

the Catholic communities of

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May 5, 2024



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”
- Jn 15:16-17

Visitors & New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our parish family. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

Parish Offices

ST. MARY

320 E. Washington Ave, Tomahawk WI 54487
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Fax 715-453-6678
Website: www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com
Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2561
Fax 715-453-4813
Hours: Tuesday 8:00AM-3:00PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5209 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI 54564
Please note: There is no office at this location, please see St. Mary Parish Office.

Weekend Mass/Service Schedule

St. Francis-Pier Willow	Saturday 4:00PM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Saturday 6:00PM
St. Augustine- Harrison	Sunday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 9:30AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Sunday 11:00AM

Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:45AM
Nursing Homes	Thursday 9:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:45AM

Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 7:25AM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:00AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:15AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Friday 8:00AM

Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on first Fridays

Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Saturdays at 9:00AM*
St. Francis-Pier Willow
Saturdays at 3:30PM*

Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 11:00AM Mass on Sundays*
* or by appointment (715-453-2878)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Deacon Dan Towle 715-453-2848

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ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Cemetery Sexton

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030

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Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty

Endowment Fund Advisory Board President,

AJ Theiler 715-453-0010

ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

Hours:

Tuesday 4:00PM-7:00PM

Wednesday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the parish bulletin must be in St. Mary's parish office by 8:00AM on Tuesday.



Your Gifts & Talents are Needed!

Become a volunteer

Call 715-453-2878

God Bless You!

Mission Statement

Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

Reflection

The reflection for the week can be found on our website at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacraments & Faith Formation

Sacrament of Baptism

We ask that parents of a child to be baptized contact the parish office to arrange attendance of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please note that it is not necessary to wait until the child is born to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Anyone seeking to set up a wedding must contact Fr. Louis, our pastor, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. Wedding guidelines are available at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please call the parish office to notify us of the people who are in need of this care. This Sacrament is also available to those who wish to receive it after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) is celebrated individually each Saturday at 9:00AM. Individual times can be arranged at any time by calling the parish office.

Faith Formation

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation take place during 2nd Grade. Confirmation Preparation begins in 9th grade and takes place on Sundays. Students are confirmed in the fall of either 10th or 11th Grade. Classes for Grades K-12 are on Wednesdays.

Pray for the Sick

Lawrence & Colette Matthews	Jim Witucki	Alex Schroeder	Giers	Florence Heckenast
Tucker Van Ryen	Mary Wolf	Todd Glanville	Karen Orthober	Mary Bailey
Melinda Meyers	Jean Flammang	Karson Bartz	Mady Hanse	Jim Martinco
Christine Taylor	Mary Gerum	Larry Bengford	Joan Kleinschmidt	William Holzschuh
Margaret Congdon	Marvelene	Mary "Lee"	Mike Loka	Gloria Biesic
Joan McCormick	Sosinsky	Hamlin	Kathy Echterling	Hannah Bell
Dan Bassett	Pat Alberg	Cliff & Jean Eggett	Robert Zipp	Ron Groshek
Charlene Marks	Betty Hudson	Julie Iwen	Jan Hammell	Lisa Wildey
Evelyn Brown	Mary Stelzer	Nathalie Obey	Diane Barr	
Martin Vander Sanden	Joan Crowell	Billy Frigo	Patricia Bulauski	
Nicholas Peterson	Mary Sue	Suzanne Theis	Therese DuPlayee	
Steve Malin	Martin Novotny	Howard Sipple	Steve Christian	
Vivian Mitchell	Vander Sanden	Cynthia Dampier	Margaret Welbes	
Joann Meyers	Shawna Geiger	Amanda Hilgendorf	Terri Cantrall	
Marlene Erickson	Loraine Stone	Joe Venne	Therese Quirion	
	Joan Cook	Dave Bablick	Maribeth Burke	
	Al Felz	Richard & Janet	Clyde Eggett	
	Larry Andrew		Janet Pierdzioch	
	Terry Winchell			

All the sick in the hospitals and all the residents in our Nursing Homes. To keep our list current, all names are removed on a monthly basis. If our parish's thoughts and prayers are still needed for you and yours, you must contact us to ensure that your loved ones are on the prayer list.

