

the Catholic communities of

St. Mary ♦ St. Augustine ♦ St. Francis of Assisi

December 7, 2025



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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	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*

*Memorial Day Weekend—Labor Day Weekend Only

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
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

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ST. AUGUSTINE

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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. 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

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

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

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ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From our Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are in the second week of Advent where the first reading focuses on the promise of peace by God to the people of Israel. It tells us about the renewal of hope in the covenantal promise God made to David's royal house that a shoot shall sprout from that stump. He will be the Davidic leader upon whom the Lord's spirit shall rest. Several images from the animal kingdom are provided to describe the transformed state of the world filled with tranquility. What is our role in establishing peace and tranquility?

The second reading extends the theme telling the believers to abide in harmony with one another. It is an invitation to move into the realm of action to participate in the moral vision of God.

It indicates to embrace two practices or habits of heart, endurance and encouragement. How do we consider these two habits? Abiding with them in hope they give rise to harmony and unity. Do we willfully choose to remain faithful to Christ, especially in the face of adversity?

The Gospel is an invitation to repentance, where John the Baptist appears as engaged in public ministry prior to Jesus. He embodies the voice anticipated by the prophet Isaiah, to prepare the way of the Lord. Though he anticipates resistance and suffering in his path, still he boldly and candidly preaches the message entrusted to him. How do we wish to prepare the way to the Lord in our hearts? Are there any areas to repent?



Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

Sunday	12/7	7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Clarence & Marie Towle by Dan & Chris Towle
		8:55AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		9:00AM	St. Augustine Parish Breakfast
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Monica Hanson by Michele Balda, Chris Theiler, Mary Smith & Becky Frese
Monday	12/8		Anointing of the Sick following Mass
		4:00PM	Advent Concert
			Reception following Concert in the CCC
		8:45AM	Mass (Immaculate Conception) @ St. Mary: Dorothy Snyder by Kathy Ramassini
		4:00PM	Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC
Tuesday	12/9	6:30PM	Mass (Immaculate Conception) @ St. Augustine: For the People of the Parishes
		8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:30AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by St. Augustine Altar Society
		4-7PM	Thrift Cellar
		5-6:00PM	Open Arms Community Meal
Wednesday	12/10	8:15AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Mass @ St. Mary: David Zoromski by Jessie
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		3:30PM	Religious Ed Classes (K-8 th Grade)
		4:30PM	Youth Choir
Thursday	12/11	6:00PM	Advent Penance Service @ St. Mary
		6:00PM	High School Youth Group
		9:15AM	Mass @ Riverview: Penny Haring by Rod & Kay Berg
		6:00PM	Prayer Ministry Group @ St. Mary in the Church
Friday	12/12		
		8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Loretta Swan by Kathy Ramassini
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		9:15AM	Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary
Saturday	12/13	10:30AM	Rosary @ Milestone Living Center
		3:30PM	OCIA Class @ St. Mary's School
		9:00AM	Reconciliation @ St. Mary
		4:00PM	Mass @ St. Francis: For the People of the Parishes
			Blood Pressures after Mass
Sunday	12/14	6:00PM	Mass @ St. Mary: Jerry Krueger by Family
		7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Jake & Gert Van Ryen by Family
		8:55AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Carol Jarvensivu by Joe Zahringer
			Anointing of the Sick following Mass



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happening in our parish and send out important announcements!

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FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is canned chicken or tuna. 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, December 9 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.
- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

THIS WEEK



Our communal **Advent Penance Services**, with individual confession and absolution, will be held on **Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00PM at St. Mary** and on **Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30PM at St. Augustine**.



Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan

Youth Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday, December 10. We will be practicing for the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Masses for the December 8 holyday of the Immaculate Conception will be held at 8:45AM at St. Mary's and at 6:30PM at St. Augustine.

Our communal **Advent Penance Service**, with individual confession and absolution, will take place this Wednesday, December 10 at 6PM.

This is it – CONCERT DAY! An entire summer of exploring music titles, rehearsals that began with Labor Day....approximately fifty people devoting hours of practice with the choir and many more hours independently. Smaller pockets of singers gathering for extra practice. That's an estimate of roughly 2,500 hours devoted to learning the music that they will perform today as a Christmas gift to our community. A commitment this strong – it's all for you, their audience! Don't miss this opportunity for a memorable program of beautiful music, followed by a party, with delectable homemade goodies. The price? – a freewill offering. That's a bargain in any economy, with guaranteed satisfaction. Each year's concert is a fresh repertoire of music, with wonderful surprises that may bring a tear to your eye, such as the stirring tribute to those serving our nation in the military. It's all quite wonderful. Don't miss it! Doors will open at 3PM, and while you find the best seats, you can enjoy lovely Christmas carols with the harp and flute performed by the talented Mary Ament and Gina Karl. (Oh, and news flash – Fr. Aloysius is an amazing drummer!) Why not extend a friendly invitation to someone who may be struggling over the holidays—past attendees have said that this program is the highlight of their holiday season.



Advent Concert 2024



Youth & Religious Ed News

The middle school

religious education students learned about Advent and made Advent wreaths to take home for their families to use and enjoy. Each student also received an Advent calendar with daily devotions to help them prepare their hearts for Christmas.



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Santa Shoppe

We are very excited to announce that we will be having our Annual Santa Shoppe again this year for our students to get Christmas gifts for their family members. We are now accepting donations of scotch tape,

gift bags (all sizes), and gift items (new or gently used) for the students to purchase. We are always in extra need of "Dad gifts". Donations can be dropped off at the school. Thank You!

