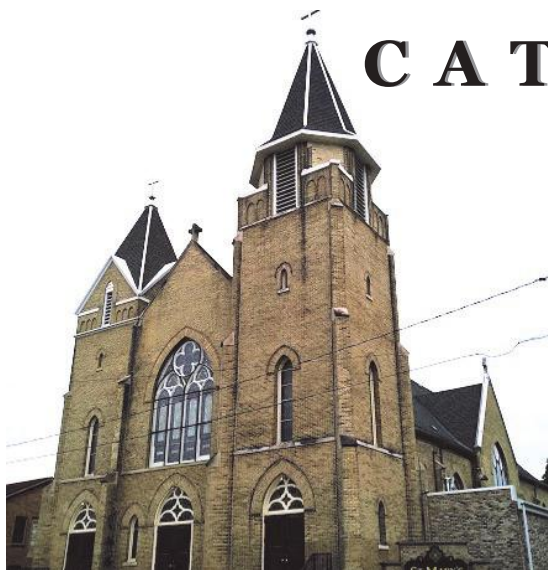


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am @ Cemetery
St. Mary's Church & 1:00 pm

Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

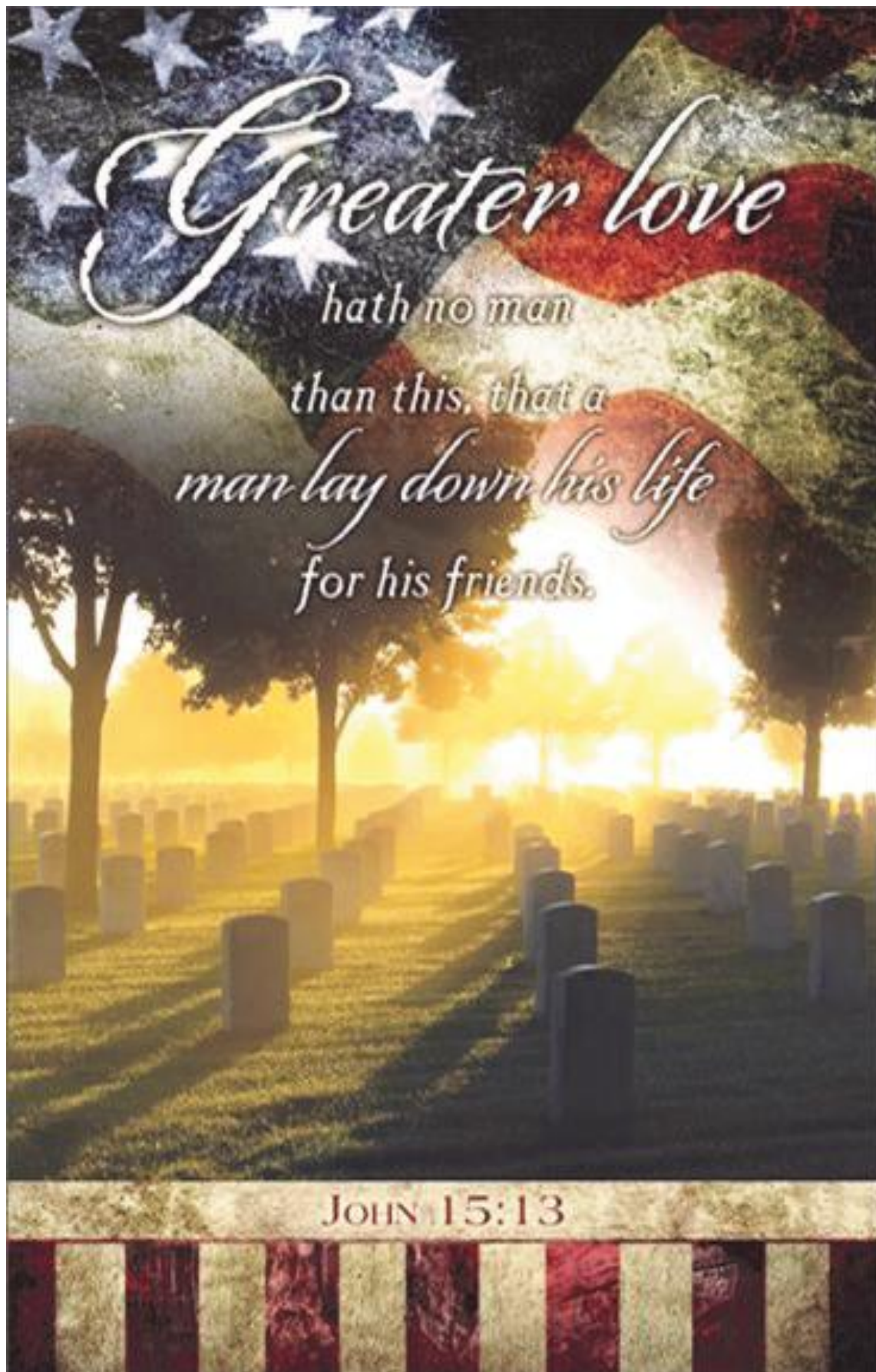
Before Saturday Vigil Mass and
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, May 26,**
5:30 pm † Joseph Rogge
By: Anita Wilcox
- Wednesday, May 27,**
8:30 am † Merlin Marshall
By: Mary Claire Marshall
- Thursday, May 28,**
8:30 am † Benny Ryczek
By: Mark Rudig
- Friday, May 29,**
8:30 am † Angela Dziejior
By: Godchildren
- Saturday, May 30,**
7:00 pm The Leja Family
By: Fr. Clayton
- Sunday, May 31,**
9:00 am † Joseph & Lillian Rogge
By: Lee & Mary Feldman
1:00 pm Parishioners Mass
- Sanctuary Lamp** - Cliff Plemon's Health
By Rita Hall



