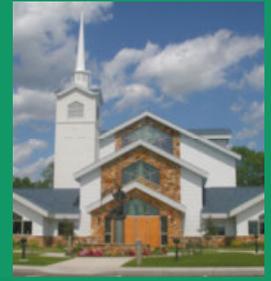




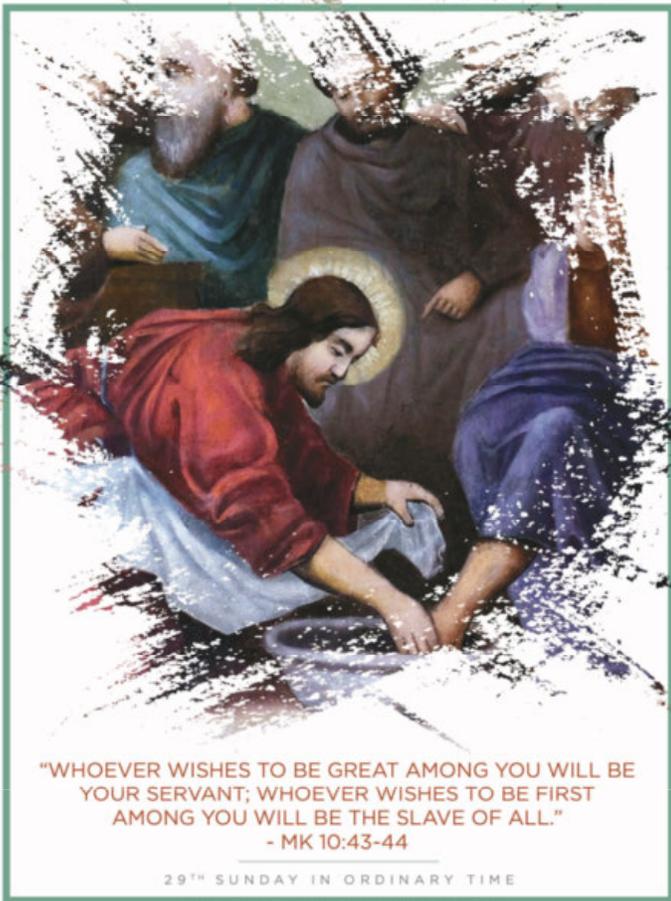
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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>October 16 through October 24</b>			
Sat., Oct. 16	4:00p SM	† Gary L. Soley	
	6:00p SR	† Harry Ramseier	
Sun., Oct. 17	8:30a SR	Jon & Carrie Jones & Family	
	11:00a SM	† Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bohl	
(Misa en español)	1:00p SM	Priest Intention	
Mon., Oct. 18	No Mass		
Tue., Oct. 19	9:00a SR	† Steve & Rick Fish	
Wed., Oct. 20	5:30p SM	† Dominika Potemski	
Thu., Oct. 21	8:00a SR	† Henry Truog	
Fri., Oct. 22	2:30p SM	† Ron Dunagan	
Sat., Oct. 23	4:00p SM	† John Onsanger	
	6:00p SR	† Lorraine Kamrowski	
Sun., Oct. 24	8:30a SR	Pete & Lisa Melrose	
	11:00a SM	† Virginia Polenz	
(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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Sunday	noon-3p	SM
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## Reflections from Jon Jones, Director of Pastoral Ministry

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Pope Francis has said that “our era is a *kairos of mercy*”.

This is a bold statement because of the word *kairos*. *Kairos* is a Greek word which means “time”. However, there is some problem with translating it, because this particular word does not exist in English. It is a term pregnant with profound meaning that cannot be conveyed in a simple translation. *Chronos* is the Greek word corresponding to the standard English word “time”. It is chronological: linear, cause-and-effect, and sequential. This is not *kairos*. We must try phrases like “appointed time” or “fulfillment of time” or “season”. To use the word “*kairos*” by the Holy Father is to invoke a very Christian belief there are two kinds of time: there is our time, and there is God’s “time”.

We find this term in the Scriptures when we read St. Paul describing the Father’s ultimate plan “for the fullness of time to unite all things in [Christ], things in Heaven and things on Earth” (Eph 1.10). In God’s infinite wisdom, in His providential care, there will come a moment when all things will be united under Christ. That moment will be so perfect and unprecedented that, if it were to happen at some other moment, it would not be as beautiful. So, when Pope Francis says that we are living in a “*kairos of mercy*”, what does He mean?

