

February 9, 2020—5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00PM. Sunday: 8:00 AM

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Saturday: 5:00PM. Sunday: 9:30AM & 11:00AM

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From Fr. Rich....

Light for The World

"In today's Gospel Matthew applies to Jesus the prophetic oracle of Isaiah: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' In like manner, the psalmist's assertion that the Lord is my light is echoed in Jesus' words: 'I am the light of the world; the man who follows me will have the light of life.'

Christianity is about light. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so his Church is to be light in a world of darkness. Light enables the beauty of things to be seen, and we are called to make the beauty of the world shine. But we are not to call attention to ourselves: if you are aware of the light in a room, it is too bright. Our vocation is for others, not ourselves.

Surrounded by discrimination, oppression and war, Christians are challenged to 'be united in mind and judgment,' and they are directed by God's love to 'bring humankind to unity and peace.' The light we bring to the world should lead in time to an end of all the world's darkness: the alienation and oppression of peoples, the attacks on human life and dignity, and disrespect for God's creation.

"The Church ... serves as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society as it is to be renewed in Christ and transformed into God's family. ... the Church not only communicates divine life to men, but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth."

(Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 40)

Gerald Darring

Annual Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking—February 8, 2020

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. Feb. 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was born in Sudan in 1869, kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was known as "Mother Moretta" (our Black Mother). Josephine Bakhita died on Feb. 8, 1947, was beatified on May 17, 1992 and canonized on Oct. 1, 2000. She has become known as the patron of human trafficking victims. Catholics are encouraged to create greater awareness and take action.

St. Mary's Faith Formation Position Grades 7-11 is open.

Pat Klein is retiring from her position at Faith Formation Coordinator for grades 7-11. God bless you, Pat, for your wonderful work and dedication.

We are now actively recruiting a new person for this position. Overview of this position: The main focus of this position is to lead and coordinate the educational programs of the parish for grades 7 – 11. Working collaboratively with other members of the parish staff and volunteers, the coordinator is responsible for the inclusion of youth and young adults in all facets of parish life. A complete job description is available upon request. Please contact Fr. Harris or Todd Edelman at the church office.

Fr. Harris

Parish Council Elections

We have three parish council members whose terms are expiring on the parish council. If you would like to run for parish council contact Max Hansen mrcanoeguy28@gmail.com or contact me. Fr. Harris

New Folding Doors are scheduled for installation

The new folding doors installation for the lower level of the church basement has been scheduled. The first installation is scheduled to begin Thursday, February 13 in the south rooms with completion by Tuesday, February 18 in time for Faith Formation on Wednesday, February 19. The installation of the north side will begin Thursday, February 20 with completion by Tuesday, February 25.

In the event of a funeral, we could still have a funeral but any funeral lunch would have to be elsewhere. Thanks for your attention.

Fr. Harris

Koinonia Retreat Weekend

A Koinonia Retreat Weekend – March 20th – March 22th – Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Retreat is held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, MN. Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults. It is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. The Theme of the Koinonia weekend is the Paschal Mystery. During the weekend, the church year is expressed in 3 days. Who can make a Koinonia weekend? Anyone who would like to enhance their own spirituality. Cost for the weekend is \$70.00. Scholarships are available. Flyers are located on the back table. For more information, please contact Jackie Aune at 715-796-2241 or email: JackieAune@smicparish.org

Ministry Schedule

Please update your profile as to what dates you are NOT available to serve during the March 1st to June 30th, 2020 timeline by February 10th. You can also select Masses you would like to serve at. This will help avoid conflicts with your schedule and better fit your needs.

Did you know, you can also look at the schedule and pick and choose what masses you want to serve? Check it out. We are so blessed by all of you and your willingness to serve. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Jackie at 715-796-2241 or email at JackieAune@smicparish.org

Holy Week

Please consider serving during Holy Week. We have many positions to fill during this time with the extra masses. It truly is a beautiful time to serve. Log-in and select positions you would like to serve.

Ministry Help Needed

Are you or any of your family members interested in serving during Masses? We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Servers, Readers, Greeters, Ushers and Sacristans. Training is provided. We would love to have you join this special ministry. Please contact Jackie at JackieAune@smicparish.org or call 715-796-2241.

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

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Monday, 2/10	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56	PS 132:6-7, 8-10
Tuesday, 2/11	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13	PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11
Wednesday, 2/12	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23	PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Thursday, 2/13	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30	PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND 40
Friday, 2/14	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37	PS 81:10-11AB, 12-13, 14-15
Saturday, 2/15	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10	PS 106:6-7AB, 19-20, 21-22
Sunday, 2/16	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37	PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Tithes and Financial (prior week)

Adult Envelopes	\$2,826.00
Loose	\$266.40
Week #31 Budget	\$3,450.00
Week #31 Actual	\$3,092.40
YTD Budget	\$141,565.00
YTD Actual	\$143,902.99
CSA Goal	\$37,819.00
CSA Received	\$9,065.00
Percentage of Goal	24%

LIFE Program

9 Days for Life Novena

The 9 Day Novena for Life completed nationally last Wednesday.

