



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025– 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH INFORMATION

Clergy

The Rev. Wm. D. Brenna - Parochial Administrator
The Rev. Daniel A. Gannon - Deacon
The Rev. Joseph D. Block - Deacon

Sunday Mass

9:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Thursday through Saturday 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday 7:45 to 8:10 AM

Thursday & Friday 7:45 to 8:15 AM

Saturday 7:45 to 8:15 AM

Sunday 8:30 to 9:15 AM

Confession is also available by appointment.

Call the office to make an appointment.

Adoration

Adoration: Tuesday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Contact Information

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Cemetery, Burials, Prayer Chain - Pat Bjork

cemetery@stmbigriver.diolcparish.org

PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Councils

Finance Council Meetings - Wed. 6:30 PM

TBD

Pastoral Council Meetings - Wed. 6:30 PM

TBD

Altar Server Meetings

Mar. 9 - Leaders Meeting

Mar. 16 - Servers Meeting

Choir School - Coordinator - Ashley Books
choirschool@stmbigriver.diolcparish.org

CGS - Catechesis of The Good Shepherd - Coordinators -
Amy Block - amy.o.block@gmail.com
Kara Loe - karahgion@gmail.com

Parish Choir - Music Director - Evan Pechacek
music@stmbigriver.diolcparish.org
Rehearsal: Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Holy Face Prayer Group

Meets First Saturdays after Mass. Everyone is welcome.
<https://www.martinians.org>

Militia Immaculata Prayer Group

Meets Monday at 5:00 PM in the church for prayer and
devotions. Everyone is welcome.
www.militiaoftheimmaculata.com

MASS INTENTIONS

No Mass on Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday - Feb. 26

8:15 AM *St. Mary's Choir School*

Thursday - Feb. 27

8:30 AM *† Jack & Eunice Davison*

Friday - Feb. 28

8:30 AM *† Tim Engels*

Saturday - March 1

8:30 AM *Aleka & Ben Loux*

Sunday - March 2

9:30 AM *Missa pro populo (for the people)*

(The Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish)

Please use the pink offertory envelopes to request a Mass.

Items for the Bulletin

Items for the weekly bulletin must be emailed to the parish
office by Friday at noon, 9 days prior to the expected
publication date. All info must be reviewed by the pastor for
approval before publication.

Events/Facilities & Grounds Use

Prior approval must be secured before any activities or events
can take place on church property. Submit requests by email to
the parish office as soon as the activity or event is proposed.

PARISH EVENTS

Hospitality Sundays

Mar. 2 - *March for Life Participants*
May 11 - *(Volunteers needed)*

Adoration Hour Available

The 1-2pm hour in St. Mary's adoration schedules on Tuesdays has become available. Please contact the Parish office if you are willing & able to commit to filling this hour each week.



Flocknotes

This is a reminder that we have an online bulletin called *Flocknotes* that we send out each week on Fridays. It includes our regular bulletin along with even more information that we can not fit in the paper bulletin. We send out any cancellations or notices through *Flocknotes* in an email as well. If you are not receiving this, please contact the parish office to get signed up.

First Holy Communion and First Confessions

First Confessions will be held after Mass on **Sat. April 12**

First Holy Communion rehearsal will be held after 8:30am Mass on **Sat., April 26th**

First Holy Communion will be on **Sun. May 4, 2025**



Parents desiring to have their child(ren) receive the Blessed Sacrament together with others on May 4 are asked to inform the parish office asap if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Lenten Regulations Reminders

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year.

The current Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday*. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Defund Planned Parenthood:

Planned Parenthood took in nearly \$2 million per day in public funding as they killed more than 390,000 preborn children in the last year alone. Please make your voice heard to put an end to taxpayer funding of this organization that calls this holocaust "health care." Visit: sba-list.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/ or scan the QR code to the right. Fill out the form to email your U.S. Representative urging them to support and cosponsor H.R.271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025.



Lent: Set a Simple Goal to Unplug!

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. It will be helpful to decide what to do before Lent actually begins in order to be ready on Ash Wednesday. Would you like to "unplug" from screens by setting an easy goal, such as 15 minutes a day? This time can be replaced with prayer. There is no time like the present to commit to quiet, peaceful conversation with God on a daily basis. This is a great opportunity to draw closer to Christ.

FEBRUARY 2025 LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, Feb. 23 9:30 AM Mass
Rosary - Frandrups & Reader - J. Husby

MARCH 2025 LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, March 2 9:30 AM Mass
Rosary - L. Faymoville & Reader - A. Schulz

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 PM (Holy Face Votive Mass)
Rosary - G. Tapp & Reader - J. Husby

Ash Wednesday, March 5
8:30 AM Reader - Volunteer
6:30 PM Reader - S. Turvaville

Sunday, March 9 9:30 AM Mass
Rosary - W. Honeyman & Reader - S. Turvaville

Sunday, March 16 9:30 AM Mass
Rosary - G. Tapp & Reader - J. Husby

Sunday, March 23 9:30 AM Mass
Rosary - Frandrups & Reader - J. Brantner

Sunday, March 30 9:30AM Mass
Rosary - Steines & Reader - A. Schulz

Votive Mass in Honor of The Holy Face of Jesus Christ

Join us for Rosary, Mass and The Holy Face Chaplet



WHEN: Shrove Tuesday, **March 4th** 6:30PM

WHERE: St. Mary's, Big River

W10137 570th Ave. River Falls, WI. 54022

CELEBRANT: Rev. William Brenna

ROSARY: Preceding Mass at 6:10PM

VOTIVE MASS: 6:30PM

HOLY FACE CHAPLET: Immediately
Following Mass

Copies of the Chaplet will be provided (Please
take one before Mass.)

*Special note: Novena to The Holy Face starts
on February 23rd and ends on Mon. March
3rd.*

<https://www.martinians.org/novena-to-the-holy-face>

The devotion was first presented to Sr. Mary of St. Peter in Tours, France in 1843 by our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus revealed to her a powerful devotion He wanted to be established throughout the world – *The Holy Face Devotion*. The purpose of this Devotion is to make reparation for the sins of the world – specifically the sins of blasphemy, irreverence, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days. After many years and struggles, the devotion was approved by the Church authorities. The Confraternity of the Holy Face Devotion was established on October 25, 1884, and elevated to an Archconfraternity on October 1, 1885, by Pope Leo XIII. [League of St. Martin](#)

St. Mary's also participates in this devotion every first Saturday of the month immediately following Mass. We venerate a Special Relic of The Holy Face.

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