual works of mercy like praying for the sick, giving counsel, and others. All of these are concrete ways that we can connect with people personally and begin building relationships. As the laity we, too, have a calling to extend the ministry of our priest in caring for our wounded world. We are fortunate to already have an outlet at our parishes to mobilize us to do just that. It is our Pastoral Outreach ministry.

Pastoral Outreach is where disciples become apostles. We become apostles when we *reach out to those in need following our Lord’s example. When we engage in spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we join Christ in his ministry of healing our broken world. Pastoral Outreach leads our parishes’ care for the new, the disconnected, and the suffering. Whether that means reaching out to welcome those new to the community, taking communion to those unable to attend Holy Mass, or spending time with the grieving in prayer and support, we are going out to show that we care. We give others the chance to experience that love and a reason to say “I sought the Lord and he answered me” (Ps 34. 4). With our parishes serving over two-thirds of the healthcare facilities in the area in addition to our homebound parishioners, the opportunities abound to carry God’s love to those in need.*

Our parishes are looking for a new Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. What does a Pastoral Outreach Coordinator do? Coordinators are the ones who make things happen. They coordinate the efforts of others to work together in harmony and accomplish an amazing task. He/She equips and empowers parishioners to be God’s love for others through hands-on, practical deeds. This position is part-time for someone who engages with deep sensitivity the needs of the suffering as well as using their administrative and technological skills to organize and communicate. It is a role within the Pastoral Ministry department which seeks to walk with followers of Christ wherever they are on their own spiritual journey, accompanying them into a deeper, fuller experience of God’s love. Given the amount of pastoral need in our area, this position has potential for growth with the right candidate. Being a Coordinator-level position, those with spiritual gifts such as administration and service are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you want to show our community and parishioners unable to come to Church that we care for them, then join our Pastoral Ministry team by sending applications to Jon Jones at [JJones@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:JJones@SMSRCatholic.com).

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#### **St. Mary's Stewardship: Last Week**

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Adults ..... \$2,538.00

Offertory (Plate)..... \$307.00

**Total Envelope and Plate..... \$2,845.00**

*Thank you!*

## Registration Open for Faith Formation Programs

Below you'll find information and registration for faith formation programs at our parishes! You'll notice that just about everything that we do is family-based in some way. Our goal is to empower parents to be the primary catechists of their children, all while giving you just a few more "moments" to spend together as family.

### **REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON-LINE BY VISITING STMARYS-ALTOONA.COM OR STRAYMOND.US**

#### **Family Formation (K-5th + parents)**

- Once a month, engaging faith formation classes for the whole family!
  - Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's (in English)
  - Sunday mornings at St. Raymond's (in English)
  - Sunday afternoons at St. Mary's (in Spanish)
- Adult-level class to help parents learn more about faith and connect with other parents
- Home lessons, catechetical resources, and ongoing support for the weeks in between
- Includes Mass, family social time (meal or snacks), and childcare.

#### **First Confession & Communion Prep (usually 2nd grade)**

- Occurs at the same time as Family Formation classes
- Special retreats for parents and children to attend together throughout the year
- Additional home lessons and sacramental prep activities for the weeks in between
- First Confession in January; First Communion in May

#### **Edge Middle School (6-8th + parents)**

- Occurs at the same time as Family Formation Classes
- Once a month, hands-on workshop for parents and middle schoolers to attend together!
- Learn to navigate hard questions and objections to the Catholic faith
- Parents grow in their own faith while also strengthening the relationship with their child
- Includes Mass, snacks, activities, teaching, parent-child discussion, and prayer

#### **Confirmation Prep (two-year prep process, usually receiving Confirmation in 10th grade)**

- Once a month Wed. gatherings-some with parents or sponsors, others for teens
- Focused spiritual retreats, reconciliation services, and projects throughout the process
- Opportunities for community and connection with Catholic mentors and other teens
- Receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Callahan in May

P.S. Do you have a child between 3-4 years old? After a long hiatus, I am so pleased to be able to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) to a limited number of children this year. CGS is a unique, Montessori form of catechesis that invites young children to experience and contemplate God by listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd. CGS will meet Thursday mornings throughout the school year at St. Mary's, while parents (and younger siblings) are welcome to stay and meet or socialize together outside of the atrium. To ensure enough space and individual care for the children participating, there are only a very small number of spots available. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Jacqueline directly at 715-855-1294 x106 or [JVanHemert@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:JVanHemert@SMSRCatholic.com).

