

Catholic Faith Communities of



St. Mary

15 S. County Road J
Cato, WI 54230
(920) 775-4365

Email: stmarycm@tds.net



St. Michael

110 W. Menasha Ave. – P O 206
Whitelaw, WI 54247
(920) 732-3901

Email: stmichael3901@comcast.net



Church Website: www.stmarystmichael.com **School Website:** www.school.stmarystmichael.com

The weekly bulletin can be found on the website

Deacon Randy Jaeckels, Pastoral Coordinator, rjaeckels@stmarystmichael.com

Very Reverend John W. Girotti, Priest Celebrant

Deacon Randy Meidl

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.

Bulletin Sponsored:

PRAYERS FOR CAROL SALM

Bulletin Sponsored:

LEO & CAROL TISLER

Sanctuary Candle Sponsored:

Sanctuary Candle Sponsored:
IN MEMORY OF LESTER, BEATRICE & TIM KIEL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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
FEBRUARY 17-25**

Saturday, February 17

4:00 PM(SM) Jim & Leona Vogel (Choir)

Sunday, February 18

9:30 AM (IC) Jean Shimek & the Living & Deceased of St. Mary's Parish (Choir)
11:00 AM (SM) Living & Deceased Members of Alex & Marcella Fischer Family & the Living & Deceased of St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 AM (SM/SM Gym)
Greg Riederer

Thursday, February 22

8:15 AM (SM) Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM (SM) John Cohan & the Living & Deceased of St. Michael's Parish

Sunday, February 25

9:30 AM (SM) Mrs. Sandy Stadler
11:00 AM (SM) No Mass

ICSt. Mary/SM St. Michael

**MINISTRIES
FEBRUARY 24-25**

Proclaimers:

4:00 PM (SM) Bernard McCulley

9:30 AM(SM) Susie Zimmermann

11:00 AM(SM) No Mass

Extraordinary

Ministers:

4:00PM(SM) Deacon

Randy Jaeckels

9:30 AM(SM) Deacon

Randy Jaeckels

11:00 AM(SM) No Mass

Servers:

4:00 PM(SM) Ken

Brunner

9:30 AM (SM) Garret

Riederer, Ray Berres

11:00 AM (SM) No Mass

February Ushers:

4:00 PM(SM) Charles

Vondrachek

9:30 AM(SM) Dan

Sabel Family

11:00 AM(SM) No Mass

2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Mary's:

Goal \$19,765.00

Current \$5,550.00

St. Michael's:

Goal \$17,543.00

Current \$1,250.00

To pledge or donate online:

www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

or contact the parish office

St. Michael's Attention Ministers: It is time to make a new schedule for April through July. Please let Ken Brunner know of any dates you may need off by Thursday, March 14. Thank you.

St. Michael's 2024 Raffle and NEW Fund Raiser

Sunday, February 25, St. Michael's First Annual Brunch at Branch Station (8112 Village Dr. in Branch) from 10:00am-2:00pm. Adults \$18; Ages 12 and under \$9; Ages 2 and under Free. The brunch includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, egg bake, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, sausage, bacon, vegetable, dessert, and beverage, plus more. There will be Raffle tickets available, for First Place \$1000 along with a Basket Raffle. Please consider donating a Basket for the raffle valued at a minimum of \$25/\$50. We will also need workers to sell/take tickets and clear tables. Sign-up sheets are located at all entrances.

Update! Raffle tickets are available and can be purchased at church, parish office or at Branch Station. Tickets will also be available on the day of the event.

St. Michael's Parish will offer a workshop on prayer entitled "When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God." Dcn. Randy Meidl and Vicki Baumann will facilitate the workshop. The sessions will run on March 2, 9, 16 (Saturdays) from 9 am to noon. Please call the St. Michael's Parish office to register. There is no cost to attend.

Scamming continues as several parishioners received a text message that appeared to have come from Fr. Girotti last weekend asking for gift cards. This was a scam! NO priest, deacon, staff member, or parish leadership will ever contact you asking to provide gift cards, checks, cash or money transfers. Please see the Scam pamphlets we circulated a short time ago for more info on how to avoid these scams.

Sign up for FORMED website (it's easy); there is no cost. Go to <https://signup.formed.org> to subscribe. Then, enter the parish ZIP Code of 54230 (use for both parishes). Enter your name and email address. You should be ready to go!



To help develop a Lenten prayer plan, go to FORMED and search for the video "Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent". This 18-minute video will get you started!

Welcome

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today. We sincerely hope you feel you are among friends.

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).

The Knights of Columbus wish to announce and congratulate our families of the month. For December it was Mark & Jane Lea Brennan and for January it was Bob & Mary Kay Staudinger!

St. Mary's Parish/The Crossing: Your generosity offered opportunities to help 300 families more from crisis to stability. Your gifts kept our basic needs pantry stocked with diapers, formula, baby wipes etc. and we were able to purchase car seats so babies can ride safe as well as hundreds of books for children to enjoy and more. Thank you! Together we are really making a difference!

-Sue Bryntesen, The Crossing of Manitowoc County

Holy Trinity Parish (School Hill) will host Rural Life Day on Thursday, April 11. Mass with Bishop Ricken at 10 am. Lunch at 11:30 am with speakers to follow. Cost of the lunch is \$17. For more info, call 920-773-2380 or email rurallifeschoolhill@gmail.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Manitowoc) is inviting high school students, young adults, and families to their parish mission to be held March 3, 4, and 5 from 6:30-8:30pm. Our speaker for this mission will be Dan Harms and praise and worship will be led by Nate Reinhardt of Sonar Music. Register at <https://cevent.me/8PkEzv>.

