

Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am—5:30 pm.

If there is an Emergency you may call Corinne at 715-250-0567 or Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.

St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM, Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

**Father David Greskowiak Administrator**

Weekly amount needed = \$1,845.00

Sunday Mass 10 AM 11/13/2022 = \$844.00 Attendance = 66

Saturday Attendance = 36

**Mass Intentions**

11/27/2022— Remembrance of Beverly Evenson by Barb Erb

12/04/2022— Remembrance of Lois Hartlaben by Gary Hartlaben

**Mass Servers –**

11/27/2022— Makayla & Malachi Gray, Beau Diemel

12/04/2022—Nicholas, Ava, Jared Peters

**Ministers of the Word –**

11/27/2022— Randy Short, Judy Berreitter

12/04/2022— Jack Banker, Judy Berreitter

**Hospitality**

11/27/2022— Keith Pennings, Rene LaFond, Karen VanLanen

12/04/2022—Rick Banker, Barb Erb, Anita Wegner

Trumpet Sponsor—Kleczewski & Jarek Family by Kathy Jarek

Bulletin Sponsor—Peeters Family by Mary Peeters

**Upcoming Events—**

Christmas Flower Orders— The deadline is end of this month (November).

It is very important, so if you are looking at buying flowers please have your order in by the end of this month (November).

Chili Dump Sunday February 5, 2023, Get yourself ready to eat chili.

The Pines Christmas Please have your gifts at church by Sunday December 11th. DO NOT put them in the basement, put them on the shelf in the west entrance of the church. Karen VanLanen will be delivering the gifts that week. Thank you all so much.

Trumpet and Bulletin sponsor are available for next year. Mass intentions that are still available for next year: January 1, 8, 22, February 5, 12, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 6, 7, 8, 30 May 14, June 4, 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30 August 13, 27, September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 25.

RE News: Advent Reconciliation Service on Wed 11/30 at 6:30 PM all RE classes to meet in church for opening prayer with Fr David.

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass on Wed 12/07 @ 6:30 pm all students and parents should attend.

A Thank You letter is posted on the bulletin boards in the church from Catholic Foundation for the gift of \$221.84 for Project 2—House Repairs in the Dominican Republic. World Mission Services.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry NEW HOURS**

Wednesday, December 14 — 4-6 PM

Saturday, December 17 — 9 -11 AM

Focus Items include: Mayonnaise, Pickles, Pudding Snack Packs, Graham Crackers, Hamburger Helper. Thank-you for the donations!!

NOTICE that the hours have changed on Wednesdays but they have stayed the same for Saturdays.



**Social Concerns Christmas Tree** will be set up

Sunday December 4, bins available for your donations.

Safe Haven is looking for: gift cards for groceries, gas, Walmart, Laundry soap, bleach, toilet cleaner, class cleaner, dish soap, dishwasher soap, pin-sol, paper towels, baby wipes, paper plates, durable silverware, applesauce, canned soup & pasta, protein bars, granola bars, coffee, creamers, low sugar juice boxes, women's deodorant. December 19 is the delivery date . Thank you very much.



**Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, 8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation and the patronal feast of the United States.

The Mass schedule for the day is:

Wednesday, 7 December

- 6:30 P.M. St. Lawrence in Navarino

Thursday, 8 December

- 7:30 A.M. St. Mary's in Black Creek

- 12:00 noon St. Lawrence in Navarino

- 6:30 P.M. St. Mary's in Black Creek

**A Message for our Deer Hunters**

We wish all of our deer hunters a safe and successful hunt. This is a time-honored tradition in Wisconsin. So, good luck to all of you, and remember—the more deer you get in the forest and the field, the fewer of them we have to deal with on the road.



Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER: 27 Mark Peeters; 28 Brad Balthazor, Teddy Bierhals, Joe Herb, Nicholas Peters, Joyce VandeVyver; 29 Jessica Hutter; 30 Becky Krings

**Thoughts on Advent**

Here is an excerpt from an article titled "How Deer Hunting Prepared Me for Advent," written by Fr. Edward Looney of the Green Bay Diocese, dated 30 November 2020, and found on the Catholic Exchange website—catholicexchange.com; as well as another article also by Fr. Edward Looney that was published in the bulletin for St. Francis and St. Mary Parish, dated 28/28 November 2020:

Thirteen months ago, I never fired a gun, never hunted. Thirteen months later, I've harvested three deer with a rifle, muzzleloader, and crossbow. As I sat in my stand on opening weekend and the days that followed, I had lots of time to think. As a priest, naturally my mind turned towards Advent, which was quickly approaching. And as I thought, I couldn't help but realize how my time hunting was actually preparing me for the season of Advent...

Many of our parishioners observed this past week as the gun season for deer hunting. And today, as Catholics we begin the holy season of Advent. As I, myself, participated in the hunting week festivities, sitting in a stand, and waiting for the deer to pass my lane, I couldn't help but think of the parallels to the Advent season.

For starters, any good hunter takes time for preparations. This started weeks before opening day, which included sighting in one's gun and taking some practice shots. It meant preparing the snacks and getting the stand ready for one's sit. Advent requires a type of preparation too. Weeks ago, I ordered a book that I wanted to pray with in my preparation for Christmas.

As a hunter sits in the stand, it's important to stay awake or be alert. A person can get distracted, especially these days with our phones. Or because of early mornings or late nights, a person can be tired and fall asleep. And if you aren't awake or alert, you just might miss the deer. (Irony- I'm writing this from a deer stand). Advent is a season of alertness - especially for the coming of Jesus. We have four weeks to engage the season and prepare for Christ's coming in our heart. Don't let the time get away from you. Keep watching for the coming of the Lord.

As a hunter waits in the stand, they know what they are waiting for. The hunter has decided if they will shoot a doe or if they will pass up the doe and shoot a buck. During these four weeks of Advent, we know for whom we are waiting- the Christ child on Christmas morning and also the return of Christ in glory.

Lastly, a hunter needs virtue. In this case, I'm thinking of patience, humility, and generosity. Patience because you might go days without seeing a deer. Humility, because in our age of social media, you see all the deer others have harvested and maybe you become jealous or are embarrassed that you have not yet pulled the trigger. Generosity because if you are blessed with several kills, you might be able to donate a deer to the poor.

Our Advent celebration teaches us patience. We won't decorate the Church for Christmas until after the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we won't hear Christmas music until Christmas Eve. The season of Advent teaches us not to rush and also to be humble, knowing we don't need everything we see or might want. And in the weeks leading up to Christmas we are generous by helping the less fortunate to celebrate Christmas with gifts under the tree.

For the religious hunter, hunting can be a time for prayer, especially with a rosary in hand. But this experience can teach us so much more and without even realizing it, it has already put us in the Advent spirit.

**Lighting the Candles on the Advent Wreath**

This Sunday, 27 November, is the start of Advent, as well as the start of Liturgical Year 2023.

If an individual, couple or family would like to light the candles on the Advent Wreath at the start of the Sunday Mass please let one of the Hospitality Ministers know and we'll be happy to invite you up.