We could say that for us to be living in a *kairos of mercy*, we must first be living in a *kairos of pain and suffering*. Never have we been so aware of the magnitude of suffering in the world. From starvation to religious persecution, from the refugee crisis in the Middle East to our own isolation and political polarization, we know we are living in the midst of tremendous suffering.

Mercy, then, is encountering our fear and suffering and the people who cause it. It is communal, passing from one person to another; it cannot be given or shared with things. Mercy creates the possibility for reconciliation. By looking beyond the surface of differences it patiently seeks to make a true connection, heart to heart. It works closely with empathy. When I listen to someone and allow myself to be truly present with them in their pain, regardless of my own opinions and judgments, I am able to leave myself behind to enter into their world and share their pain. And this is love.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once wrote the definition of love is “an exodus out of oneself”. Referencing Israel’s great Exodus itself, this leaving behind the Egypt of bondage is the beginning of our life with God. Union with my Heavenly Father must begin with leaving myself behind, opening up to a new life in Christ. I do not run and hide from it, but must courageously face forward following wherever He leads me.

In St. Luke’s account of the transfiguration, the Evangelist adds a curious detail that gives a unique insight. Sts. Mark and Matthew both tell us that Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus, but only St. Luke (ch. 9) tells us what they were talking about: “his departure”, or, in Greek Jesus’ “*exodus*”. *The crucifixion, the ultimate act of mercy, is described as Jesus’ “exodus”. Jesus’ entire life was an exodus, a continual pouring out of himself as an offering to do the Father’s will. The crucifixion manifests the full reality always present in everything Jesus said and did. It shows outwardly what Jesus carried inwardly for us.*

I have to ask myself, can this be said of me, and you, as well? Are we a people of mercy? St. Paul exhorts us to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal 6.2). In other words, be merciful to one another. When someone speaks, thinks, or acts differently than me, or has caused me pain, I am called to be merciful with them. When other do not follow traditions or customs as I do, I am called to give them the benefit of the doubt. That does not mean I ignore my own pain and suffering. We must be honest with ourselves and vulnerable with one another when we are hurt. We must also always treat one another with charity. Elsewhere Pope Francis has said that “the Church chooses the medicine of mercy rather than the weapons of rigor”. Are we bearing one another’s burdens and looking over our pain and differences with love?

Jesus tells us to “love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 13.34). It is a command without an expiration date. Without reservation, I must relinquish my need for control. This means I trust that God is working among His people right here, right now, reconciling us in Christ. In the fullness of time, the Church shows unprecedented mercy for her children. That time is now.

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*Thank you!*

## Job Opportunities

### Job Opportunity - Pastoral Outreach Coordinator for St. Mary's & St. Raymond's:



This is a part-time position, usually 8-10 hours per week. Position Overview is to provide structure, resources, and vision necessary for activating parishioners as channels of God's love through hands-on, practical deeds of compassion to those in need or suffering. Interested candidates should send a résumé and cover letter describing interest and experience with Pastoral Outreach to Jon Jones, Director of Pastoral Ministry, at JJones@SMSRCatholic.com. Please include in the subject line *Pastoral Outreach*.

*Do you have a knack for dotting "i"s and crossing "t"s? Do you love meeting parents and their little (or not-so-little) ones? Are you a disciple of Jesus looking for a place to serve Him with your professional gifts?* The St. Mary's Faith Formation Coordinator role is a flexible, part-time position that usually works remotely, except when on-site to host our dynamic family events. You'll receive meaningful ministry training, ongoing spiritual formation, and personal growth, all while collaborating creatively with the Faith Formation & Evangelization team as we help families grow strong in faith, with Jesus, and with each other! Be part of a team that's making a significant difference in the Church and in the lives of each individual we encounter. If that sounds like you or someone you know, contact Jacqueline Van Hemert at JVanHemert@SMSRCatholic.com to learn more!



### Job Opportunity - Communication Coordinator for St. Mary's & St. Raymond's -

Transforming Lives by Communicating Truth: St. Mary's and St. Raymond's Parishes are currently seeking candidates for a part-time Communication Coordinator. This position serves an important role by keeping everyone well-informed of parish events and helps foster a culture of evangelization and accompaniment. Interested candidates should send a résumé and cover letter describing your interest in and experience with communication, journalism, and/or marketing to Jon Jones, Director of Pastoral Ministry, at JJones@SMSRCatholic.com. Please include the subject line "Application: Communication Coordinator."