Pray For All the Priests of our Diocese:

Each week we are asked to pray for all the Priests of our Diocese. The monthly calendars are available at catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin.



Respect Life Committee

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OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From the Pastor

Controlling One's Desires

The true master is the one who controls his desires. By not controlling our desires, we punish ourselves by our own indulgences, which create nervousness and anger and moods. We have no joy in anything because we are controlled by our insatiable senses. When we have control over our desires, we mean NO when we say NO to temptations. And we mean YES when we say YES to what we

want for our good.

By our good desires, we cultivate God-centeredness in our hearts and life. Always be busy with God and nothing can distract us. Lead a simple and contented life. The purpose of life is to find God. So do not waste your time in useless ways of life.



Fr. Louis Maram Reddy

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

Sunday	5/5	7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: James Hollar by Hollar Family
		9:00AM	St. Augustine Parish Breakfast
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Fran Sweek by Maureen Lechleitner
		11:00AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Jerrold & Mitzi Flynn by Pat, Mary & Brian Anointing of the Sick following Mass
Monday	5/6		NO MASS
		11:00AM	Blood Pressures @ Nokomis Town Hall
		4:00PM	Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC
		6:30PM	RCIA Class in the CCC
Tuesday	5/7	8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:30AM	Scripture & Communion Service @ St. Augustine
		4-7PM	Thrift Cellar
		5-6:00PM	Open Arms Community Meal
Wednesday	5/8	8:15AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Scripture & Communion Service @ St. Mary
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		9:15AM	Adult Faith Formation Class in the CCC
		3:30PM	First Communion Retreat in the CCC
Thursday	5/9	9:15AM	Mass @ Riverview: Gerald Roberts by Patricia Larsen
Friday	5/10	8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Mary Beth Koenigs by Gary & Mary Luedke
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		9:15AM	Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary
		10:30AM	Rosary @ Milestone Living Center
Saturday	5/11	9:00AM	Reconciliation @ St. Mary
		4:00PM	Mass @ St. Francis: Sonny Ruitter by Helene Fudacz Blood Pressures after Mass
		6:00PM	Mass @ St. Mary: Mary Beth Koenigs by Mark Roppuld
Sunday	5/12	7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: For the People of the Parishes First Communion Mass
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Pat Brzezinski by her sister First Communion Mass
		11:00AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Leo & Louise Pintens by Paul & Bernadette Albert Family Anointing of the Sick following Mass



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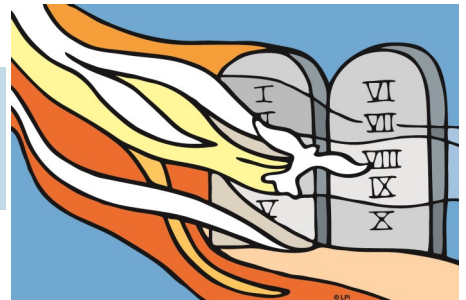
Please like and share!

FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is canned fruit & vegetables. There are collection baskets in the entrance of St. Francis', St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Church.
Contact: Ricky (715-453-1386)

Prayer Chain - Anyone with a personal prayer intention is invited to call Ruth at 715-453-3397, and caring persons will pray on your behalf. Your request can be anonymous, or you may choose to include your name. Please respect the privacy of others, and do not share a prayer request on behalf of a third party.

St. Joseph the Worker Committee will be working Tuesday, May 7 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete."
- Jn 15:10-11



The St. Mary's Festival Committee has been meeting and we are ready for another great Summer Festival! Plan for two full days of music, raffles, food and fellowship! This summer's festival is Friday, July 26 & Saturday, July 27 so mark your calendars now.... You won't want to miss this fun weekend.



Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan

Parish Choir – we will sing our next 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, May 19.

Thanks to the donations of some very generous people, the choir is getting close to reaching our goal of purchasing a new rehearsal piano in the Corpus Christi Center. If anyone else would like to contribute to the cause in memory of a loved one, please contact Jan through the parish office. Thank you so much!

