

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father G. Valentine Joseph

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September 6th, 2009

23rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

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

September 7 th	Monday	8AM	NO MASS
September 8 th	Tuesday	8AM	Thomas Gats +
September 9 th	Wednesday	8AM	William Blankenheim + & Family
September 10 th	Thursday	8AM	Margaret Dodge +
September 11 th	Friday	8AM	Jeanel Stanley
September 12 th	Saturday	8AM	
September 12 th	Saturday	8 PM	Sam Lupo
September 13 th	Sunday	9 AM	Lee & Mark Burch +

*Sanctuary Lamp –

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

There is a serious shortage of weekday Mass Intentions!

September 8th Parish Council Meeting 7PM

September 9th CCD Starts Registration 7PM in the church basement

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.

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.

Father Valentine will lead a Pilgrimage scheduled for October 12th to Holy Hill in southeast Wisconsin. The bus will leave St. Mary's at 8:30 AM and depart Holy Hill at 3:30 PM. We need to have at least 45 pilgrims to cover the cost of the bus @ \$20 per person. Mass will be in the Basilica at 11 AM followed by a guided tour of the Basilica. Lunch will be chicken soup & a make your own sandwich served in the cafeteria at 12:30. Sandwich choice will be beef or turkey with cheese, lettuce and tomato. A choice of coffee, tea or milk will be the beverage. There will be a cookie for desert. The lunch cost is \$12 each. Money should be submitted in advance to Lizzie or Father or the rectory office. Sign up in the back of the church.

Confessions: Sat. 7:15 PM
Sun: 8:15 AM
Adoration: 1st Thursday all Day
Rosary: Monday – Saturday
7:30 AM before Mass.
Office Hours: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Mon. – Fri.

Stewardship
Adult Env. \$1,378.00
Student Env. 27.00
Offertory 249.12
Votives 97.46
Missions 45.00
Holy Day 20.00
Utilities
Church Raffle 107.00
Total \$1,923.58

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.**

“Ephphatha! - Be opened”

The readings of today are filled with symbolic language. The first reading goes on using figurative language: ‘the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, the streams will burst forth in the desert, and the river in steppe, the burning sand will become pools’. They indicate something more than physical wholeness and prosperous life. They point out some spiritual convictions. The evil the Lord overcomes is not just the evil of broken limbs, but also the broken hearts. A wholeness of the body without wholeness of the spirit is a broken wholeness. That is why Jesus forgave the paralytic’s sins as he cured his sickness (Mt 2, 1-12).

Today’s gospel also is a symbolic account. First thing, it happens in Decapolis, a territory of the gentiles. He wants to heal the spiritual deafness of the gentiles through the Word of God. The second one is the action of Jesus taking the deaf man off by himself from the crowd. He takes the man away from the opinions of the people. Third, he is performing some ritual actions of natural cure. It represents the sacramental actions of the church. Fourth one is his powerful prayer: ‘He looks up to heaven and prays’. This symbolizes the attitude of looking for divine assistance. The fifth symbolic action is that of pronouncing the word ‘Ephphatha!- Be Opened’. This is indeed a sacramental word that we use now in Baptism.

Today also Jesus is performing the same miracle. He sympathetically approaches our spiritual deafness. He calls us to church from the noise of contrary opinions. He is offering some sacramental actions of grace in the church. The grace of God breaks through our spiritual deafness of aggressive secularism, unlimited materialism and agonizing individualism. The powerful word of God opens our hearts and heals us from both physical and spiritual illness. It opens our eyes to see the powerful presence of God that is longing to do miracles in life.

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BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED We are pleased to inform you that our bulletin will have a new look!

After careful consideration we have decided to retain the services of Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi) as the publisher of our new weekly bulletin effective November 1st, 2009. LPi has specialized in church communication products for over 37 years. They provide an attractive bulletin with flexible formats and features as well as a variety of resources and support. LPi also secures the local advertisers for the bulletin so it is provided to our parish at no cost.

Mike Wegerbauer, our representative from LPi, will be contacting area businesses for advertising during the week of September 28th. We are in need of individuals or businesses to sponsor ad spaces in our bulletin to make this project successful. Ads can also be placed for a favorite charity or community cause by non-business owners!

If you would like to be an advertiser or would like information about advertising, please contact Mike at the parish office during the week of September 28th at 666-2421 or anytime at 1-800-950-9952 ext. 2544. He can also be reached via email at: mwegerbauer@4LPI.com

September 12 & 13, St. Pat's Fall Festival, Mauston.

September 13th, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Reedsburg, Fall Festival.

September 15th Holy Family Catholic Church LaValle, Chicken & biscuit Dinner.

September 20th St Paul's Catholic Church Fall Festival New Lisbon.

See flyers on bulletin board for more info on these events.

Pick up September Ministry Schedules!

Please remove all flowers from graves at cemetery by October 1st.

CCD Registration this week, Wednesday, September 9th at 7PM. Classes will start September 16th with a Mass for students and their parents at 7PM. If you have any questions, call Vicki McGowan, 666-2112 or Father Valentine.

Donations of vase bouquets or potted flowers for the church are always welcome.

Saturday September 12th, 8 PM

Lectors: Penny Arens

Servers: Anthony Bermeo, Nicholas Dziejewior

Ushers: Dennis Franek, Merlin Marshall, Dean Walsh

Gift Bearers: Ben & Myrtle Martinkus

Musician: Abbie Holig

Sunday September 13th, 9 AM

Lectors: Beverly Tourangeau, Jeanette Conway

Servers: Kaitlyn & Ashley Asdigan

Ushers: Jerome Senzig, Joe Scully, Dean Walsh

Gift Bearers: James & Judy Hall

EMC: Body of Christ: Carol Cauley

Blood of Christ: Beverly Tourangeau

Jeanette Conway

Musician: Kelly Guyse