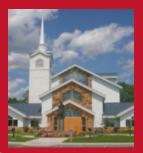


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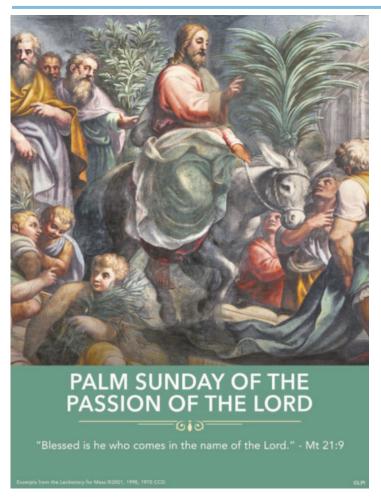


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | April 2nd, 2023



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday, A	pril 1 st						
	† David Fein Sr.	(SM)					
	Priest Intention	(SR)					
Sunday, Ap	ril 2 nd						
8:30am	† Marilyn Lee	(SR)					
11:00am	† Elizabeth Nyberg	(SM)					
	SM & SR Parishioners	(SM)					
(Misa en españ	(ol)						
Monday, Ap	oril $3^{ m rd}$ ——— No Mass	S ———					
Tuesday, Ap		4					
	-No Mass-	(SR)					
Wednesday, April 5 th							
	† Phyllis Gosnell	(SM)					
Thursday, A	April 6 th (Holy Thursday)					
	† Ronald Fisher	(SM)					
Friday, Apr	il ^{7th} (Good Friday)						
3:00pm	—Liturgy—	(SM)					
Saturday, A	pril 8th (Holy Saturday)						
	Angela Adkins	(SM)					
	ril 9 th (Easter Sunday)	` ′					
	† Marjorie Willer	(SR)					
	Alicia Ricciardi	(SM)					
	SM & SR Parishioners	(SM)					
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary St. Raymond
Saturday: 10:00am-12:00pm Thursday: 7:00pm-9:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary St. Raymond
Tuesday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday 5:00pm-10:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary St. Raymond
Sunday Noon-3pm Tues/Thurs 9am-Noon*
Wed-Fri 9am-Noon*
*or by appointment

Update from Finance, Building & Grounds



As I am writing this Fiat, I am monitoring the piles of snow and ice outside and trying to guess when they will be totally melted. Maybe I should have started a 50-50 raffle and sold chances to guess when the last snowball melted in the St. Mary parking lot or the St. Mary School playground. You may wonder why I am pondering the snow melting. St. Mary is hosting the Triduum this year and I would like to have all of the parking spaces in the lot available for use. These days the sun is very powerful along with the reflection on the blacktop. We just need some sunny days. Hopefully by the time you read this it will all be gone!

I am including a summary of our finances through February 28, 2023. Both parishes are financially stable. St. Mary parish was blessed to be included in an estate distribution this year. I believe Fr Sakowski men-

tioned this might have been the first family who included St. Mary in their will since he became pastor. It was nice to be remembered.

St. Raymond's financial statement includes the large concrete project on the north end. As noted, there wasn't a budget for this capital item, but all of the money was earned in prior years. If you deduct that expense from net actual income we currently show a profit of \$33,576.

St. Mary is also carrying a profit instead of the projected budgeted loss. Both parishes gains are attributed to the positions that have been vacant. We currently have only one left to fill, that being the receptionist/secretary position for both parishes. If you know someone with office skills who is looking, please send them our way.

St. Raymond just finished the God's Hands Capital Campaign. The only project left on this Campaign is the storage shed. We currently have \$126,095.82 to spend on this project. We have been waiting for lumber prices to go down. We may incorporate an activity area with this project. Stay tuned.

Fr. Sakowski just shared the Inspired by the Spirit numbers with you so I will wait a few months to update those totals.

Recently, we have seen an increase in retirees taking advantage of donating their Required Distribution from their IRA, or other deferred retirement account directly to St. Mary or St. Raymond parish.

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) are minimum amounts that IRA and retirement plan account owners generally must withdraw annually starting with the year they reach age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after Dec. 31, 2022).

The parishioner requests their account distribution be made out to St. Mary or St. Raymond Parish. By doing so, the distribution is no longer taxable income to them. This practice benefits both the recipient and the tax paying donator. If you have any questions on how to set this up contact me anytime.