The current **liturgical ministry schedule** will include the month of May. If you have preferences or information to update before the summer schedule, please contact Jan ASAP, and **no later than Monday, May 13**. The new schedule will cover the months of June through September.

Would you like to try being a cantor?

Summer is a great time to try a new ministry, and our wonderfully dedicated cantors would love more flexibility in the summer. Please consider helping out, and we will train you with all you need to know. How about some of our youth who have such beautiful voices?



The St Mary's Respect Life Committee will be offering roses after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. A freewill offering is appreciated to cover the costs of this ministry.

Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, May 5 (6th Sunday of Easter): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday, May 6: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 7: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 8: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 9 (*The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses)*): Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday, May 10 (*St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*): Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 11: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 12 (*The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day*): *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19



Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Mary will begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on April 17 after the morning Mass in the CCC. There is no need to register for these sessions. Your presence is welcome any week of the program. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

FAITH FRIDAYS—9AM-4PM

Want your kids to have a VBS experience? Don't have time to commit to every day in one week?

- Come and learn about our faith, make a craft, play games, and have a snack
- Open for K-5th grade
- Pack a bag lunch and bring a water bottle
- \$10 per child/day
- Payment can be made when you attend
- We will meet in the CCC



6th - 12th graders are welcome to join us as volunteers.

DATES: June 14, June 21 and June 28

You must RSVP by Noon on the Thursday before the "Faith Fridays" event.

Email or call Marianna Merkatoris at dreyouth@smctomahawk.com.



Cerny's gift cards are available for purchase (\$25, \$50 & \$100) after all Masses this weekend (May 4 & 5)!!! You can also pick up your cards at the parish office during office hours (M-F 8AM-3:30PM). Cerny's generously returns a portion of the sales back to our parish and the profits from these sales benefit our youth programs. Your support is appreciated!!!



Spring Rummage Sale News:

A big thank you goes out to all of my fellow rummagers, our school families, volunteers, and those that so generously donated items and those that faithfully shop for our great buys.

Our profit was \$1,450 and the support shown to our school was phenomenal! Thank You!!!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



4th Annual St. Mary's School Golf Scramble

Mark your calendars! The 4th Annual St. Mary's School Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, May 18 at Edgewater Country Club. For more information on how to sign up your team, contact the school office. Last year was so much fun; we can't wait for this year's event! If you are interested in donating a raffle basket for this event, please drop it off at the school by Wednesday, May 15. Thank you!

Rummage Sale

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers we had at our school rummage sale last weekend. We made \$1,450 for our school! A special thank you to Julia Pankow for heading up this event! We are blessed and thankful for you all.



Time & Treasure and Gala

The numbers are all coming in and it looks as if this is our biggest profit ever on both Time and Treasure and Gala! Thank you all for your support of donations, sponsorships and prayers. God is good!



Pictured: Students attending monthly Adoration and our Family Egg Drop Science Night.

From the Parish Nurse

More exercises for gardening prep - abdominals and fingers.

Strong **abdominal muscles** protect your back from injury. Although they do not actually connect with the spine, the abdominal muscles form a network of overlapping, crisscrossing fibers that help support the back directly. The better conditioned the abdominals are, the less the back has to work. To be effective these back exercises must be practiced slowly; if done too rapidly, they depend too much on momentum instead of developing muscular strength.

*Sit on the floor: knees bent, feet slightly apart and parallel, arms extended in front at chest level, hands clasped together, with your back straight. Pull in the abdominals, lower your chin, and take four slow counts to roll back while exhaling, touching one vertebra at a time to the floor until your back is resting on the floor. Then, continuing to keep you back rounded and arms out-stretched, inhale and take four slow counts to return to original position. Repeat 4 times working up to 10. Keep your abdominals pulled in throughout the exercise rolling up and down slowly. To challenge your abdominals more once you managed the partial roll back with ease, practice rolling all the way down to the floor and back, taking 10 to 12 slow counts.

Finger strength begins by strengthening the interossei muscles which are responsible for comfortably spreading your fingers.

