

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 30th, 2009

22nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Pastoral Council

Pat Mitchell, Chair
Jim Cauley
John Burch
Joan Holig
Jeanette Crowley, Sec.
Lizzie Mitchell

Finance Council

Kim Bethausser-Chair
Mary Puetz, Secretary
Jeri Smith
Karen Patton
Penny Arens

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| August | 31 st | Monday | 8AM | NO MASS |
| September | 1 st | Tuesday | 8AM | Thomas Gats + |
| September | 2 nd | Wednesday | 8AM | Margaret Dodge + |
| September | 3 rd | Thursday | 8AM | Berniece Dombek + |
| September | 4 th | Friday | 8AM | Andrzej Rychtarczyk on his Birthday |
| September | 5 th | Saturday | 8AM | Thomas Gats + |
| September | 5 th | Saturday | 8 PM | Edward & Florence Walsh + |
| September | 6 th | Sunday | 9 AM | Frank & Josie Senzig & the deceased members of their family. |

*Sanctuary Lamp –

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

There is a serious shortage in Mass Intentions!

September 8th Parish Council Meeting 7PM

September 9th CCD Starts 7PM

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.

Regarding the NIH guidelines authorizing destruction of human embryos for research, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops Pro-Life Secretariat, said: "Without unconditional respect for the life of each and every member of the human race, research involving human subjects does not represent true progress. It becomes another way for some human beings to use and mistreat others for their own goals. Suffering patients and their families deserve better, through increased support for promising and ethically sound stem cell research and treatments that harm no one." USCCB Statement 4/21/09

Did you know that 85% of divorced Catholics never petition for a possible declaration of nullity? Some say too many are pursuing annulments. The truth of the matter is too few are pursuing annulments. If you have been divorced and remarried or are divorced and planning a marriage, consider petitioning for an annulment. The Matrimonial Tribunal can be reached by e-mail:

Tribunal@dioceseoflacrosse.com or by phone: (608-791-2684).

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.**

Stewardship
Adult Env. \$1,308.00
Student Env. 20.00
Offertory 221.41
Votives 90.25
Missions 833.00
Holy Day 5.00
Utilities 25.00
Church Raffle 250.00
Total \$2,752.66

Confessions: Sat. 7:15PM & Sun. 8:15AM
Adoration: 1st Thursday all day
Rosary: Monday – Saturday 7:30 AM before Mass
Office Hours: 8:30AM-12:30 PM Monday-Friday

Grace and Law

After my coming to the United States, I had a chance to watch a foot ball game. My first impression about the game was a negative one: 'What a violent game it is! Why are these strong men dashing each other!' Fr. Schekal from La Crosse called me and taught me the rules and regulations of the game. After learning the rules I could enjoy the game fully. All human arts have laws. Some of the finest arts like music and dance have very rigid laws. In the beginning, they seem to be burdensome. But, if we master them, they give us enormous freedom and joy.

This simple fact could be applicable to religion also. Religion has laws and regulations. But, these laws and regulations should lead us to freedom. If they are burdensome, there is something wrong in our attitude toward religion. In the first reading today, Moses gives the people the laws and regulations of Yahweh. People express their eagerness to observe the laws of the Lord. "For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, Our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?" This is the cry of faith from the part of the people. Israel's people have experienced God's self-revelation in the history. Before the kind and loving nature of God, the laws are not burdensome. In another passage of Deuteronomy, the author says that "this word of torah, is not something hard, nor up in the heaven, nor across the sea, rather, is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out"(30: 11 – 14).

In religion, there is always a tension between grace and law. People who have not interiorized the law become restless. Their superficial observing of the laws leads them to fear and legalism. At the same time, they find fault with others regarding the observance of law. The true observer of the laws of the church is the one who lives in freedom and grace. Those who are meticulous about small things and complain about others have not yet interiorized the laws of religion.

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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. ***No computers or Printers*.** 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.

Pick up September Ministry Schedules!

Looking Ahead, this year CCD classes will be held on Wednesday Evenings. Registration will be September 9th at 7PM. Classes will start September 16th with a Mass for students and their parents at 7PM.

Saturday September 5th, 8 PM

Lectors: Joyce Fuller
Servers: Anthony Bermeo, Nicholas Dziejewior
Ushers: Franny Senzig, Gary Fuller, James Arens
Gift Bearers: Eymard & Noreen Krupa

Sunday September 6th, 9 AM

Lectors: Roberta Fitzgerald, Sheri Guyse
Servers: Theresa & Johanna Madland
Ushers: Carl Miller, Pat Mitchell, Donald Rogge
Gift Bearers: Tom & Sheri Guyse

EMC: Body of Christ: Sheri Guyse

Blood of Christ: Roberta Fitzgerald
Kim Bethausser

Musician: Kelly Guyse