

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father G. Valentine Joseph

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21st Sunday
In Ordinary Time

August 23rd, 2009

Pastoral Council

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Lizzie Mitchell

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Kim Bethausser-Chair

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Karen Patton

Penny Arens

August 24 th	Monday	8AM	NO MASS
August 25 th	Tuesday	8AM	Shelly Coughlin - Health
August 26 th	Wednesday	8AM	
August 27 th	Thursday	8AM	Margaret Dodge +
August 28 st	Friday	8AM	Francisca Mijares +
August 29 th	Saturday	8AM	Bud Nate +
August 29 th	Saturday	8 PM	Joseph & Carrie Rollette +
August 30 th	Sunday	9 AM	Florence Drea +

*Sanctuary Lamp –

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

There is a serious shortage in Mass Intentions!

08/28 The parish office will be closed but will be open 08/29 8:30 AM – 11AM
August 29th & 30th Fr. Valentine will be gone for Mission Preaching and Fr. Logan will be here for weekend masses.

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

Sunday, September 20th 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 **Pot Luck Dinner** in the Church Basement. Monsignor Gilles, Vicar General of the Diocese of LaCrosse will be the main celebrant.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE OF LACROSSE: Keep Abortion out of

Health Care – Contact your U.S. Representative and Wisconsin's two U.S.

Senators urging them to oppose any health care reform measure that does not explicitly exclude abortion. The offices of Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold can be reached by calling 1-202-224-3121. You can reach your U.S.

Representative's office by calling 1-202-225-3121. Simply give your zip code to the operator and you will be put through to the correct office.

Father Valentine will lead a Pilgrimage scheduled for October 12th 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 sign-up 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.**

Whom do you serve?

The question 'Whom do you serve' could be a meaningless one in this culture of consumerism. 'I am a free person and I do not serve anybody' – This would be an answer by the people who find this question irrelevant. But, if we go deeper into our hearts, we cannot deny the reality that we are serving some people or some things that seem to be the force of gravity in life. We serve either our family or nation or culture or particular ideology or interest. Human life becomes meaningless if it is not reaching out to the realities greater than itself.

In today's first reading Joshua affirms the fact that he and his household serve the Lord, even though the whole nation serves the realities other than God. In his time, many Israel people served the gods of wealth, pleasure and earthly glory and forgot their roots, the faith in God who has delivered them from the slavery of Egypt. The challenge of Joshua continues even today: Whom do we serve?

The same challenge is given by Jesus in different words in the gospel of today. After hearing the strong words of Jesus regarding Eucharist, many people go away from Jesus. People wanted Jesus to serve their gods of pleasure and wealth. But, Jesus wanted them to serve God. Peter responds to Jesus positively and tells him: 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'.

We have so many priorities in life. For some people, family is the priority in life. For some people, nation or culture or one's own comforts becomes priority. There is nothing wrong in having such priorities. But all should lead us to God who is the ultimate concern in life. All things have to be done in view of serving God. For example, for most of us family becomes priority. But, all of our family concerns should lead us to our ultimate concern, that is God. Serving our own family without having faith in God would end up with frustration. The horizon of faith is wider than the sky and reward of work combined with faith is eternal happiness that surpasses all imagining and expectations.

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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. 3rd, 6PM -8PM and Friday Sept. 4th 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 5th. 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.

We would like you to price your own items. Clothing will be accepted but must be clean and in good condition. As far as pricing clothing, we will have tables set up with the same type of clothing all for the same price. Exceptions to this will be clothing items such as coats, suits, dresses etc. We will have racks to hang some items. If anyone has hangers to get rid of, please bring them. All other items must be in good working condition and clean. Any questions, contact Jeanette Crowley @ 666-2006

St. Mary's is accepting bids for snow removal for the 2009/2010 snow season. The bid will include clearing of the parking lot and driveway and all sidewalks & steps at the Church and Rectory. Please submit bids by October 1st. If you have questions please contact Dan Patton – Maintenance Committee Chairman.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.100

Saturday August 29th, 8 PM

Lectors: Karen Patton

Servers: Nicholas Dziejewior, Jessica Patton

Ushers: Jim McGowan, Matt McGowan, Jerry Ryczek

Gift Bearers: Edna Mae Slade, Lizzie Mitchell

Musician: Kelly Guyse

Sunday August 30th, 9 AM

Lectors: Jeanette Conway, Mary Johnson

Servers: Peter & Pat Cauley

Ushers: Kyle Hall, Ben Hall, Garrett Madland

Gift Bearers: Denny & Roberta Fitzgerald

EMC: Body of Christ: Carol Cauley

Blood of Christ: Jeanette Conway

Sheri Guyse

Musician: Heidi Finucan