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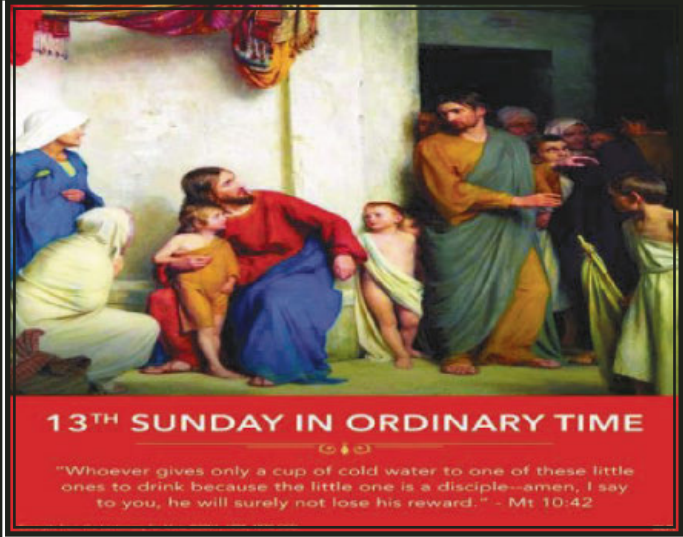
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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE
St. Joseph, Amery

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Confession Saturdays 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Also by appointment.

Our Lady of the Lakes, Balsam Lake

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
 Confession Sundays 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
 Also by appointment.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 6:00 p.m.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

St. Joseph Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Faith Community of St. Joseph Church in Amery, Wisconsin declare our parish mission is to know God, to love Him and to serve Him in this world. We pursue this mission by celebrating the Eucharist and sharing our faith, love, time, talents, and treasures with our families, our communities and the world.

Our Lady of the Lakes Mission Statement

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Lakes in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin is a people of multiple ethnic and cultural traditions called to instill the teachings and love of Jesus Christ through proclamation of the Gospel, celebration of the sacraments, and by our works and actions in our parish community, and our civic community.

Diocese of Superior Mission Statement

The Catholic Diocese of Superior is a people of diverse ethnic and cultural traditions called in unity by the love of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service in Northern Wisconsin and throughout the world.

Sacraments Baptism

Call SJ (715)268-7717 or OLL (715)405-2253 for information on a baptism. A baptismal class for parents is required for a first child to receive this sacrament.

Reconciliation/Confessions

St. Joseph: Sat. 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

OLL: Sundays 7:45-8:15 a.m. or by appointment.

Marriage

Preparation is required at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Please call the church as soon as possible after engagement for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, sick, or homebound and would like to receive Communion or anointing, please call the parish.

Due to patient privacy laws, hospital visits can only occur if the patient or family requests one.

Finance Class at Amery Congregational

Church starting 7pm Tuesday July 18, July 25, August 1, resuming August 15th, 22 and 29. If you know anyone who may benefit from a basic financial planning class-please invite them. All are welcome! We will have child care available with advance notice of the need. The material's cost \$20, some scholarships are available. Please call the office to speak to Pastor Dana to register. 715-268-7390

Missionary Sister to Speak at our Parishes July 22 & 23

The Mission Cooperation Plan brings missionary societies into our diocese to personally help our parishioners to be more mission-minded and to appeal for their support. This year, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Burundi have been assigned to our parishes. Sr. Domitille Ndayisenga will be here the weekend of July 22 and 23. Fr. Harris



*Happy
50th
Anniversary*

Congratulations to JoAnn & Dennis Sabelko celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week. God bless your marriage.