What does a Communication Coordinator do? Coordinators are the ones who make things happen. They coordinate the efforts of others to work in harmony, similar to the way a conductor coordinates a symphony. This position is for a part-time Communication Coordinator who receives joy at organizing, communicating, and coordinating a group effort to accomplish a complex, Kingdom task. It particularly needs someone who enjoys inspiring others to follow Christ by sharing their faith and information that will help others reach their fullest spiritual potential. He/She equips and empowers parishioners to be God's love for others through sharing truth and God's work among our parish. 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. Communication and organization are key for keeping up in an ever-changing environment. Drawing on a network of volunteers, delegation is key for seeing communication disseminated in the most effective way possible. Being a Coordinator-level position, those with spiritual gifts such as administration, evangelization, and teaching are strongly encouraged to apply.

## St. Mary's & St. Raymond's Parish News

On Monday, October 18th, the Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club will host a Spiritual Evening at Wildridge Golf. Social starts at 5:00pm, dinner 5:30pm. Our featured speaker will be Tina Morning presenting: *Why Female Friendships Are Important*. Cost for the evening is \$22.00 which includes dinner, dessert, coffee and water. Checks payable to : Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club



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Please bring non-perishable food item for the St. Francis Food Pantry.

Bring a friend and join us for a spiritual evening!

## Save the Date!

- Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI 6pm Mass.
- Oct. 18 Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Spiritual Evening at Wildridge Golf - 5pm
- Oct. 19 St. Raymond's Mass moved to 9am - Open to the Public
- Oct. 23 Men of the Cross Conference - Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI 8:30am
- Oct. 26 St. Raymond's Mass moved to 9am - Open to the Public
- Nov. 3 Family Formation (K-5) and Middle School (6-8) Edge - St. Mary's - Mass at 5:30pm, Meal at 6pm and Classes from 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Nov. 7 Family Formation (K-5) and Middle School (6-8) Edge - St. Raymond's - Classes from 9:45am-11:15am
- Nov. 7 Newcomers Dinner - St. Mary's 6pm-8pm
- Nov. 8 St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Noon-6pm
- Nov. 9 SM & SR Pastoral Council Meeting
- Nov. 10 Confirmation Prep Youth Night - St. Mary's 6:30pm-8pm
- Nov. 11 PCCW Meeting - St. Raymond's Parish 6pm
- Nov. 17 Confirmation Prep Retreat for 9th Graders (1st year Confirmation) - St. Raymond's Parish 5pm-9pm.
- Nov. 30 St. Raymond's Mass moved to 9am - Open to the Public
- Dec. 7 St. Raymond's Mass moved to 9am - Open to the Public



## St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Monday, November 8 - Noon-6pm

**Eau Claire Eucharistic Adoration:** It is a great gift to spend time praying in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. For a number of years the Eau Claire Deanery had the Benedictine Adoration Chapel in the St. Patrick's school building. That moved to Mondays at Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish when the school building became unavailable. At this time, we would like to survey the parishioners of the Eau Claire Deanery to gauge the desire for Eucharistic Adoration so that opportunities are available. If you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, or are interested in doing so, please take the time to fill out the survey found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3G6QT2> by November 1st, 2021. Thank you! Fr. Dan Oudenhoven and Ann Werner



# ***ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



## **August 2021 Family of the Month**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Counsel of St. Mary's would like to announce that Matthew (Matt) and Bridget Chilson and their 2 sons Cole and Tanner have been named as Family of the Month for August 2021.**

Matt and Bridgit have been married for 18 years in October. They have been members of St Mary's since 2010. Matt has been a Knight for about 7 years and is an active 4th degree Knights of Columbus member. He has held the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Secretary over the years. He and his family help out at many different Knights events including Social Sunday, Special Olympics dinner cooking, and providing the chicken for the fall festivals. Matt has also served on the Pastoral Council, is on the St. Mary's Corporate Board and the Leadership Council. He and his sons are also regular ushers and 11:00 Mass.

Bridgit works at St. Mary's School. She is a paraprofessional and reading tutor at the school. She has been working there for 6 years. She helps with recess duty, substitutes in the classroom and tutors' students in reading. She has helped out with the Scrip program for many years and has been very active in the fall festival planning/helping run the events. She is also involved in decorating the church.

As a family they are active supporters of Apple Pregnancy crisis center, Our Lady of Fatima school in India and through the family business, Chilson Motors, financial support is provided to many different community organizations including Feed My People.

**The Knights thank the entire Chilson family for their great service to our parish and community and their example of Catholic Faith. May God bless them!**

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