

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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15th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2009

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

July 13 th	Monday	8 AM	NO MASS
July 14 th	Tuesday	8 AM	The Health of Eileen Roth and Carol Doyle
July 15 th	Wednesday	8 AM	Bud Nate +
July 16 th	Thursday	8 AM	Don Cocot +
July 17 th	Friday	8 AM	Joe Parchem +
July 18 th	Saturday	8 AM	Parishioners
July 18 th	Saturday	8 PM	Fr. Ronald Zinkle +
July 19 th	Sunday	9 AM	Parishioners

*Sanctuary Lamp –

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

Finance Committee Meeting- Tuesday July 14th, 6:00 P.M.
Parish Council Meeting- Tuesday July 14th, 7:00 P.M.

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.

July 28th Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Guadalupe. We will travel by bus to LaCrosse leaving at 9AM from St. Mary's. We will be back by 6PM. The cost of the bus will depend on the number of people who sign up but should not be more than \$20 per person. Mass will be at 11 AM. We will have lunch at the Shrine Restaurant consisting of Lemon Chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, fresh bread, cookie and coffee or iced tea. The meal will cost \$12 not including a tip. You must sign up by July 22nd and submit payment at the time of sign up. Golf cart rides up to the shrine and back down are free.

Thank you to all the generous donors for the Step Repair Project. We have reached our target goal of \$2,100.00 plus a little more. Any funds remaining after the project is completed will be set aside for other repairs or upcoming utility bills.

Thank you to all the ladies who baked last weekend for the bake sale and all of those who purchased the delicious baked goods or made a cash donation. Thank you to the ladies who helped with the sale before and after each mass. The bake sale proceeds were \$602.60.

I would like to continue visiting the homes of all parishioners in the month of July. I want to get to know you better and provide a blessing for your homes. Please call me soon and set up a visit. Fr. Valentine

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.**

The Ambassadors of God

When a leader of a particular country visits another country, he is given maximum respect and security. His authority as a representative of the country is well acknowledged in social and political life.

God also sends some people to represent Him. They come to us with the authority of God. Jesus clearly tells his apostles in the gospel: "He who receives you receives me; and he who receives me receives Him who sent me" (Mt 10, 40).

Their authority is not a power in worldly standards. They touch the very hearts of humans with divine love. They give an awareness of divine gifts in life. They create an attitude of receptivity in human minds toward the graces given to them. They provide an experience of contentment that the ever greater God has been offering to humans persons who are faithful to Him.

In the first reading today, we read how Amos is sent to Israel with divine power. He confirms his role as a prophet in spite of opposition from powerful organizations in society. In the second reading Paul explains the purpose of his apostolic mission, to bring together all human realities in Christ for the glory of God. He is providing an experience of harmony to the believers. In the gospel, we read how the twelve apostles are sent with divine power to announce the love of God to the nations. The simple lifestyle and self-emptying attitude of the apostles reveals the power of God in human life.

In the Christian communities, some are sent by Jesus for a special mission. They point out the loving kindness of God in our struggles in human life. They touch our hearts with divine peace. They connect people to the very purpose of our lives – that only could lead them to true happiness. What is fascinating is that God has made use of human characteristic in His own dealing with us.

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St. Mary's made a payment of \$4,006.39 to the Diocese of LaCrosse for our Campaign for Christ contribution for 2008. The Parish Council made the recommendation to Fr. Valentine to make the payment from the General Fund rather than have another fund drive to raise the funds. .

Congratulations to St. Mary's Parishioners for meeting our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. Special thanks to all those who made a second donation to help meet our goal of \$13,261.82. We exceeded our target by \$385.00.

Youth Retreat

Young Catholics from around the Diocese will gather at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah this August to remind us all that, even in the midst of troubling times, *there is HOPE and His name is Jesus!*

High School aged youth interested in a 2 day retreat Saturday August 1st through Sunday August 2nd please contact Sue Teumer at 608-565-3189. Speakers will include Fr. Hirsch, Vocations Dir. for the diocese, Fr. Eric Burns, Fr. Hector Moreno and more.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Jerome Listecki. In addition to Mass, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual talks, and opportunities for confession, food, music, games and more. The cost is \$15/person and includes all meals, snacks, retreat materials and a t-shirt.

Saturday July 18th, 8 PM

Lectors: Penny Arens
Servers: Jessica Patton, Nicholas Dziejwior
Ushers: Matt McGowan, Jerry Ryzek, Franny Senzig
Gift Bearers: Edna Mae Slade & Lizzie Mitchell

Sunday July 19th, 9 AM

Lectors: Jeanette Conway, Roberta Fitzgerald
Servers: Erin Hauck, Mitchell Orlowski
Ushers: Ron Finnegan, Patrick & Tom Guyse
Gift Bearers: Donald & Patsy Rogge

EMC: Body of Christ: Sheri Guyse

Blood of Christ: Jeanette Conway
Roberta Fitzgerald