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## St. Mary & St. Raymond Parish News

### An Evening of Intercession: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Our next Evening of Intercession will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 7:30-8:30pm at St. Mary Parish in the Church, and Tuesday, Sept. 28 7:30-8:30pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort in the Church. Please RSVP to JJones@SMSCatholic.com if you plan to come.



St. Mary's Night at Cancun - Wed, Sept. 22 from 5pm-8pm.



### 40th Annual Rural Life Day - Wed. Sept. 22 at 10am - Carla Kostka & Barry & Jeannie Kostka Castle Rock Organic Farms - S12360 Young Road, Osseo, Wisconsin - MEMBERS OF St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish - Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop William Patrick Callahan.

We gather to... Praise God for providing an abundant food source to sustain our lives. Appreciate and celebrate the farmer in our midst who are good stewards of these resources. Educate and demonstrate the connection we have with agriculture in our daily lives.



**St. Raymond's PCCW News:** The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) membership is made up of all women of the parish. The next meeting will be Thurs., Nov. 11th. Those who receive paper envelopes for giving will have one envelope for annual PCCW dues. The suggested dues donation is \$10. Please note that Automatic Clearing House (ACH) deposits will not include PCCW dues. Please put your dues donation in an envelope marked PCCW dues if you do not receive an envelope.



### Job Opportunity - St. Mary's Faith Formation Coordinator:

This is a part-time position, with average of 10 hours per week. Position overview is to coordinate, organize, and execute the administrative details of all parish faith formation programs. Applicants can send résumé and cover letter expressing interest and experience to JVanHemert@SMSCatholic.com (Subject Line: Faith Formation Coordinator).

**Volunteers needed - St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus Trinity Council** is looking for Fish Fry Volunteers for Friday, September 24, 2021. Volunteers must wear a mask and will receive a free meal. Sign up available on-line at [StRaymond.us](http://StRaymond.us)



**Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club:** On Monday, September 20th, we will begin our new year with a welcome back lunch from 11:45 to 1:15 at River Prairie Park in Altoona (Large pavilion near the pond) Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Sanitizer, bottled water, napkins, plates and dessert will be provided. We will eat at noon, have a short meeting, followed by door prizes. All Catholic women of the Eau Claire area are invited to join us. We meet Monday's six times from September to May, gathering to share our faith, food and fellowship. Our funds are used to support Catholic schools and other local charities in need. Questions, call Judi Teske (715-835-6861).

## Save the Date!

**Sept. 20** Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Welcome Back Lunch - River Prairie Park in Altoona, WI 11:45am-1:15pm.

**Sept. 22** Rural Life Day Celebration - Castle Rock Organic Farm in Osseo, WI 10am Mass.

**Sept. 22** St. Mary's Night at Cancun 5pm-8pm.

**Sept. 22** Evening of Intercession - St. Mary's Parish 7:30pm-8:30pm.

**Sept. 24** KOC Fish Fry, Variety Show & PCCW Bake Sale - St. Raymond's Parish 4pm-7pm.

**Sept. 25** Family Fun Night - St. Raymond's Parish 7pm-10pm

**Sept. 26** Chicken Dinner & Fall Fest Finale - St. Mary's Parish 11:30am-3pm.

**Sept. 28** Evening of Intercession - St. Raymond's Parish 7:30pm-8:30pm

**Oct. 1** Friday Fish Fry - St. Olaf Parish Eau Claire, WI.

**Oct. 2** March for Life Wisconsin - Wisconsin State Capital in Madison, WI Noon-3pm.

**Oct. 2 & 3** KOC Lifesaver Drive - St. Raymond's Parish after weekend Masses.

**Oct. 16** La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Shareshop - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI.

**Oct. 18** Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI 6pm Mass.

**Nov. 11** PCCW Meeting - St. Raymond's Parish 6pm

**Nov. 18** KOC Blood Drive - St. Raymond's Noon-6pm.

**St. Mary's Fall FESTivities Finale**

**Sunday, Sept. 26th - 11:30am-3pm**

**Fall Fest Finale**

11:30am-2:30pm Chicken Dinner

11:30am-3pm Silent Auction, Country Store & Cake Walk

3pm Raffle Drawings & Silent Auction Final Closing

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**Friday, September 24, 2021**

**Family Fun Night**

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