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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarks Mills, and St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Whitelaw, in union with the Roman Catholic Church, inspire all to grow as followers of Jesus Christ through the sacraments, faith education and social outreach to our members and the wider community.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

Mass Schedule

ST. MARY

Sunday: 9:30 AM (Confessions 8:45-9:15)

ST. MICHAEL

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Confessions 3:00-3:30)

Sunday: 11:00 AM (No Mass 4th Sunday of Month)

St. Mary Parish – 775-4365
For Emergency – (920) 246-6841 – Dc. Randy Jaeckels
Parish Secretary: Casey Braun - 775-4365
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11-3
SM/SM School Principal: Jane Schueller-775-4366
Director of Religious Education:
Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876
Parish Council Chair: Lisa Sherman - 629-0013

St. Michael Parish – 732-3901
For Emergency – (920) 246-6841 – Dc. Randy Jaeckels
Parish Secretary: Judy Ebert - 732-3901
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 8 - 1
SM/SM School Principal: Jane Schueller-775-4366
Director of Religious Education:
Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876
Parish Council Chair: Norb Baumann – 242-7848

GETTING MARRIED? Please call the parish office soon after you are engaged to begin the marriage preparation process, which is geared for your married life together, not simply the wedding day. Preparation is to begin at least nine months before the wedding, according to diocesan policy.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Parents are asked to begin preparing for their child's Baptism early. Please contact Deacon Randy Jaeckels for an appointment to facilitate the preparation.

COMMUNION/VISITS FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the parish office to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound and for regular visits by Deacon Randy Jaeckels.

PLEASE USE SCRIP: Available – St. Mary: At Sunday Mass; in the parish office: Mon.- Fri. 8:00-3:00. For large or special orders call Jean Shimon at 758-2276 by Saturday evening. Order form is available on website.

St. Michael: ½ hour until 10 minutes before weekend masses and after mass; in the parish office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-noon; or by contacting Colleen at 732-3115. Order form is available on website.

**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
MAR 25-APR 2**

Saturday, March 25

4:00 PM (SM) Cathy
Bruce & Jerry LaFond &
the Living & Deceased
of St. Michael's Parish
(Choir)

Sunday, March 26

9:30 AM (IC) Ronald
Sickinger & the Living &
Deceased of St. Mary's
Parish

Tuesday, March 28

8:15 AM (IC) Linda
(Ryan) Lenzner

Thursday, March 30

8:15 AM (SM) Liturgy of
the Word

Saturday, April 1

4:00 PM (SM) Jamie &
Julianne Sauer

Sunday, April 2

9:30 AM (IC) Ronald
Schuler & the Living &
Deceased of St. Mary's
Parish (Choir)
11:00 AM (SM) Leland
Fischer & the Living &
Deceased of St.
Michael's Parish (Choir)

IC St. Mary/SM St. Michael

**MINISTRIES
APR 1-2**

Lectors:

4:00 PM(SM) Bonnie
Vogel
9:30 AM(IC) Karen
Schweitzer-Olson
11:00 AM (SM) Vicki
Baumann

**Extraordinary
Ministers:**

4:00 PM(SM) Deacon
Randy Meidl
9:30 AM(IC) Deacon
Randy Meidl
11:00 AM (SM) Deacon
Randy Meidl

Servers:

4:00 PM(SM) Ken
Brunner, Syd Stuibler
9:30 AM(IC) Cassidy
& Gloria Walesh
11:00 AM(SM) James
& Jacob Resch

April Ushers:

4:00 PM(SM) John &
Karen Loberger
9:30 AM(IC) Pat
Shimon, Richard
Pederson
11:00 AM (SM) Norb &
Vicki Baumann

2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Mary's:	St. Michael's:
Goal \$19,140.00	Goal \$17,579.00
Current \$15,075.00	Current \$13,935.00
To pledge or donate online:	
www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give	
or contact the parish office	

Reach out for Lent: Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the people in need by donating items to the Valders Food Pantry this Lenten season. Please remember that donations are accepted all year long for this community service project.

Celebration of Life for Roger P. O'Connor will be on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 11am - ??? with the service at 1pm. It will be held at Immortals Motorcycle Clubhouse, 1331 Norstad Road in Manitowoc. Join Us in Remembering Our Parishioner and Friend.

Lost and Found: A beautiful ring was found at St. Michael's Church last weekend. Please call the parish office to claim.