Hopefully, many of you participated. If you want to keep the momentum for LIFE going in your family, consider checking out one of the DVDs of the movie "Unplanned" from the Rectory office. It is a moving story of conversion that we prayed for in the Novena.



KC Corner

Next meeting is scheduled
Sunday, February 9, 2020.
Start time 7:00 PM.



We will pray the rosary at 6:45 for those who arrive early and wish to participate.

The 2020 Knight Gala Affair Planning Meeting will take place before the regular meeting starting at 6:10 PM.

Anyone interested in this planning process, please attend!

FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

FAITH Program

Lenten Retreat

We are in the planning stages for a Lenten Men's and Women's Retreat in the Spring. Save the Date of Saturday April 4th for this event.

COMMUNITY Program

2020 Knight GALA Affair

----- Save the date....April 17, 2020 -----

Planning needs to begin for this year's Gala event. We are in need of an overall event coordinator and it would be wonderful if a couple of Lady Knights would be interested in being Event Decoration Coordinator. If you can help out in any way with the planning or on the event night itself, please contact Dennis Malecek at 651-260-6531.

Free Throw Contest

The annual KC Free Throw Contest was held last Sunday at St Croix Central High School. Winners were:

Council Level

Boys
12 - Chayton Gottfredsen
10 - Dane Gottfredsen
9 - Braden Pierce

Girls
11 - Lyla Carlson

District Level

12 - Chayton Gottfredsen
10 - Dane Gottfredsen



Join Fr. Patrick McConnell & Fr. Samuel Schneider for a 12-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land August 10 - 21, 2020 with Nativity Pilgrimage



*Cana - Nazareth - Mt. Tabor - Mt. of Beatitudes - Tabgha
Sea of Galilee - Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Dead Sea*

\$4,390 per person

Includes transportation, air fair, hotel, meals, sightseeing and more.



For full details, please contact Ms. Paula Schneider
(715) 521.0880 | psmonico921@gmail.com or visit
<http://nativitypilgrimage.com/frsamuelfrpatrick-wi>

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR THE CLUSTER 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH:

- St. Bridget, River Falls, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 5:30 PM
- **St. Mary's, Hammond, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 6:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH:

- **St. Mary's, Hammond, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 8:00 AM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 9:00 AM
- Newman Center, River Falls, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 12:00 PM
- **St. Mary's, Hammond, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 5:30 PM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls, Mass & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM
- **St. Mary's Hammond, Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM**

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- St. Bridget, River Falls - Wednesday, February 19th 6:30 PM
- **St. Mary's, Hammond - Thursday, March 19th 7:00 PM**

BEGINNING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH through FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

- **St. Mary's, Hammond - Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

CHRISM MASS, MARCH 31ST

- Cathedral—Christ the King—Superior Noon

HOLY THURSDAY MASS, APRIL 9TH

- **St. Mary's, Hammond 6:00 PM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, APRIL 10TH

- **St. Mary's, Hammond 3:00 PM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls 12:00 NOON
- St. Bridget, River Falls, Vespers 7:00 PM
- **St. Mary's Hammond, Vespers 6:00 PM**

EASTER VIGIL, HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 11TH

- **St. Mary's, Hammond - Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets 9:00 AM**
- **St. Mary's, Hammond 7:30 PM**
- St. Bridget, River Falls 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

- **St. Mary's, Hammond 8:00 AM**
- **St. Mary's, Hammond 10:00 AM**
- St. Bridget's, River Falls 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Any changes to schedule will be in bulletin & announced at Mass.

LENTEN FASTING RULES

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of full fasting and abstinence.

ALL FRIDAYS of Lent require abstinence from meat only.

- Fasting means that only one full meal is taken, with the other two not exceeding the one full meal, and no snacking between meals.
- Fasting is required for everyone over 14 years of age and under 59. If you are ill or the fast would interfere with your work, you are not bound.
- Catholics should not lightly absolve themselves from this minimal observance.

Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception					
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	-	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
TH	2/13	8:00AM	STM	+ Hotka Family	Michael & Mary Hotka
SAT	2/15	7:00 PM		+ Florence Kahler	Ken & Sue Kahler
SUN	2/16	8:00 AM		+ Josephine & Anton Trunkel	Suckow Family
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	2/15	5:00 PM		+	
SUN	2/16	9:30 AM		+	
		11:00 AM		+ Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's	
		6:00 PM		+ Mass at UWRF Newman Center	

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

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

Ministry Schedule for the week of February 16, 2020					
	Mass Server	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan
Saturday, 7:00 PM	Rhyan Nichols Addisyn Wichelman	Pat Schumacher	Toby Hable Traci Hable	Toby Hable Joe Kusilek Paul Mohrhauser John Northup	Carol Holldorf
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Isaac Bauer Olivia Valiant	Kurt Soderberg	Paula Soderberg Griffin Soderberg	Curtiss Bourget Greg Hawkins Allie Rumpel Jim Rumpel	Phillip VanSomeren

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.