



SAINT MARK PARISH

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Office hours: Monday– Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm & Friday 9:00am –Noon

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026



MASSES, RECONCILIATION & INTENTIONS

Thursday, April 2

Mass, 6:00 p.m.—Bobby F. Lang

Friday, April 3

Mass, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Mass, 8:30 p.m.—Denny Bartosch

Sunday, April 5

Mass, 8:00 am —St. Mark Parish Families

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Contact the Parish Office to register for preparation sessions.

Anointing of the Sick - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

RCIA - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

Marriage - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Office one year prior to the desired wedding date.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays 9:00 am to noon followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

No Adoration Friday, April 3, 2026

Marian Shrine Candle : Week of March 29, 2026

Glen A. Engebretson



PASTOR: FATHER JANUSZ KOWALSKI

Day of Confession

Today, ahead of the parish confession and just before Easter, it is worth asking yourself: when was my last Holy Confession? Was it recently, a few months ago, or perhaps several—or even a dozen—years ago? What was the reason you decided to go, or not to go, to Confession? Was it a family event like a child's First Holy Communion, a wedding, or a funeral? Or perhaps you concluded that the time had finally come to change your life for the better, closer to God. Maybe fear or shame of confessing your sins is keeping you away from the confessional, or perhaps you no longer remember how it happened that you are now far from the Sacrament of Penance.

It is probably worth asking today: what is a sin, if I am to think about confession? Is following the Decalogue enough to be a good Christian? If you haven't killed anyone, haven't stolen, and haven't cheated on your spouse, do you really need reconciliation with God and the Church?

How do you prepare well for confession? First and foremost, by understanding what sin is: it is a conscious and voluntary violation of one of the commandments of God or the Church. If the awareness and voluntariness are complete, and the violation concerns a grave matter, then we are dealing with a mortal sin. If any of these elements are missing, we have committed a venial sin. It is encouraged to go to confession in both cases, although for light sins, an act of contrition is sufficient.

What does sin do to a person's heart and life? Sin is the destruction of our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. Reading even this fragment of the New Testament, let us reflect and consider the themes of sin and forgiveness. Let us draw conclusions for this time of reconciliation with God. "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the hired hands of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate." (Luke 15:11-24)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

You can now sign up for Holy Week ministries on SignUp Genius at the St. Mark Website.

Holy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm

Servers: Jeremiah B.
Lectors: Al R.
Ministers of Hospitality:
Extraordinary Ministers: Al R.
Pastoral Musicians: Parish Choir

Good Friday, April 3, 12:30 pm

Servers:
Lectors: Al R.
Ministers of Hospitality:
Extraordinary Ministers: Al R.
Pastoral Musicians: M. Martin/ Mikki/ Jeremiah H.

Holy Saturday, April 4, 8:30 pm

Servers: Jeremiah B.
Lectors: Michele Bacha
Ministers of Hospitality:
Extraordinary Ministers: Al R.
Pastoral Musicians: M. Martin/ Mikki

Easter Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am

Servers: Jeremiah B.
Lectors:
Ministers of Hospitality: Margaret K.
Extraordinary Ministers: Terri & Lee R., Betty K.
Pastoral Musicians: Parish Choir

FROM THE DIOCESE

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. For a trained, compassionate, listening ear, in complete confidentiality, call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@dioc.org.

VOTE in the April 7 Election - Know the Candidates

Two candidates are running for an open seat on the State Supreme Court in the Wisconsin spring election that will take place on April 7, 2026. They are Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor. The outcome will significantly affect the ideological makeup of the court, so it is vital that the Catholic faithful learn about the backgrounds and judicial philosophy of these two candidates. For an excellent resource, try this website: Ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_Supreme_Court_elections_2026 or scan the QR code to the right. A debate between Lazar and Taylor will be aired by ABC affiliates in the state on Wednesday, March 25, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Various nonpartisan local and judicial offices will also be up for election, with many candidates running unopposed.



PARISH SUPPORT

2025 TIME:	3/22/26	hours	Batch #
TREASURE:			July-week 52
	11,322.00	ADULT TITHE	311,422.67
		CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES	8,765.00
	100.00	EASTER ENVELOPES	100.00
		WORLD MISSION	1,242.00
		VENECENTIAN MISSION	1,273.00
	40.00	CRS Rice Bowl	40.00
		RIGHT TO LIFE	501.67
		HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	135.00
		RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS	590.00
	887.00	OFFERTORY	16,454.21
	240.00	DEBT REDUCTION	4,211.00
		Thanksgiving CIRCLE OF JOY	217.00
		CATHOLIC LIFE Subscription	704.00
		EASTER MEMORIALS	85.00
		CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS	1,905.00
		Souper Bowl	715.20
	60.00	VOTIVES	1,008.79
Tithe Budgeted Per Week			9,461.54
Received this Week			11,322.00
			1,860.46
Received weeks 1-38			311,422.67
Budgeted YTD			359,538.52
over/under budget ytd			-48,115.85

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign:

Goal: \$735,000.00
Amount Received: \$649,185.05

Diocesan Annual Appeal:

Goal: \$89,355.00
Amount Received: \$29,735.00

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Director: Mary Hart

Week 6 of our Lenten Journey... ... We have arrived at Holy Week! It is rich in tradition and packed full of liturgies starting with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. If attending the Holy Week liturgies isn't part of your family tradition – start a new tradition this year. **Come and see why this is one of the most exciting weeks of our Catholic Faith.**

This week in Faith Formation...