Coping with Grief? As we push forward through ordinary life, sometimes some of us still struggle with the loss of our love ones. You are invited to participate with our Coping with Grief group at St. Thomas the Apostle every first Monday of the month beginning at 2pm or 6pm. The next gathering is Monday, April 3.

Flowers & Decorations for Easter: Both parishes are asking a \$10 donation for flowers for Easter. Please put your intention along with your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. Thank you in advance for the always generous response.

A Special Thank You for the very generous anonymous donation to the Easter Bunny for St. Mary and St. Michael's Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. If you wish to donate your Easter eggs from previous years' egg hunts, you may bring them to back of St. Mary or St Michael's Church or either church office.

St. Michael's Fish Fry will need cookies and bars for dessert (no tortes or cakes). As our parishioners are known for their wonderful baking skills, we are requesting donations of cookies and bars to compliment the fish fry. These can be brought to the church basement on Thursday evening between 5-7pm. Thank you.

Welcome

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today. We are so glad you came to worship with us!

Bulletins are published online: To access the Church website visit: www.stmarystmichael.com and to access the school website www.school.stmarystmichael.com

Bishop Ricken's Sunday Mass: If unable to make it to Mass due to illness or homebound Sunday Mass is available at 10:30am on channel 5 (WFRV).

St. Michael's Lectors, Servers & Scrip Sellers: Your new schedules are ready for pickup in the sacristy. Thank you!

St. Michael's DRIVE-THRU Fish Fry & Raffle: Friday, March 31 from 3:30 until 7:30pm. Serving Hand Breaded Perch and Baked Cod Plates. Plates are \$15 and include French Fries or Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, Rye Bread and Dessert. Cheese Curds also available for \$4. Raffle tickets are \$5 each to win all cash prizes, first place \$800. Tickets are in the back of church, at both parish offices, or the night of the Fish Fry.

St. Michael's Fish Fry Workers/Bags/Donations: If you did not sign up to work, but are able to help Thursday evening or Friday before or during the fish fry, please call Lois at 973-0290 as the work schedule is being put together. Bring your **STRONG PLASTIC** bags for the Fish Fry. They may be dropped off in the church basement. Donations are still being accepted to help offset the cost of food and supplies needed for the event. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL NOTE

This week at SM/SM we are wrapping up the end of the Third Quarter of our school year. Teachers are busy with assessments, and the students are working hard to demonstrate what they are learning. In Language Arts, we just finished two novels. The 5th/6th graders read a wonderful Christian allegory by C.S. Lewis entitled, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and the 7th/8th graders read the classic Civil War-era Newberry Winner, Across Five Aprils. In 5-8 grade Science, our students are learning about the Human Body, with our current unit being the Nervous System. This week we worked on a fun STEM project that combined learning about how our brains work, protecting our brains through the use of helmets, and then learning how the engineering of football helmets has changed throughout the decades. The students were then challenged to explore the engineering/design process to create a removable helmet for an egg that could survive a fall of progressive heights. What incredibly creative and intelligent problem-solvers we have! We invite you to friend us on Facebook at St. Mary/St. Michael to see the fun presentations that the students gave as they shared their helmet design ideas with the school and then tested those designs in front of a live audience.
Mrs. Heidi Welch 5th & 6th Grade Teacher

THINGS TO DO

Holy Family Parish Annual Pancake Porkie Breakfast
Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 Holy Family Church Social Hall.
1100 W Ryan Street Brillion, WI (just off Hwy 10 between Forest Junction & Brillion). Serving choice of potato pancakes or regular pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, and dessert. Serving in Social Hall with carry-out option: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. All proceeds will go to benefit Holy Family School.

God, Science and the Bible: Can they Coexist in a Modern World? The Bible says that the Universe and Earth were created in a matter of days and yet Science says this happened over a period of billions of years! So, who's right and why does it matter? Exploring and understanding the true relationship between God and science will help us in a modern/educated world; If you find this topic intriguing and would like to hear more Deacon Steve Zimmer will speak on Thursday, March 30 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish at 6:30pm.

The 10th Annual Walk to Mary has registration now Open. The event will be held Saturday May, 6. To register visit walktomary.com or call 1-888-838-4514.

RESPECT LIFE

PREPARE TO VOTE WITH A CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE: On Tuesday, April 4 as Catholics, we are all called to Faithful Citizenship, the mindful consideration of public policy and important issues through the lens of the Church's teaching. It is also a "call to action" to become involved with legislative policy, to be a voice for the vulnerable, and to advocate for the dignity of all.

