September 21, 2025



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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 Phone 715-453-2878

Website: www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:00AM-3:30PM

Thursday—CLOSED Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Phone 715-453-2561 Fax 715-453-4813

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
St. Mary-Tomahawk
St. Augustine-Harrison
St. Mary-Tomahawk
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Sunday 11:00AM*

Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison
St. Mary-Tomahawk
Nursing Homes
St. Mary-Tomahawk

Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison
St. Augustine-Harrison
St. Mary-Tomahawk

Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk

Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays First Saturdays at 9:00AM

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 9:30AM Mass on Sundays* *or by appointment (715-453-2878)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parochial Administrator

Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony pastor@smctomahawk.com

ST. AUGUSTINE

715-453-2561

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Deacon

Dan Towle 715-453-2848

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RCIA

Deacon Dan Towle 715-453-2848

Cemetery Sexton. Mark Voermans Pastoral Council Chair, Mike Smith Financial Council Chair, Jim Evers Maintenance Chair,

715-612-0376 **Matt Voermans**

ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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David Bablick 715-224-3472 Russell Cabak 608-797-2277 715-453-5217 Cliff Eggett Bernie Lyngdal (Retired)

OCIA

Deacon David Bablick 715-224-3472 Kathy Ramassini 715-453-3822

Parish Nurse Ministry

Ann Jelinek RN, PN 715-453-4573

Cemetery Sexton

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030

Pastoral Council Chair, Mary Bailey Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty

Endowment Fund Advisory Board President, 715-453-0010 AI Theiler

ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

Hours:

4:00PM-7:00PM Tuesday 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. Aloysius, 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-8 are on Wednesdays.

Pray for the Sick

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Lawrence & Colette Matthews	Jean Flammang Mary Gerum	Cliff & Jean Eggett	Therese Quirion Maribeth Burke	Tom Wenninger Robert "Roo"
Tucker Van Ryen	Marvelene	Nathalie Obey	Janet Pierdzioch	Rundle
Melinda Meyers	Sosinsky	Billy Frigo	Gloria Biesik	Patrick Wolfe
Christine Taylor	Betty Hudson	Suzanne Theis	Hannah Bell	Deonn Graeber
Margaret	Mary Stelzer	Howard Sipple	Ron Groshek	Jim Brimacombe
Congdon	Joan Crowell	Richard & Janet	Lisa Wildey	Dave Bablick
Joan McCormick	Mary Sue	Giers	Millie Lyngdal	Chuck Grigg
Dan Bassett	Novotny	Karen Orthober	Bernie Lyngdal	Mary Zahringer
Charlene Marks	Shawna Geiger	Mady Hanse	Annette Kowerski	Donna Olson
Evelyn Brown	Joan Cook	Joan	Rich O'Dell	Herschel Murphy
Nicholas	Al Felz	Kleinschmidt	Joe Sherman	Tracy Bartz
Peterson	Larry Andrew	Robert Zipp	Lois Bartz	Deb Russell
Steve Malin	Alex Schroeder	Jan Hammell	Jeanne Daurer	Robert Eisenman
Vivian Mitchell	Karson Bartz	Diane Barr	Tom Seavey	
Joann Meyers	Julie Iwen	Patricia Bulauski	Emma Schiltz	
Marlene Erickson	Mary "Lee"	Therese	Karen Monti	
Jim Witucki	Hamlin	DuPlayee	Grace Towle	
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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 715-302-4815

Chairperson: Patti Baacke Email:Pattibaacke@yahoo.com

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL 715-453-3542

Website: www.stmarysschool.biz

Principal: Juanita Skubal

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Secretary: Katie Rossiter

Email: smsoffice@stmarystudents.com

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From our Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are on the twenty fifth ordinary Sunday of year C. The first reading speaks about the corruption and injustice done to the poor. Amos is the prophet who promoted social justice. Closely connected to this lack of social justice is the dismissive attitude some people had toward worshipping God. This is evidenced by their targeting of the vulnerable in society, the needy and the poor. But God takes up the case on behalf of those in need. Do we try to look up to God in need? Do we promote and practice social justice?