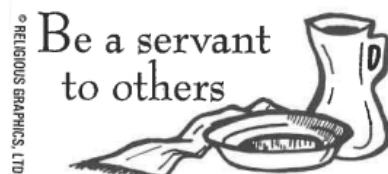
April 1: No Sessions – Enjoy Spring Break

April 8: 6:15 pm Sessions for Grades 1-5

Grades 6-9 Youth Rally with Joe Melendrez at Newman High School

Upcoming Youth Events:

April 8: Ablaze Middle School Youth Rally with Joe Melendrez. This event is for all youth in Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 and will be held at Newman Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00.



NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **ST. MARK**

Pam Fochs-Principal

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. Thank you for considering Newman Catholic Schools. We are so excited about how many have already registered.

Thank you for participating in the listening session this week. Your commitment to Catholic education assists us in our work each day.

Our students will be on Spring Break the week of 3/30-4/7.

Please keep our school community in your prayers and we will keep you in ours.

Peace to you,

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Musician: Mary Martin

Parish Choir

- April 1 Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
- April 2 Holy Thursday Mass 6:00 p.m.
- April 5 Easter Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Handbell Choir

- April 7 Rehearsal at 3:50 p.m.

Psalm 22. *"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"* This psalm is heart wrenching yet relatable. There are times in all of our lives that we have felt abandoned by God. Yet at the end of this psalm the writer reminds us that we can still praise and thank God when all seems to be lost. This is the God who brings life out of death.

Washing of the feet: 12 people are needed to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. If you are interested please call the parish office at 715-359-5206.

SAVE THE DATE June Bug 2026 and our Cash Raffle is June 14, 2026! Start planning now on ways you and your family can volunteer your time and donate items to make it a huge success!

St. Therese will be having a Lenten Communal Penance on Monday, March 30, 2026, 6:30 pm.

New members are welcome to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Catechetical Resource Room. **Prayer Shawls are available in the Parish Office.**

Volunteers needed- please consider joining one or more of the following: servers, lectors, ministers of hospitality, extraordinary ministers, or money counters. If you are interested or have questions please call the parish office at 715-359-5206.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 PANCAKE BREAKFAST celebrating our feast day of St. Mark the Evangelist! Let's celebrate together. Friendship, fellowship and More! More info to come.

The family of St. Mark extends sympathy to the family of: Glen A. Engebretson who passed away on March 21 2026. God, grant Glen the fullness of Eternal Life.

AREA EVENTS

Sacred Heart, Cassel 222761 County Rd S, Marathon, WI 54448 . We will once again host our Pro-Life Chili Dinner and Raffle, April 19th from 9:30 to 2:00. Adults \$8.00, 6-12 \$4.00, 5 and under are free. It is an all you can eat event. Chili, crackers, bread, cheese, pickles, milk, coffee and dessert. Please join us.

You are invited to attend a Mass of Hope & Healing for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident, or infant death. The Mass will begin with a candle ceremony to celebrate the life of each child and help us surrender that gift back into the hands of our Heavenly Father. Individuals and families are encouraged to attend, regardless of how much time has passed or where you are in your faith journey. Our Lord loves your child(ren), knows your suffering, and desires your healing. The Mass will be held on April 21, 2026, at 6:00pm at St. Paul Catholic Church, located at 603 4th Street, Mosinee, WI. For more information, contact Kim Gilray at (715) 573-3972 or kimberly.gilray@gmail.com



You're invited to learn more at our

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 7
8am-2pm (drop-in)

NCECC: St. Michael - Wausau

NCECC: St. Therese - Schofield

NCES: St. Anne - Wausau

NCES: St. Mark - Rothschild

NCCS: Holy Name - Wausau

NCMS & NCHS - Wausau

All schools will be open to visit!

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday, March 29

Isaiah 50:4-7/ Philippians 2:6-11/ Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54

Monday, March 30

Isaiah 42:1-7/ John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Isaiah 49:1-6/ John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 1

Isaiah 50:4-9a/ Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2-Christm Mass

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Revelation 1:5-8/ Luke 4:16-21

Friday, April 3- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13-53:12/ Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9/ John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 4- Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Genesis 1:1-22/ Exodus 14:15-15:1/ Isaiah 55:1-11/ Romans 6:3-11/
Mark 16:1-7

Sunday, April 5 Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Rebuild My Church

For regular updates that are issued, please scan the QR code or check the website at:

<https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



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Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at St. Therese Parish