Walk to Mary: is Saturday, May 4. Registration begins, Sunday, February 11. To register or for more information please visit www.walktomary.com or email info.walktomary@gmail.com

Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital is proud to offer a weekly support group for people caring for aging relatives. Join us on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00pm at the Reedsville Room across from the cafeteria at Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital, 2300 Western Ave. in Manitowoc. Use the main entrance and a volunteer will escort you. Registration is not required. Any questions call 920-320-2347 or visit hfmhealth.org/caregiver-support-group

SCHOOL NOTE

In the third and fourth grade classroom, we are doing many special things during Lent. In addition to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, each student chooses a positive task every day to do to help build their relationship with God. As a school, we talk about the stations and go to a stations service weekly. Lent is a special time to be at our school, praying together, sacrificing, and building the kingdom of God. We continue to pray for all of you. Please pray for us!

Mrs. Jeanne Duenkel- 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher

SM/SM School registration for the 2024/25 school year is open. Please visit our website: school.stmarystmichael.com for more information or email cbraun@stmarystmichael.com for any questions you may have.

RESPECT LIFE

AS AMERICAN CATHOLICS on Feb. 8 our liturgical calendar points us to St. Josephine Bakhita, a woman who was enslaved by a series of owners, some of whom severely tortured her, from childhood until, in 1889, she was declared a free woman in Italy at age 20. Five years later she made her final vows as a Canossian Sister. Throughout her life she was an example of forgiveness, love, and gratitude for God's love which sustained her long before she knew about him. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is on Feb. 12, and we officially celebrate his birthday with George Washington's on President's Day which is Feb. 19 this year. Abraham Lincoln did not belong to a particular Christian Church, but embraced the Truth of the Scriptures. This Sunday, let us reflect on what these two, who are connected in different ways to human slavery, have to teach us.

Bakhita: "Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage." – AND – "Love the Lord and pray for those who do not know Him. What a grace it is to know God!"

Abraham Lincoln: "Near eighty years ago we began by declaring that all men are created equal; but now from that beginning we have run down to the other declaration, that for SOME men to enslave OTHERS is a "sacred right of self-government." These principles can not stand together. They are as opposite as God and mammon; and whoever holds to the one, must despise the other." – *Speech at Peoria, Illinois, on October 16, 1854.* – AND – "I think that if anything can be proved by natural theology, it is that slavery is morally wrong. God gave man a mouth to receive bread, hands to feed it, and his hand has a right to carry bread to his mouth without controversy." – *Speech at Hartford, Conn., on March 5, 1860*

WORD OF LIFE: "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." -- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility", respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

THINGS TO DO

Reedsville AMVET Post 1032 is hosting a fundraising Brat Fry Saturday, February 24. All proceeds will go to Old Glory Honor Flights. Brats, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches and Chili will be served from 9am-2pm or until sold out.

From the Grapevine by Deacon Randy J

"Look, a rainbow!" How often are these words spoken when a rainbow is witnessed after a rainstorm. And often, most of us take a moment to look at the rainbow. It's not like we haven't seen one before. They are all alike. But they are beautiful to witness.

From a scientific aspect, the rainbow is formed when sunlight strikes water droplets in the air and is then refracted into a spectrum of colors that form in a circular arc. In the Book of Genesis, it is written that God produces the bow (rainbow) to provide a sign of his covenant to never again use flood waters to destroy the earth. It is a covenant of new creation.

The rainbow offers us a sign of hope and love. In this season of Lent, look to repent of our sinfulness. We seek the death of our old ways and look forward to creating a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. We seek the hope of salvation in the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. As we journey through Lent, let us rediscover the love of God the Father as he sent his Son to save us. And let us come to know more closely the love of Jesus Christ, who through the will of his Father, suffered and died for each one of us to save us from our sins and offer us the opportunity of life everlasting in heaven.

So, the next time you admire the beauty of a rainbow, let it be a reminder of God's covenant, his promises to us, and the hope and love it symbolizes.

ST. MARY February 11, 2024

Support	\$2,349.00
Offertory	236.10
Online Giving	160.00
Bulletin Sponsors	45.00
Candle Sponsor	10.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Bishop Appeal Ref.	<u>350.00</u>
	\$3,160.10

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00
(1,519.90)

Capital Improvement
Collection \$1,274.06

Scrip Sales	\$3,414.46
Profit	128.03

ST. MICHAEL February 11, 2024

Support	\$1,477.00
Offertory	\$317.11
Online Giving	\$327.50
Bulletin Sponsor	\$30.00
Candle Sponsor	20.00
Mass Stipends	\$110.00
Candles	<u>\$16.00</u>
	\$2,297.61

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00
(2,002.39)

Capital Improvement
Collection \$297.00

Scrip Sales	\$6,035.00
Profit	261.92

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

After John has been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

Church Cleaning Families -February 24/25

St. Mary: N/A

St. Michael: Amy Olson, Rita Orth & Bonnie Panosh

Scrip Sellers-St. Michael: Saturday, February 24;
Sharon Reindl. February 25; N/A.

ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #7- 02/11/24-02/17/24:

\$125 Valentine's Day Winner: Robert Bonk, Manitowoc.

\$50 WINNERS: Lisa Schweitzer, Manitowoc and Reid Arner, Pittsburgh, PA.

\$25 WINNERS: Leon Ale, Brillion; Tina Lindemann, Manitowoc; Michael & Kendra Langhorst, Lakeville, MN and Ricky Schuh, Reedsville.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

School Board Meeting 6:00pm at School

Wednesday, February 21

Religious Education Classes
6:15pm for Elementary Students at SM/SM School; 6:30pm HS Students at St. Michael's Church basement

Thursday, February 22

Eucharistic Adoration 3:30-4:30pm at St. Michael's

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

Confessions 8:45-9:15am at St. Michael's
St. Michael's Brunch Fundraiser
10:00am-2:00pm at Branch Station