As I come to the end of this article I am checking the weather forecast and it looks like spring weather is on it's way. Someone mentioned 60 degrees for Easter. Who knows? Keep melting snow!

Bonnie Firkus Director of Finance, Building and Grounds

Chippewa Falls Knights of Columbus Smelt Feed

The Chippewa Falls Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual all you can eat Smelt Feed open to the public, on **Thurs April 27th**, at the Chippewa KC Hall 236 Pumphouse Road in Chippewa Falls. We will be serving a delicious meal of deep fried smelt, cole slaw, baked beans and homemade bread with refreshments for \$12.00 at the door. All who attend will be eligible for Cash drawing prizes. 1st is 1-\$300.00 cash prize, 2nd is 2-\$100.00 cash prizes 3rd is 3-\$50.00 cash prizes and 4th is 4-\$25.00 cash prizes. We will be holding several raffles throughout the evening. Smelt Feed starts at 4:30pm until 7:30pm. For questions please call Tim at (715) 271-4737

Committee Members Needed

The St. Raymond Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is seeking a few women to be on a short term committee to plan the next women's social. The committee would decide the date and format of the social and be supported by the PCCW core members. One core member has already volunteered to coordinate child care during the social. The PCCW core group is very small and is committed to supporting a yearly women's social event, but needs other women to help make this happen. Contact Mary King at kingmarter@gmail.com or call 715-878-9472 if you would like to be part of this team.

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Estate Planning

There are many ways to financially invest in our communities. Would you prayerfully consider treating one of the parishes as one of your children in your will or estate planning? For more information contact Bonnie Firkus: bfirkus@smsrcatholic.com.

From the Diocese of La Crosse and from your Pastor

Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race

The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.



Thank You! Stewardship Totals Last Week Thank You!						
	St. Mary		St. Raymond			
Adults:	\$9,514.00		\$1,986.00			
Offertory (Plate):	\$ 978.75		\$ 352.30			
Total:	\$10,492.75		\$2,338.30			
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Upcoming Events

Apr. 3 KC Meeting 6pm - St. Raymond

Apr. 4 No 8am Mass - St. Raymond

Apr. 4 Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9am - St. Mary

Apr. 4 Chrism Mass 10:30am - La Crosse

Apr. 5 Family Faith Formation Topic: God, The Father 6pm - St. Mary Apr. 6 Cancelled 8am Mass,

Adoration and Confessions - St. Raymond

Apr. 6 Triduum - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm Adoration 8pm-Midnight

- St. Mary
Apr. 7 Triduum - Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy

3pm - St. Mary

Apr. 8 Confessions 10am-Noon
- St. Mary

Apr. 8 Triduum - Vigil of the
Resurrection of the Lord 9pm - St. Mary

Apr. 9 Triduum - Resurrection of the Lord - Regular Mass times and locations

Apr. 10 KC Blood Drive 12-6pm - St. Raymond

Apr. 11 Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9am - St. Mary

Apr. 12 Parish Ensemble 6:30pm - St. Raymond

Apr. 13 Coffee Community 8:45am - St. Raymond

Apr. 13 PCCW Meeting 6pm - St. Raymond

Apr. 15 & 16 Anniversary Blessings at Masses

Apr. 16 Hospitality Sunday Divine Mercy Sundaes 9:30am - St. Raymond



Get notifications about Mass changes, event updates, ministry launches and so much more!



Do you have an upcoming ministry event or upcoming news that needs promotion?



Fill out the Communication Request Form or call the parish office to request publication for all SMSR Catholic Platforms.

Guided While Guiding

Please join us as we learn, practice, and grow in discipleship of Christ. Our 'Guided While Guiding' series will work through selected programs from Franciscan University of Steubenville's Catechetical Institute. Our Parish will be offering various topics throughout the year in sessions ranging from 6 to 8 weeks long. You are encouraged to join up with any/all of the sessions offered throughout the year. As this program is a guided workshop through online materials, even if you have conflicts for one or two sessions, you can still grow deeper in faith as part of this community. If interested, please contact Michael Van Hemert at mvanhemert@smsrcatholic.com with any questions or simply show up to the first scheduled session. Please bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone-whatever device you are most comfortable doing some light typing on--to each session.

