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From the Pastor....

Root Causes

"Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist clashing with the Jewish religious authorities. We are told that the Pharisees and Sadducees were stepping forward to be baptized by John. These people 'did not believe him' (Mt 21:32) but they came forward anyway. John recognized them for what they were, people of privilege.

'Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance,' he told them (Mt 3:8). He did not object to their coming forward; he objected to their lack of concern for real change in society.

In his brief discourse to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John described the action that was taking place: "Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree (Mt 3:10)." Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees.

The changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have.

"The uniqueness of the Christian message does not so much consist in the affirmation of the necessity for structural change, as it does in the insistence on the conversion of people which will in turn bring about this change. We will not have a new continent without new and reformed structures, but, above all, there will be no new continent without new people, who know how to be truly free and responsible according to the light of the Gospel."

In time of trial it is of great profit to us patiently to endure for God's sake, for the Lord says: 'By patient endurance you will win life for yourselves.'

(Bishops of Latin America, Medellin Documents): Gerald Darring

Faith Formation

Christmas Program for Grades Pre-K through 6th

Mark your calendar - - Wednesday, December 11th starting at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Each year, St. Mary's students in grades Pre-K through 6th work very hard on their Christmas Program. Please plan on attending this beautiful program and support them with our love.

The children will be presenting their program at the St. Croix Central High School Auditorium. See you at the Big Show.

9th and 10th Faith Formation

All students in Faith Formation grades 7-11 are expected to attend the Christmas program presented by the younger students on December 11 at 5:30. They will NOT have their regular class at 7:00. Please bring your student to St. Croix Central for the show at 5:30 and pick them up there at 6:30. Attendance will be taken.

There will be regular class on December 18 at 7 PM as usual.

Thank You

Class Makeup Opportunity

The movie "Unplanned" will be shown on Sunday, December 8 after 8 AM Mass in the Church basement.

Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for students in ninth and tenth grade who have missed several Faith Formation classes to make up two classes.

Here is a synopsis of the movie: All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Sacraments

Rest in Peace: Mary Warga, the mother Sue (Greg) Hawkins.

Immaculate Conception Feast Masses

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8th. The Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence of this feast. However, we are to celebrate a Mass for this important feast on Monday, December 9. There will be Mass at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception in Hammond at 9:00 a.m. and at St. Bridget's in River Falls at 8:00 a.m.

The Giving Tree

The holiday season is here and the spirit of giving is in full swing. The generosity of St. Mary's Parish last Christmas season, allowed several families in our surrounding communities to have the type of Christmas we all hope to provide for our own families. We have been given the opportunity again this holiday season to help those in need. If you are willing and able to make a donation this year, please visit the donation tree in the back of church. Please take an ornament, or ornaments, off the tree, and return the item unwrapped, with the tag taped to it, and place your donation under the tree. If you would rather give a monetary donation, there is a wrapped box by the tree for your donation. The Welcome Committee will deliver donations and monetary donations to the St. Croix Central and Baldwin-Woodville School Districts based on their needs. All donations are due back to our tree by December 15th. We ask for your prayers for all of the families in our area in need.

Thank you for your donations and prayers.

PRAYER LIST

PASTORAL MINISTRY

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Want someone prayed for, or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office.

The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

Doug Pedrotty	Kay Suckow
Dominic Pedrotty	Bob Weninger
Donald Anibas	John Will
Ken Weiss	Lorraine Miller
Charlene Bretl	Rebecca Eckman
David Bazille	Michael Pedrotty
Jim Bonte	

Volunteers Needed

Music Ministry Help Needed

St. Mary's Music Ministry is looking for volunteers. We would love to have you join our Music Team. Please contact Jane Thompson at jthompson@bwsd.k12.wi.us or contact the Church Office at 715-796-2244.

Upcoming Community Events

Tear Soup Meal & Discussion

Join us as we share a meal to discuss making our own Tear Soup as we grieve. Copies of the book, Tear Soup, a recipe for healing after loss by Pat Schwiebert & Chuck DeKlyen will be available for use in our discussion.