St. Joseph: Ann Ailts, McKenzie Alexander, Ann Amundson, Bobbie Anderson, Rae Carol Anderson, Bill Bailey II, Dawn Bembenek, Julaine Berglund, Deb Bolter, Sue Bowman, David Butler, Gail Clark, Bob Deglman, Angela DeLapp, Mike Dougherty, Laurie Evans, Patsy Fittipaldi, Robert Fredrick, Ed Greshner, Karen Hampton, June Hendricks, Melissa Holland, Roz Holt, Penny Iwaszko, Jackie and Adam Jackson, Gerald John, Darlene Kearns, Bob Lawrence, Brook Lawrence, Bob Jack Linehan, Mary Losness, Theresa Majchrzak, Dave Maus, Joe Meyer, Brian Moll, Logan Mott, Sandra & Edward Nihiser, Alex Olson, Sandy Olufson, Virginia Phaneuf, Stan Proden, Lynn Ream, Deb Robole, JoAnne Sabelko, Rita Blu Sondreal, Pierce Steen, Levi Stephens, Ryan Thomas, Logan Traynor, MaryAnn Wells, Jackie Wenzel, Rachel White, Sandy White, and our military service members.

Our Lady: Lee Alexander, Dora & Tony Ammann, Nona Bader, Mark Becker, Brandon Bielmeier, Jeff Bowers, Ken Dado, Pat Davis, Joyce DeMatthew, Elaine Donnay, Tom Dowd, Cynthia Dunn, Mary Jo Ewing, Roger Graetz, Nancy Harr, Ken Jensen, Jeremiah Johnson, Joel Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Chris Joshu, Olive Klatt, Kyle McElroy, Jim Manke, Sara Markert, Ardis Miller, Michael Mulvaney, Celeste Ruebl, LuAnn Russo, Mike Shraufnagel, Jeanette Simon, Deb Strom, Bob Thompson, Jean Thompson, Ray Tourville, Robert Tourville, Charlie and Marion Turner, Nadine Vanderhoof, Stephanie Wiencke, Cher Wirth-Thompson, Dean Yourchuck, Becky Zahler, and our military service members.

Our Lady of the Lakes 20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

Our Lady of the Lakes Church was dedicated on Saturday, June 28, 2003. God bless the faith, good works of Our Lake of the Lakes and all the people that worked to hard to make it happen. Fr. Harris

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Saint Joseph**

Saturday, July 1 at 4:00 p.m.

+Merlin Fox by Nanette Fox

Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.

+Marlene Grasser by Kim Grasser

Tuesday, July 4

Parish closed for 4th of July

Wednesday July 5 at 9:00 a.m.

+Our Cluster Churches

Friday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m.

+Moe Family by Gary & Cindy Morton

Saturday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m.

+Erika & Armin Birken By Jennifer Lefler

Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m.

+Marlene Grasser by Kim Grasser

Parts of the Catholic Mass Explained

The opening prayer is the moment in which the priest invites the community to pray. At the beginning of the prayer, the priest says: "Let us pray" and extends his hands as a sign of appeal. This is a time to gather us all in silence and ask the Lord to help us. At the end of the prayer, all join what the priest asked, responding together: Amen! As the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them," (Mt. 18:19-20). The opening prayer unites us with the universal Church, reminding us that in every corner of the world in which Mass is said, our brothers and sisters in Christ will be doing the same thing. (Adapted from Juan Jose Paniagua Best Of Catholic-Link.org) Fr. Harris

Parts of the Catholic Mass Explained

will resume after July 9 & July 16, 2023 I will be on vacation these two week-ends and will resume on July 23. Thanks for your feedback. Fr. Jerry Harris

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Our Lady of the Lakes**

Saturday, July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage by Dwain & Mary Kasel

Sunday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

+Leonard, Irene & Allen Horejsi
by The Valek Family

Tuesday, July 4

Parish closed for 4th of July

Thursday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m.

+Walter Wienke by Berneita Wienke

Saturday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

+Van Dusartz Family by Peter Van Dusartz, Jr.

Sunday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m.

+Don Harder by Kathy Harder

**New Permanent Hymnals Donations
They have been delivered!**

The new permanent hymnals called GATHER 4 with scripture readings beginning the first Sunday of Advent have arrived. We will begin using them the First Sunday of Advent.

