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From the pastor...

This is the Second Sunday of Advent and [John the Baptist began preaching,] "Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins." Luke 3:3

Legend says that while painting 'The Last Supper,' Leonardo da Vinci had a terrible fight with someone. Afterward, he went to his studio, picked up his brush, and prepared to paint the face of Jesus. To his dismay he couldn't make a single decent stroke. He put down his brush, went to the man he fought with, and asked forgiveness.

Leonardo returned to his studio and resumed painting the face of Jesus. Have I ever had an experience similar to Leonardo's? What motivates me to repent my sins? (ACTION 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

Clergy Abuse As I mentioned from the pulpit at both St. Mary's and St. Bridget's, I was angered and disappointed that something more has not been done to hold those responsible for and committed the crime of sexual abuse of minors by our church. Rome asked that it be delayed until February when Pope Francis will meet with Bishops and adopt a world wide response to this issue. I have had two listening sessions so far for anyone who would like to talk about this issue. In addition, some people have contacted me directly to talk. If you would like to speak to me about this or other issues, feel free to contact me.

New Church Calendars....

The new church calendars are available in the back of both churches. They are a wonderful way to keep track of the liturgical church year. Thanks to O'Connell Funeral Homes and Bakken-Young Funeral Homes for their donation of these calendars.

Poinsettias for Christmas

This is your opportunity to help us beautify the church for the Christmas Season. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope labeled Christmas flowers. Please include your name, phone number and the person(s) to be remembered with the memorial. It can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the church office.

Help decorate the church

Help decorate the church Sunday December 16 Please help decorate the church after Mass on Sunday December 16th great project for families and kids. Treats to be served.
Thanks.

Dishes on Cart

Please pick up any dishes that you may have on the cart in the back of church. After December 23, any remaining dishes will be donated to Treasure's From the Heart.
Thank You.

CHRISTMAS PRORAM GRADES

PRE-K THROUGH 6TH

Mark your calendar - Wednesday, December 12th 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. As our faith formation program grows, our need for space also grows. The children will be presenting their program at the St. Croix Central High School Auditorium. A celebration of homemade cookies will follow the program. See you at the Big Show.

CATECHIST NEEDED

We are looking for a 3rd Grade Co-Catechist that could help finish out the year - January through March. You will be teamed with another Co-Catechist. Please contact Jackie at 715-796-2241 or email Jackie at JackieAune@smicparish.org.

Christmas Collection

Christmas is around the corner! We are again collecting gifts and cash donations for families that are receiving services through Family Resource Center. A member of the Welcome Committee will be available for questions in the back of church after mass. Please have gifts returned to church no later than December 9. If you know of any families in need for Christmas gifts, please contact Father Jerry.

Sacraments

St. Mary's rejoices in the baptism of Legend Scott Oehlke, son of Laren and Luke Oehlke!

St. Mary's rejoices in the baptism of Emma Sue Gausman, daughter of Ashley and William Gausman!

Free Babysitting Day

Sat. Dec. 15 from 12:00-4:00 the 8th-grade class is offering free babysitting in the church to families from our parish with children ages 1-10.
YOU NEED TO PRE-REGISTER. Space is limited. We will have Christmas activities, crafts and snack. Our class is studying the history of the Catholic church, which has a rich legacy of service; we chose this as a service project to support young families during this busy season. Most of our class is experienced at babysitting. To register call Amy Hueg at 651.276.7212.

Thank you for Tuesday Community Supper

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped prepare, serve and clean up the Tuesday Community Supper. The donated bars were all delicious. While we had a small attendance those there really appreciated the meal. We will be serving in June next.

Pastoral Ministry



Remember in Your Prayers - 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 a prayer chain contact person the parish office, or Lori at stmarysicbulletin@gmail.com 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	Donald Anibas	John Will	Dominic Pedrotty
Aggie Licht	Bob Weninger	Walter Warwick	Brian Holldorf	

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Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Monday, 12/10	Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Tuesday, 12/11	Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Wednesday, 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
Thursday, 12/13	Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Friday, 12/14	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Saturday, 12/15	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Sunday, 12/16	Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.



Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

St. Mary's, Hammond - 3:00 PM & 5:00PM
St. Bridget, River Falls - 3:00PM, 7:00PM & 10:30PM

Christmas Day

St. Mary's, Hammond - 9:00 AM
St. Bridget, River Falls - 8:30AM

New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary

St. Mary's - 9:00 AM
St. Bridget, River Falls - 9:00 AM

Tithes and Financial	(prior week)
Adult Envelopes	\$2,836.00
Loose	\$116.39
Visitor	\$0.00
Week #23 Budget	\$3,350.00
Week #23 Actual	\$2,952.39
YTD Budget	\$95,700.00
YTD Actual	\$90,250.81
CSA Assessment	\$13,382.00
CSA Goal	\$37,382.00
Percentage of Goal	35%
Families Responded	69

Chancery Bulletin

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

Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
TH	12/13	8:00 AM	STM + Rita Kerber	Kerber Family & Friends
SAT	12/15	7:00 PM	+ Thor Aune	Tom & Renee Mortel
SUN	12/16	8:00 AM	+ James & Dolores Hawkins	Hawkins Family

+Rest In Peace,
*Holy Mass for the Living,

BCC=Baldwin Care Center,
STM=St. Mary's Church & Coffee and Scripture,

HHC=Hammond Health Care - Formally American Heritage Care Center-Hammond

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	12/15	5:00 PM	+ Norbert "Bud" Meyer	Friends and family
SUN	12/16	9:30 AM	+ Elaine Dusek	Judy Reiersen
		11:00 AM	+ Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary	
		7:00 PM	+ Mass at UWRF Newman Center	

**Minister Schedules-Looking ahead...
December 15 & 16, 2018**

	Eucharistic Minister	Mass Server	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan
Saturday, 12/15 7:00 PM	Tom Jaszczak Sara Miller	Brody Peissig Kaitlyn Peissig	Laura Danielson	Justin Peissig Sarah Peissig	Joe Kusilek John Northup Patrick Strand VOLUNTEER NOW	Nancy Nichols
Sunday, 12/16 8:00 AM	Kelly Becker John Hueg	Isaac Bauer Carmen Schwalen	Mary Rumpel	Virginia Anderson Carol Holldorf	Terry Korte Allie Rumpel Jim Rumpel Fred Schulte	Virginia Anderson

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! St. Mary's Immaculate Conception wants to worship with you!

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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.

Please call the parish office for all scheduling.

Spanish Mass will be the second Sunday of the month at 2:00p.m. - 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 Sunday of the month at 2:00p.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.