*Wrap a broad rubber band around the fingers (not including the thumb). It should be tight enough so the fingers touch without being constricted. Spread the fingers apart creating as much space as you comfortably can. Hold for 5 seconds, then relax. Repeat four times on each hand, working up to 8 times.

(Information and exercises from "Healthy Gardener" by Barbara Pearlman)

God's blessings for all those out enjoying a peaceful, relaxing, and good day fishing.

Ann Jelinek RN, PN



Ministry Moment

Karen Sprister serves our parish in the Prayer Shawl ministry and also as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Having grown up in Kimberly, WI, Karen retired from

VandeWalles Candies after working there for seventeen years. Karen is also a musician, and played flute for forty-eight years! She played with the Kimberly Community Band and then retired to join the Rhinelander Area Community Band. She also enjoys fishing, playing bingo, gardening and knitting. Karen has lived permanently in our area since June 2022. She likes sharing her time and talent with others because in her words, "It always makes me feel good to volunteer". Thank you, Karen!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, May 11, 2024

Readers	Tom Oscar & Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Kay Nyberg
Cantor	Lisa Breaman
Communion Ministers	Laura Reiter, Kathy Van Ryen, Robin & Alice Gray

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, May 12, 2024

Reader	Marilyn Van Ryen
Greeters	Paul & Sarah Liemer
Money Counters	Stephanie Smith & Carol Swan

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, May 12, 2024

Readers	Leigh Loka & Mickey Loka
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Jan Huseby
Cantor	Michele Wingate
Choir	Canticle Choir
Communion Ministers	Mary Smerz, Jean Whalen, Larry & Linda Van Strydonk

11:00AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, May 12, 2024

Readers	Doris Ingman & Tami Jo Thieme
Altar Servers	Kristen Beilke & Ali Leggett
Musician	Jan Huseby
Cantor	Dee Dreger
Communion Ministers	Joe Mattke, Kris Leggett & Jackie Whitney

St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - We welcome all to breakfast following Mass today. We are celebrating Mother's Day just a little early. Much appreciation to those who are helping with setup, serving and cleanup. Also, thanks to participants and for monetary donations to help cover grocery costs and other parish needs.



FORMED

Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would

one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/lukas-storyteller-st-john-paul-ii>.



Our parish has a **FORMED** subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and type in 54487 to find our parish cluster. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



The St Mary's Respect Life/Walking with Moms in Need ministry provides valuable resources to families in our community through its outreach programs. The Cradle For Life located in the Harris Portico can be used by anyone wishing to donate material items for this cause. Our primary need at this time are diapers sizes 2-5 and unscented diaper wipes. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be made through the parish office or website. Thank you all and to our committee members for the wonderful support and service in this ministry. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Patti Baacke at 715-302-4815.

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Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of April 14, 2024

St. Mary's Collections:	
Adult Envelopes	\$3,888.00
Loose Collection	\$544.00
Online Giving	\$2,976.08
School Collection	\$1,882.00
Maintenance Fund	\$50.00
Capital Expense/Heat	\$50.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$50.00
Total	\$9,440.08

St. Francis' Collections:	
Adult Envelopes	\$535.00
Loose Collection	\$83.00
School Collection	\$95.00
Total	\$713.00

St. Augustine's Collections	
Adult Envelopes	\$847.00
Loose Collection	\$134.00
School Collection	\$159.00
Special Projects	\$100.00
Backpack Program	\$10.00
Total	\$1,250.00

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date!

Please join us for Lincoln County's **FREE** Community Baby Shower on Thursday, May 30 from 3-5PM right here at St. Mary's Church in the Corpus Christi Center (CCC). More info. in next week's bulletin!



Thrift Cellar News

The Thrift Cellar has some great spring and summer fashions, which are now available! New items arriving weekly. Stop down and see us!

We need volunteers to cut rags!! We also need volunteers to bring bags to Goodwill in Rhinelander or Wausau. If you are able to help, please stop down during open hours and let us know!
Store hours: Tuesdays from 4-7PM and Wednesdays & Fridays from 9AM-3PM.
Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School!