You can still donate a new music book in the following ways: by donating a hymnal "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone or simply donate money. We have had a great response to this endeavor. Thank you!

The cost of the Pew Edition with Sunday and Holy Day Readings is \$25 each

The cost of the Choir Edition is \$35 each, the Keyboard Looseleaf edition is \$175 each. Donations forms are at each church. Fr. Harris



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Father Jerrys First Anniversary with St. Joseph's and Our Lake of the Lakes

It is hard to believe that I have been here at the parishes for a year. You have greeted me warmly and I sincerely appreciate this kindness. I still have two more years until full retirement. We have lots more ministry to do together. May we continue to feel God's blessings. Fr. Harris

Prayer for Independence Day (July 4)

As we prepare to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence this July 4th, let us take a few moments for silence and appreciation for all we have in our lives, and for those who came before us who fought so that we may live in an independent country. God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we and liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to -find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

June 24 & 25 2023	Our Lady	St. Joseph
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Visitors /Youth /Loose	\$592.00	\$633.59
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CSA Goal	\$40,158	\$43,627

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

St Joseph Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

We have started planning for the upcoming Faith Formation year. We are looking for volunteers to help support the youth programs! Please prayerfully consider how you can help in the coming year! If you are able to help in any way, contact Crystal in the church office (715) 268-3161.

Current opportunities include:

- Catechists on Sunday mornings for 4K, First Reconciliation Prep, & First Eucharist Prep
- Catechists on Wednesday evenings for grades 9 & 10
- Classroom Aides for all grades
- Substitute Catechists
- Wednesday Meal Leader/Organizer
- Wednesday Meal Server
- Christmas Program Leader

Need Gravel?

Saint Joseph has extra rocks from our parking lot resurface. This is free for the taking. The gravel is located on the west side of the garage next to St. Joseph's Church. Help yourself.



From the pastor....

Jesus said, "Whomever does not take up his cross and follow in my steps is not fit to be my disciple." Matthew 10:38

A scene in the film **American Anthem** shows a young man who can't accept the fact that he lost a leg in an accident. He draws the blinds of his room, lets nobody in, and passes his time in darkness, listening to music. Contrast this scene with another scene reported by Robert Bruce. Walking along a crowded street, Bruce heard someone singing joyfully. When he located the source, he couldn't believe his eyes. It was a legless man, pushing himself along in a wheelchair. One person's rejection of a cross brought sadness; the other's acceptance of it brought joy.

What is one cross in my life that I am finding hard to accept?

"I thank God for my handicaps for through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God."

HELEN KELLER
(Vision 2000, Mark Link S.J.)



Garage Sale volunteers

taking a morning coffee break during the set up in the hall sale rooms .

Stained-Glass Windows at Our Lady

After twenty years, one of the bulbs that backlight the stained-glass windows burned out. For uniformity, all the bulbs were changed following Mass. Thanks to the volunteers for your efforts!



FEED MY NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY



During the months of April and May the food pantry fed 690 people, distributed 1250+ lbs. of food to 292 households. Serving folks of all ages, who are extremely appreciative.

The majority of our food is purchased through the St. Croix Valley Food Bank, and rescue food is retrieved from Balsam Lake Brewery, St. Croix Food Pantry, Walmart, Wayne's Foods Plus and other sources. In an effort to keep food out of the landfill, spoiled food is composted or provided to local farmers for their animals, i.e. chickens and hogs, when appropriate. Funds for the pantry are mostly provided by the local community and grants have been applied for as well. If you would like to make a monetary donation or have any questions about the pantry please direct them to Our Lady of the Lakes office.

Food items that are always needed:

Ramen noodles, canned fruit, canned ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, canned soup, canned chicken, spam, paper towels and toilet paper.

Fr. Harris on Vacation

I will be on vacation July 3 through July 18. Fr. Aaron Devett will be filling in for all Masses and funerals during my absence. Fr. Aaron is familiar to most of you since he filled in several years ago. He is excited to be coming back here.

Fr. Harris

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