Thanksgiving Feast

We had a great time with our guests for our Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you to all the following guests for their continued support of our school: Connie Beilke, Ed Eby, Zoie Mohr, Andy Vander Wyst, Tom Tollefson, Annette Miller, Matt Gorell, Sue Elmer, Kim Oswald, Laura Reiter, and Fr. Aloysius. We are very thankful for the volunteers who helped serve the meal and clean up afterwards.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



Donations for 2025

Thank you to everyone that has donated to St. Mary, St. Augustine and St. Francis so that we could maintain the programs, services and ministries to continue God's work. Reminder that we are bound by these IRS Laws: The IRS requires donations be received **ON** or **BEFORE** December 31, 2025 to qualify for your 2025 deductions. The only exception is checks that are mailed and postmarked December 31, 2025. Therefore,

donations in the New Year's Eve (12/31/25) collection will be included on your 2025 contribution statement, while donations made in the New Year's Day (1/1/26) collection will be included on your 2026 contributions statement.

Contribution statements will be available to parishioners the last week in January in accordance with the deadline given by the IRS.



From the Parish Nurse

"For it was you who formed my inward parts, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, that I know very well." (Psalm 136:13-14.)



Are you looking for a ministry of prayer and care for those in need, celebrating, or being welcomed into our community?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry may be a way for you to reach out to others by using those talents given to you by our God.

"Shawls... made for centuries are universal and embracing. They enfold, comfort, cover, wrap, give solace, warmth, mother, hug, shelter, and beauty. They are symbolic of inclusive and unconditional loving. Those who receive these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed..." (Janet Bristow -1998).

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry greatly needs you! We need people who knit or crochet to help make shawls of love to show others they are thought of at times in life. Times when they need to know others care about and are holding them in their prayers as they are making a shawl weaving the prayers in as they work.

You can work at your own pace. Patterns, yarn and lessons are available with other members that are willing to show you what is needed. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish Office conference room from 1-3PM. The ministry has lost 5 members over the past 2 years due to death, moving away, or illness. **So, can you help?** For more information, please call Ann at 715-453-4573 or stop in at our next meeting on December 18.

Shawl, a beautiful gift – God bless! ~ Ann Jelinek RN, PN

PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, December 13, 2025

Readers	Kathy Ramassini & Sharon Eisenman
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Kay Nyberg
Cantor	Lynn Grube
Communion Ministers	Tom Oscar, Julia Pankow, Laura Reiter, Joseph Mattke

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, December 14, 2025

Reader	Stella Tuma
Greeters	Paul & Sarah Leimer
Communion Ministers	Kathy Voermans & Mary Maly
Money Counters	Sarah Taves & Nancy Swan

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, December 14, 2025

Readers	Carolyn & Matilda Van Asten
Altar Servers	Ali Leggett & Stephanie Van Asten
Musician	Kay Nyberg
Cantor	Sandy Bishop
Communion Ministers	Kris Leggett, Jean Whalen, Larry & Linda Van Strydonk

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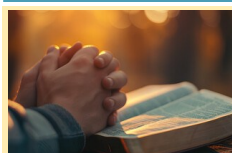
St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - We welcome all to breakfast following Mass today. As always, lots of thanks to those who are helping with setup, serving and cleanup. Also, thanks to all participants and for monetary donations to cover grocery expenses and other parish needs.

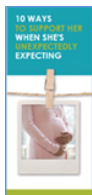
St. Augustine Christmas Caroling - Christmas caroling for St. Augustine will be today (Sunday, December 7). If interested, please contact Pat Pintens at 715-453-4190 or talk to Pat or Dan Towle after Mass. We will be leaving from the church house at 3:30PM, so plan on meeting 15 minutes beforehand. Following caroling, there will be soup and snacks and visiting at the parish house.

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 & supportive words.



St. Mary's Prayer Ministry Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6PM in the church. **Please join them for their next meeting this Thursday, December 11 at 6PM.** If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to pray along with them during this time by using the same prayer of intercession that the group uses for their prayer intentions. A copy of the prayer of intercession can be obtained from the Scrip table in the back of church or from the parish office. For more information, please contact Chris at 815-765-5054.



"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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Calling All Bell Ringers!!!

St. Mary's Church will once again be assisting the Salvation Army's bell ringing campaign during the Christmas season. This year we will be ringing bells at Trig's on December 10 from 10AM-4PM; December 12 from 10AM-4PM; and December 13 from 9AM-3PM. We only have a few slots left to fill, so if you can help out, please call Deacon Dave Bablick at 715-224-3472. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful consideration!

Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of November 16, 2025

St. Mary's Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$2,877.00
Loose Collection	\$620.00
Online Giving	\$444.77
Capital Expense/Heat	\$440.00
School Collection	\$93.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Total	\$4,499.77



Scan the QR code to visit our secure online giving page to set up a donation for church or school.

St. Francis' Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$310.00
Loose Collection	\$112.00
School Collection	\$35.00
Total	\$457.00

St. Augustine's Collections

Adult Envelopes	\$1,829.00
Loose Collection	\$256.00
Heat	\$120.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Total	\$2,255.00

**IN LOVING
MEMORY**

November 2025

Recently Deceased:

Penny Haring (11/01/25)

Mary Zahringer (11/09/25)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This monthly listing contains parishioners of our parish cluster who had funeral Masses or Services. If you would like to add the name of a family member who has recently passed, but did not have a funeral or service in our parish cluster, please contact the parish office.