Tuesdays St. Mary Parish 6-7:30pm 6 weeks 3/28-5/2

St. Raymond KC Blood Drive

The St. Raymond Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 10th in the St. Raymond Parish Hall from 12-6pm. Your donation of life saving blood is urgently needed. You can sign up for a time, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting RedCrossBlood.org and entering Fall Creek. Please be generous.

Pastoral Outreach Meeting

We will be having a short 45 minute meeting on Sunday, April 16th after the 8:30am mass @ St. Raymond in the parish hall, and after the 11am Mass @ St. Mary in the library. We ask that all current volunteer ministers delivering Holy Communion to the homebound attend one of these meetings for a quick update, short discussion, and some quick paperwork. Please check your email for a specific message on this topic. If you are not a current volunteer minister in this program, are you a fellow Catholic with a caring, compassionate heart? Do you give of yourself trying to brighten someone's day? Do you have an hour or two available each month? Do you feel the call to help others? The Pastoral Outreach program is looking for more volunteers to help visit and deliver Holy Communion to the homebound. Currently, St. Mary and St. Raymond have about 20 volunteers who minister to roughly 110 neighbors and friends who are in need. Nearly all of these folks are visited at least twice per month, some weekly. Volunteering just 1-3 hours per month can make a huge difference in someone's quality of life and mental well being. And, you will quickly feel just how satisfying and heartwarming it is to share of the love of Christ with those in need! You do not need to currently be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to join this ministry. If you want to learn more, you are invited to attend one of the meetings on Sunday, April 16th. Or you can feel free to contact Mark Burmesch at PastoralOutreach@SMSRCatholic.com or call, and leave a voice message at 715-855-1294 ext 6512.

SMSRCatholic Current Job Posting

Administrative & Pastoral Coordinator: A Full-Time position that provides administrative support to our parish staff and provides welcoming and pastoral care to parishioners and guests. In addition, the position will coordinate our pastoral outreach program, helping to reach those in our community that are homebound and in care facilities.



St. Mary Financial Report

Income		Actual thru Feb 28 2023		Budget thru Feb 28, 2023	
	Adult Envelopes	\$	260,737	\$	279,700
	Youth Envelopes		10		200
	Offertory plate	\$	39,875	\$	26,000
	Fall Fest (Net)	\$	8,109	\$ \$	14,000
*	Contributions Income	\$	16,313	\$	8,600
****	Scrip (Net)	\$	(282)	\$ \$	2,100
	Rental	\$	145	\$	100
	Family Faith Formation	\$	10,699		18,900
	Sale of Goods	\$	170	\$	-
	Diocesan Appeal Rebates	\$	585	\$	1,000
**	Miscellaneous Income	\$	51,647	\$	50,720
	Interest	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	2,779	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,200
	Income Total	\$	390,788	\$	404,520
	Expense				
***	Salaries & Wages	\$	106,073	\$	132,752
	Taxes, Benefits & Insurance	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	23,189	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	27,428
	Ministry Expense	\$	26,716	\$	24,318
	Administrative Expense	\$	8,945	\$	7,880
	Operations & Maintenance Expense	\$	67,345	\$	61,962
	Diocesan Assessment	\$	3,765	\$	3,450
	Regis Catholic Schools Subsidy	\$	147,685	\$	147,685
	Expense Total	\$	383,718	\$	405,475
	Net Gain/Loss	\$	7,070	\$	(955)

Bank Accounts Thru March 23, 2023						
Main Checkbook	\$	74,326.76	Savings	\$	182,221.66	
Works of Charity	\$	13,431.87				
Scrip	\$	19,825.49	School Tuition Restricted	\$	57,592.44	
Scrip Inventory	\$	25,288.34	St. Mary Endowment	\$	1,197,003.32	

- * Contribution income includes candles, memorials, special donations
- ** Misc. income includes building and use agreement with the school, scrip profit, Amazon smile
- *** Salary expense was down this year due to several vacant positions. This will carry thru to 2022-23 as we are looking for a Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Our new Director started March 27, 2023.
- **** Twice a year scrip % \$,s are sent to Regis. This is negative because some of the credits sent to Regis were from 2021-22 fiscal year income for scrip.

Lay Formation Institute

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2023. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information and application form at diol.org/lay-formation or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diol.org or call 608.791.0161.





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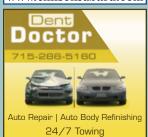
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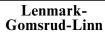
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