

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2009

### Pastoral Council

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August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	8AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	8AM	Tom Gats +
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	8AM	
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	8AM	Margaret Dodge +
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	8AM	Bud Nate +
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	8AM	
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	8 PM	Bridget Gunther +
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	9 AM	John, Marion & Pat Gerhardt +

\*Sanctuary Lamp – For the Health of Ray Bush by Elizabeth Hall

**\*\*Remember to stop at the Rectory to schedule masses for your loved ones.\*\***

**There is a serious shortage in Mass Intentions!**

**Mission Sunday Appeal – August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Reverend Frederick Njoroge will be here from Kenya. **There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the missions.** Please be generous.

**September 12 & 13** St. Pat's Fall Festival, Mauston. See flyer on church bulletin board.

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** Father Valentine invites you to celebrate with him his Silver Jubilee as a Priest. Join him for a Thanksgiving Mass followed by a luncheon in the Church Basement. Monsignor Gilles, Vicar General of the Diocese of LaCrosse will be the main celebrant.

**Action Alert** – Please take a few minutes to send messages to your two U.S. Senators and your Representative in the U.S. House, to urge them to oppose any federal "health care reform" that does not explicitly exclude abortion. Go to the National Right to life web site at [www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home](http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home) or call Senators at 202-224-3121 Representatives at 202-225-3121

Father Valentine will lead a Pilgrimage scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> to Holy Hill in southeast Wisconsin. More details will be announced later. (see the Holy Hill info in the back of the church) If you are interested in making the pilgrimage, a signup sheet will be in the back of the church.

Families or groups of parishioners are still needed to sign up for one day of the year to clean the church. Cleaning can be done on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. If each family could donate one cleaning, you would be obligated less than once per year. **Please sign up to volunteer so we don't have to hire a cleaning person.**

### House of Wisdom

Today's first reading is a beautiful and figurative passage from the book of proverbs collected in 500 years span from the lives of the people who lived before Christ. Wisdom means the way of life that gives real fulfillment to human persons. All the creatures except human persons live in their own rhythm of life. They have no freedom and capacity to choose and live their life. Only human persons have choices. We are the music makers and dreamers of dreams. Hundreds of choices are before us. Only the experiences make us to choose a life that is profound and meaningful. Today's first reading is the collection of experience. It compares wisdom to a beautiful house built on seven pillars. Seven pillars signify the learning that gives the mastery of life. The learning from the life experience is nothing but the hand of God in our lives. God is active in our lives and he invites us to the fullness of life. If we do not understand this reality, our life would be a waste.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives a warning: "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons, but as wise ones, making the most of the opportunity". His message is simple: Learn the directions of the Holy Spirit that lead us to praise and thank God for the life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Our gospel today gives us the concrete way for attaining the wisdom of life: Participate in the Eucharist that leads you to eternal life. Eternal life means the totality of life that we live in the present. We embrace the totality of life in celebration of Eucharist. If we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we attain a union with God which is eternal. Then, our life in the world becomes a life that surpasses all fears of uncertainty and doubts; we live a life of totality and what we hope in the future is given in the present. Fr. G. Valentine Joseph

### St. Mary Parish-Wide Garage Sale, Brat Sale & Fall Raffle

**Date:** Saturday September 5, 2009

**Time:** 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Place:** St. Mary Church Parking Lot

Items may be dropped off at the church parking lot: Thursday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6PM -8PM and Friday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9AM -1PM. People will be there to receive the items. There will be no other time to drop off donated items. All items left after the sale will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul or Goodwill.

**Brats & soda will be available for sale 10AM-1PM**  
(Brats & soda are being donated by a Parish family)

**The Fall Raffle will be for a hog** which has been donated by a Parish family. **There will be 2 prizes of ½ hog each.** Processing of the hog will be the winner's responsibility. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each and will be available in the back of the church or by contacting Jeanette Conway. We ask all parishioners to pick up some tickets to sell or buy themselves. **The drawing will be held at 1PM on September 5<sup>th</sup>.** You need not be present to win.

**All proceeds from all of these events will go toward the heating bill /upcoming maintenance projects.**  
Volunteers will be welcome. Call Jeanette Crowley for any questions or to volunteer.

**Looking Ahead:** This year, CCD classes will be held on Wednesday Evenings. Registration will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Classes will start September 16<sup>th</sup> with a Mass for students and their parents at 7PM.

Thank you to all who helped with the renovations of the church steps and those who came the last day to finish up. The project is complete and the results are wonderful. The total project cost was \$1,258.67.

### Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 PM

Lectors: Barb Rogge

Servers: Anthony Bermeo

Ushers: Merlin Marshall, Dean Walsh, Dennis Franek

Gift Bearers: Leo & Jeanette Crowley

Musician: Kelly Guyse

### Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM

Lectors: Sheri Guyse, Beverly Tourangeau

Servers: Ashley & Kaitlin Asdigan

Ushers: Ron Finnegan, Patrick & Tom Guyse

Gift Bearers: gene & Betty Delmore

**EMC: Body of Christ:** Sheri Guyse

**Blood of Christ:** Beverly Tourangeau

Kim Bethausser

Musician: Carol Ryzcek