Why is protecting the unborn of such great importance? As Pope Francis explains, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.... [T]his defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development." (Evangelii Gaudium, 213)
The **Wisconsin Catholic Conference** (WCC) was founded in 1969 by the Bishops of Wisconsin. The Conference seeks to fulfill the vision of the Second Vatican Council, which called upon the Church to be more involved in the world. With the message of the Gospel and the social teachings of the Church at its foundation, the WCC offers a specifically Catholic contribution to state and federal public policy debates. The Conference also offers a statewide response to issues common to its five dioceses.
<https://www.wisconsinatholic.org/>

Reliable sources to learn where various candidates stand on moral issues are organizations that promote life, marriage, and family such as:

Pro Life Wisconsin: <https://www.prolifewi.org/>

Wisconsin Right to Life: <https://wisconsinrighttolife.org/>

Wisconsin Family Action: <https://wifamilyaction.org/>

Please pray, do your homework, and vote with a well-formed Catholic Conscience.

ST. MARY
March 19, 2023

Support	\$3,046.00
Offertory	285.46
Online Giving	330.00
Bulletin Sponsor	150.00
Candle Sponsor	120.00
Bank Dividend	69.30
	\$4,000.46

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00
(679.24)

World's Poor Collection
\$970.71

Scrip Sales	\$3,872.50
Profit	N/A

ST. MICHAEL
March 19, 2023

Support	\$1,353.00
Offertory	418.62
Candles	42.00
Donation	95.00
Easter Offering	50.00
Daycare Utilities	1,475.25
	\$3,433.87

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00
(866.13)

Scrip Sales	\$5,500.00
Profit	199.70

World's Poor Collection
\$1,228.25

WEEKLY
STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU
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Jesus told her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."
John 11:25-27

Message from Deacon Randy Jaeckels

Over the last three weekends (including this weekend) there has been a common thread among the messages in the gospels. That thread is Jesus' love for the people he encountered (and for us too) and the faith of those with whom he interacted. He also acknowledged that he is the Son of God.

Jesus had a strong bond with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He loved them like family. Even before the rising Lazarus from the dead, Martha and Mary's faith in Jesus as the Son of God was undeniable. Their faith was probably stronger than most of Jesus' apostles. The raising of Lazarus brings an increase in faith to many who believed in Jesus (just like the story of the woman at the well). Like those who witnessed the event that day, believing/faith is the key for our salvation.

Jesus wanted to liberate us from sin and death. Through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, new life is given to us. By his resurrection, victory over death, Jesus shows that death is not an end, but a step to eternal life. Death is a mere portal, a way to be transferred from life here on earth to eternal life. What a beautiful gift Jesus has given us. Jesus asks in the readings, "Do you believe...?". When we pray the Creeds, we state "I believe...". On Easter, we will renew our baptismal promises and questions are asked, "Do you believe...". How strong is our faith and in what we believe in?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL

Saturday, March 25

Confessions 3:00-3:30pm at St. Michael's

Sunday, March 26

Confessions 8:45-9:15am at St. Mary's

NO Sunday Mass at St. Michael's

Monday, March 27

Stations of the Cross 6:00pm at St. Michael's

Choir Practice 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 28

Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00-2:00pm at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 29

Holy Hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's
Choir Practice 5:30pm at St. Michael's

No Religious Ed Classes; Students are encouraged to join Communal Reconciliation 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Thursday, March 30

Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00-2:00pm at St. Michael's

Friday, March 31

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm at St. Mary's

Saturday, April 1

Confessions 3:00-3:30pm at St. Michael's

Sunday, April 2

Confessions 8:45-9:15am at St. Mary's

Scrip Sellers-St. Michael: Saturday, April 1; Colleen Meidl, April 2; Mary Zipperer.

Church Cleaning Families -April 1/2

St. Mary: Eric & Erin Korinek, Patty Kostechka,
Tony & Georgette Krajna

St. Michael: Kate Jungwirth, Helen Kangas
& Joy Kautzer

(Please call the office at 732-3901 for phone numbers)

ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #12 - 03/19/23-03/25/23:

\$50 WINNERS: Ray Bauer, Kewaunee and Diane Brunner, Manitowoc.

\$25 WINNERS: Randy Wallander, Manitowoc; Bryson Yachmetz, St. Cloud FL; Pauline Wallander, Manitowoc; Nolan Madison, Reedsville and Matt Perron, Denver, CO.