The second reading provides instructions on prayer which are rooted in very practical considerations. St. Paul encourages people to pray for everyone in general and for those in authority more specifically to encourage and allow them to continue worshipping God and spreading the good news. Once

this is promoted amidst political and social unrest, life will be peaceful. It is the need of the day for a peaceful life across the world, which reminds us to pray for our political leaders. Do we feel responsible to pray for our authorities?

The gospel presents the parable on the dishonest steward. The master's words are a recognition of

the effectiveness of the steward's actions that secured him friends and potential future employment. Here it is not advocating dishonest practices but highlights the shrewdness of the steward. Instead of clinging to material wealth, we are called to be good stewards within our given gifts and possessions. Alms giving is an important aspect of Christian living, which does not fail us when we die, instead will help us to attain eternal life. What is our priority, God or mammon?

Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

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Sunday	9/21	8:00AM 8:55AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Marion Forecki by the Stearns Family Rosary @ St. Mary Family Mass @ St. Mary: Barney Flees by his sister-in-law First Reconciliation/First Communion Enrollment Mass High School Confirmation Class in the CCC following Mass Free Brunch in the CCC following Mass Anointing of the Sick following Mass Blood Pressures after Mass	
Monday	9/22		NO MASS Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC Advent Concert Rehearsal	
Tuesday	9/23	8:30AM 4-7PM	Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Marion Forecki by the Stearns Family Thrift Cellar Open Arms Community Meal	
Wednesday	9/24		School Mass @ St. Francis: For the Roppuld Family by Mark Thrift Cellar	
Thursday	9/25	9:15AM	Mass @ Country Terrace: Maxwell Schall by Marianna Merkatoris	
Friday	9/26	8:45AM 9AM-3PM 9:15AM	Rosary @ St. Mary Mass @ St. Mary: Brian Groshek by Mom & Dad Thrift Cellar Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary Rosary @ Milestone Living Center	
Saturday	9/27		Mass @ St. Francis: For the People of the Parishes Mass @ St. Mary: For the Roppuld Family by Mark	
Sunday	9/28	8:00AM 8:55AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Paul Dalka by Mom Rosary @ St. Mary Mass @ St. Mary: Al & Julia Cordova by Family Anointing of the Sick following Mass	



Important Notice: There will **NOT** be individual confessions available next Saturday, September 27. If you have a need for the Sacrament, please contact the parish office at 715-453-2878 to schedule an appointment.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mass will <u>not</u> be held at St. Mary's this coming Wednesday, September 24.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis in Pier Willow at 9:30AM with the school children. Please plan on joining us. Everyone is welcome!

FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is peanut butter & jelly (no grape). 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, September 23 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11



Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan

Youth Choir will NOT have practice this Wednesday, September 24.

Advent Concert Choir will rehearse on Monday, September 22. If you still want to join the choir, we can help you catch up, but hurry! You're missing a lot of fun.

Please keep Fr. Aloysius and ten of our musicians in your prayers next weekend, on Friday and Saturday, as they gather in Amery with music ministers from throughout the diocese. This annual retreat, led this year by Fr. Jim Marchionda, provides an excellent opportunity for us to sing and pray together, to sharpen our skills, and to spiritually grow in our ministry. Spiritual retreats are a wonderful way to revive and restore the dedication that is required to volunteer in a role that can be very challenging, especially when we try to balance our personal and our spiritual commitments. Simple expressions of gratitude and appreciation are very meaningful to these dedicated people.



On Catechetical Sunday we ask God's blessing on our Cotechists.

Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, September 21 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday): Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday, September 22 (National Migration Week): Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab,2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23 (St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest): Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab. 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 26 (Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs): Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22 Saturday, September 27 (St. Vincent de Paul, Priest): Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 28 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday): Am 6:1a, 4-7/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



Youth & Religious Ed News

The life of St. Joan of Arc and her courage to live out her faith was the special activity for the September 10 class. There is a Rewards Program this year for the students. By attending class, participating in Mass, and completing

monthly service projects children earn "points". Children with 35 points at the end of the school year will be able to attend a special night at a Wausau Woodchucks game! September's service project is "Closet Cleanout". Children can donate clothing or small household items to St. Mary's Thrift Cellar.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

of Date Changes for 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory at St. Mary Catholic Church

This consecration is an invitation to dedicate yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to carry out His will on this earth. It is an act of unconditional surrender to Jesus in the Eucharist, an opportunity to set aside our distractions and dedicate ourselves abundantly, wholeheartedly, and completely to the will of God, and promise to faithfully respond to God's grace in our life.

Date: The first gathering will be October 18 and will occur every Saturday morning until November 22. Consecration will take place on Sunday, November 23.

Time: 10-11AM

Location: In the church following Adoration. Participants are invited and encouraged to also attend Adoration in the church which will precede each of the 33 Days gatherings from 9-10AM.

What to do: Register at the Parish Office (or call 715-453-2878).

What to Bring: A copy of 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly, if you previously picked up a copy from the church last winter. Otherwise a copy will be provided.

Who is Invited: Everyone! Even if you cannot attend each session, please still join us when you can. Eucharistic ministers are particularly encouraged to attend.



Fall Cleaning? The St. Mary's School Fall Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, October 25 from 7AM-3PM. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, October 24 from 7AM-5PM. Reminder: No large furniture,

exercise equipment, or items that use electricity to function PLEASE!! Questions? Call Julia Pankow at 715-453-2878. All donations are greatly appreciated.

PARISH HAPPENINGS





Thank You

A BIG thank you to all who have donated wish list items to our school and for all the prayers and support given. We are truly thankful and blessed.

Also, thank you for sharing your extra garden veggies with us. The

students are reaping the benefits of these wonderful vegetables. Again, we are blessed and thankful!

Prayer Sponsors

This year we are looking for people to be a prayer sponsor for each school and church staff member. Maybe you could send them a card once in awhile, come in and see their classroom or office, or stop in to just say hello. Most importantly, **pray for them**. If you are interested, please call the school at 715-453-3542 to adopt a staff member.

Tuition Assistance Help Needed

We have two families that are in need of financial help with their tuition. One is a new family and the other would like to enroll her daughter in our Preschool program. Here at St. Mary's School we do our best to make sure all who wish to attend

our school are able to. With that said, we are currently out of tuition assistance for this school year and we have two families in our school community who are in need of financial assistance with tuition.

- New Family: This family is newly joining our school community and is seeking support to help cover tuition costs as they get settled.
- Returning Family: A returning parent would like to enroll her daughter in our Preschool program but requires financial assistance to make this possible.

We would greatly appreciate any support or guidance you can offer as we work to ensure both children have access to our faith based, quality early education experience. Please let Mrs. Skubal know the next steps or if any additional information is needed. Thank you and God bless!







Did you know CSA Funding for Catholic Formation supports and facilitates the Church's mission of providing opportunities for ongoing faith formation for adults? This includes, but is not limited to baptism preparation, parenting, RCIA and adult Confirmation, men's ministry, women's ministry, marriage enrichment and help for troubled marriages, separated/divorced support, bereavement, and fertility appreciation/natural family planning. Contribution envelopes are available at all church entrances, the parish office or you can give online. Online giving to the Catholic Services Appeal provides you with a secure and easy way to make a gift to the CSA. Your parish is automatically credited with your gift. To give online go to: www.catholicdos.org. Thank you for your support!

This year our goal for St. Mary: \$49,316; St. Augustine: \$13,020; and St. Francis: \$4,581.

From the Parish Nurse

"Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway" (Unknown).

As summer ends and fall begins a feeling of loneliness comes. Loneliness has many faces. Loneliness is the state in which an individual is at risk for experiencing discomfort associated with a desire or need for contact with others (The North American Nursing Diagnosis Association describes). Solitude is a self-determined decision to be alone without others for comfort and rest.

