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ST. MARY & ST. RAYMOND

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1st		
4:00pm	† David Fein Sr.	(SM)
6:00pm	Priest Intention	(SR)
Sunday, April 2nd		
8:30am	† Marilyn Lee	(SR)
11:00am	† Elizabeth Nyberg	(SM)
1:00pm	SM & SR Parishioners	(SM)
<i>(Misa en español)</i>		
Monday, April 3rd ——— No Mass ———		
Tuesday, April 4th		
8:00am	—No Mass—	(SR)
Wednesday, April 5th		
5:30pm	† Phyllis Gosnell	(SM)
Thursday, April 6th (Holy Thursday)		
7:00pm	† Ronald Fisher	(SM)
Friday, April 7th (Good Friday)		
3:00pm	—Liturgy—	(SM)
Saturday, April 8th (Holy Saturday)		
9:00pm	Angela Adkins	(SM)
Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday)		
8:30am	† Marjorie Willer	(SR)
11:00am	Alicia Ricciardi	(SM)
1:00pm	SM & SR Parishioners	(SM)
<i>(Misa en español)</i>		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 mentioned 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 donor. 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.



TRIDUUM 2023
April 6th-8th at St. Mary



HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 6TH - 7PM
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7TH - 3PM
Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH - 9PM
Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9TH
Resurrection of the Lord
Regular Mass times and locations

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*

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@SMSCatholic.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.

Join our Flocknote Group!

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



Communication Request Form

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.





St. Mary Financial Report

3/24/2023

	Actual thru Feb 28 2023	Budget thru Feb 28, 2023
Income		
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			
<i>Thru March 23, 2023</i>			
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 diolc.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@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.





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