Friday, December 13, 11:00-12:30pm at Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremations Services, New Richmond, WI, Family Lounge.
Please RSVP by Wed. Dec. 11.

RSVP for Tear Soup Grief Support to: Julia Rajtar, Grief Support Coordinator, text or call 715-781-4003 or email julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com.

We plan to invite them to a future weekend Mass with fellowship so we can get to know them and show our support.



"WHY ADVENT?"

FR. BRICE HIGGINBOTHAM

https://youtu.be/1bUCY_OFNus

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Monday, 12/9	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Tuesday, 12/10	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14	Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Wednesday, 12/11	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Thursday, 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Friday, 12/13	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Saturday, 12/14	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Sunday, 12/15	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11	Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10



KC Corner Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled
Sunday, December 8, 2019.
Start time 7:00 PM.

We will pray the rosary at 6:40 for those who arrive early and wish to participate.

Family of the Month

Family of the month for November:
Dan and Sarah Kohler Family
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Support our Seminarians

Council 7030 is providing financial and prayer support to the seminarians of the Diocese of Superior. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they make their journey in faith:

Isaiah Schick
Daniel Tracy
Benjamin Schmitt
Noah Roe
Deacon Joseph Stefancin

Tithes and Financial (prior week)

Adult Envelopes	\$1,701.00
Loose	\$107.47
Visitor	\$0.00
Week #22 Budget	\$3,450.00
Week #22 Actual	\$1,808.47
YTD Budget	\$95,475.00
YTD Actual	\$91,102.78
CSA Goal	\$37,819.00
CSA Received	\$9,065.00
Percentage of Goal	24%

Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
TH	12/12	8:00 AM	STM + People's Mass	
SAT	12/14	7:00 PM	Spanish Mass + People's Mass	
SUN	12/15	8:00 AM	+ People's Mass	

+Rest In Peace,
*Holy Mass for the Living,
BCC=Baldwin Care Center,
STM=St. Mary's Church & Coffee and Scripture,
HHC=Hammond Health Care

Mass Schedule - St. Bridget's, River Falls

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
SAT	12/14	5:00 PM	+ People's Mass	Carolyn Johnson
SUN	12/15	9:30 AM	+ LaVerne and Bernice + McAleavey	The family
		11:00 AM	+ Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary	
		6:00 PM	+ Mass at UWRF Newman Center	

Minister Schedules-Looking ahead... December 9, 2019, December 14-15, 2019

	Eucharistic Minister	Mass Server	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan
Monday, 12/9 9:00 AM - Feast of Immaculate Conception	Fred Jourdeans VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Linda Jourdeans	Fred Jourdeans Linda Jourdeans		Dan Kohler
Saturday, 12/14 7:00 PM	Erin Northup John Northup	Halle Bignell Royal Bignell	Spanish Reader	Jeena Norenberg Ty Norenberg	Toby Hable Peter Lefeber Paul Mohrhauser Sarah Mohrhauser	Virginia Anderson
Sunday, 12/15 8:00 AM	Kelly Becker Gary Hawkins	Hailey House Chase Lee	Jennifer Hawkins	Eric Becker Kelly Becker	Scott Amacher Curtiss Bourget Allie Rumpel Jim Rumpel	Kay Suckow

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday Mornings - On Thursday mornings, we have Eucharistic Adoration. When we have Mass at 8am in Church, Adoration will begin after Mass and conclude around 10:30 am. If Mass is off site, for example at a nursing home, Adoration will begin at 9am and conclude around 11am.

Chancery Bulletin - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

Ride to Worship - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - admin@stmaryshammond.org; Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Please call the parish office for all scheduling.

Holy Communion for the Homebound - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

Baptisms - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

Weddings - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

Spanish Mass - We have a large Spanish population in the area who are Catholic. To meet their spiritual needs, Mass in Spanish and English will be the second Saturday of the month at the 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond. The prayers, readings, and intentions will be in Spanish and English. The Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. We are blessed to have several members of St. Mary's who speak Spanish and will be able to help translate.