How does one cope with loneliness? God's gifts of time and talent are endless. Stop feeling guilty when spending some time in a leisure activity or project you've been wanting to do! Hobbies are soul soothers that can bring out the best of your creative side. Your sense of personal accomplishment and self-esteem are given a great boost and your stress is relieved. And who knows, new friendships and opportunities for support may mushroom.

Start by deciding how much time you have to devote to a hobby and the cost (purchasing only the basics until you know for sure it is the right choice). Decide if you prefer a contemplative, private time activity, or a stimulating group interaction. And don't forget the family. Family friendly hobbies get everyone exploring new interests and encourage skills (decision making, goal setting, problem solving, and hand-eye coordination). If you and your children have similar interests it may become an enjoyable activity and give you time together.

Take time and resolve to pursue an interest, develop a dream, learn a new skill, and thank God for this blessing of time, talent and life.

God bless all! ~ Ann Jelinek RN, PN

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, September 27, 2025

Readers Kathy Ramassini & Tom Oscar

Altar Servers Volunteers Needed Musician Patti Baacke

Cantor TBD

Communion Ministers Julia Pankow, Darrell Pierson,

Pat Berg & Karen Sprister

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, September 28, 2025

Reader Pat Pintens

Greeters Mike & Ursula Stearns

Communion Ministers Jo Lemmens, Dennis Goulee &

Mary Maly

Money Counters Jo Lemmens & Sarah Taves

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, September 28, 2025

Readers Leigh Loka & Mickey Loka Altar Severs Kristen Beilke & Ali Leggett

Musician Kay Nyberg
Cantor Lisa Breaman

Communion Ministers Jean Whalen, Mary Smerz,

Brad & Mary Burke

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"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life

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Adult Envelopes	\$3,959.00
Loose Collection	\$3,280.25
Online Giving	\$1,327.47
School Collection	\$1,174.18
Capital Expense/Heat	\$45.00
National Concerns	\$30.00
Total	\$9,815.90

Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of August 31, 2025

St. Francis' Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$305.00
Loose Collection	\$144.00
Total	\$449.00
St. Augustine's Collections	
Adult Envelopes	\$755.00
Loose Collection	\$488.00
School Collection	\$20.00

St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, October 5. More details in next Sunday's bulletin. Looking forward to gathering again.

Hospital Closet - We have a hospital closet to loan out hospital supplies such as walkers, a lift chair, crutches, knee scooter, commodes, and the like. Contact the parish office at 715-453-2561 and leave a message if you have a need.

Parish Support - If you know anyone in St Augustine parish who has celebrated a birthday or anniversary, suffered loss, or needs the comfort of prayers, please contact Kathy Havey (text: 414-243-0860 or email: sistersky60@gmail.com) so she can acknowledge on behalf of St. Augustine parish with a card and supportive words.

Parish Cemetery

MIMPORTANT NOTICE for Calvary Cemetery:

All seasonal grave decorations must be removed from Calvary Cemetery by Wednesday, October 15 for clean-up of the cemetery. Those not removed

will be removed by grounds maintenance and disposed of. Questions? Contact Cemetery Sexton, Matt Wohlt, at 715-453-7030. Thank You!



IMPORTANT NOTICE for St. Francis of Assisi's

Cemetery: Fall cleanup—All seasonal grave decorations (<u>real and artificial</u>) must be removed from the cemetery by Thursday, October 30. Those not removed will be removed by grounds maintenance and disposed of. Thank You!

Pastoral Planning Team Seeking Volunteers

A planning team is being formed to implement the diocesan Maintenance to Mission evangelization initiative in our parish cluster. We are looking for additional participants to join us in this important work, as we deepen our understanding of the call to evangelization and lay the groundwork for meaningful change for the long-term success of the cluster. Please contact Sandy Bishop for more information at 715-966-0362 or email: sbishop2723@gmail.com.



House Blessing - A sacramental inviting the Lord's presence and His blessings to make the home a spiritual space where faith is lived out and God's grace is welcomed in. If you would like to arrange for Fr. Aloysius to bless your home, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the Scrip table in the back of church or call the parish office at 715-453-2878 to schedule a date and time.

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