Upcoming Events

- Memorial Mass at Church**
May 24th, 9:00 am
- Joint Parish Council Meeting**
May 26th, 6:30 pm
- Pentecost Sunday at Church**
May 31st, 9:00 am
- First Communion & St. Mary's Graduation Mass**
June 14th, 9:00 am
- St. Mary's Confirmation**
Postponed until further notice
- Diocese of LaCrosse Events**
Cancelled until further notice.

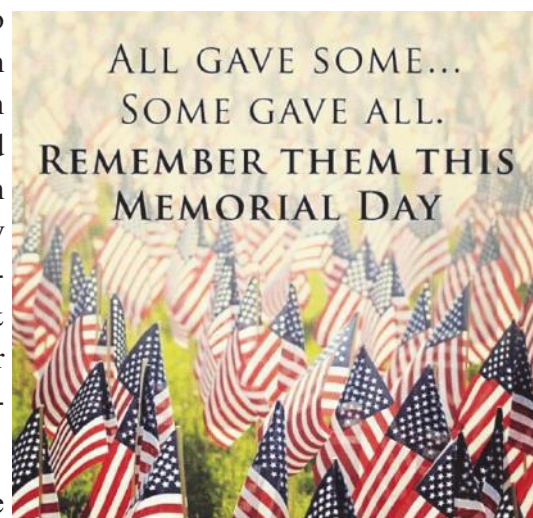


Within the Word – Remembering our Hero's

Growing up and learning about history in school was never my favorite subject. As a child I had an, 'uninterested mind' when it came to things of the past. History was just not something I cared about, understood or even appreciated. Not until I was older. In all fairness, it's hard to connect with history. Things that have happened already, can't be changed and are indirectly irrelevant; one can feel that history is disconnected and un-relatable -well because it's in the past right? I mean how can we relate to peoples and events that have happened hundreds if not thousands of years ago? They say history is the greatest of teachers, (next to Jesus of course) and I have to agree. But, I didn't always understand that. It took more experience and age to truly appreciate history and things of the past.

That day came after I entered the military. I became an airman in 2000 and experienced first hand, just what we're fighting for. It was when I was serving and giving up my freedoms for our nation, that I realized the difference. Never did this connection or feeling become so prevalent, when on 9/11, I witnessed the twin towers fall while stationed at Minot Air Force base. I was in my second year of service. It seemed surreal right before my eyes. The world was changing & I was in the middle of a no-where-Ville military base.

Afterwards I started to pay attention to the past, to the armed conflicts in our nations history and even in the world. I even began to learn more about non -U.S. military conflicts in history. History opened up and wow...there are over 7k years of human history out there -and it's all connected. Every Memorial weekend, veterans day and most especially the 4th of July, is a tribute to the men & woman who have paid the ultimate price, their very life for the good of ours -soon all these national holidays took on a new meaning .



Afterwards, I had a deeper appreciation for the men and woman serving our country, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. Soon after military, I went to college and found history even more interesting; everything in the past, seemed different and exciting for the first time. It was a sort of 'epiphany.'

As soon as I found a connection, there was no turning back. That connection grew stronger the more history I read, the more I read the more I realized that people died, in the millions for these very principles & freedoms we cherish & value. That is what Memorial Day is all about. That is what we do every year on Memorial day. We remember our hero's. From the Revolutionary war to the Civil War, the Spanish-American war to WW I and WW II, along with the many other global conflicts we entered, all because of freedom. The saying goes, "Freedom isn't free," well that's true in my mind as it's a phrase I've come to appreciate. Folks, take time to pray for our military & those who gave everything. Remember our hero's this weekend, we wouldn't be free without the men & women who gave all, their very lives...so we could have Freedom & a place called the USA!

Fr. Clayton

So, what about the Children's Lenten Mite boxes?

Since the suspension of public Masses occurred during Lent, we are aware that the mite box program was affected. We encourage you not to collect the boxes until public Masses are restored. At that time, since they have the potential of being contaminated, we recommend that you follow the specialized internal controls set in place during the pandemic. That is, store them safely in a lockable place without touching them for at least three days. Then the money can be counted and deposited at the parish. Forward the totals to the Mission Office and we will forward the collection to MCA. If you have already gathered the boxes and deposited the funds, no worries. You can forward the totals at any time. As always, if you have any questions, please e-mail or call.



Pentecost Novena: Next week Pentecost is coming, & it's the perfect time to do a Pentecost Novena. Many will pray this powerful novena, from Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30.

Sunday, May 31, is the great Feast of Pentecost. All one has to do is look up or download the novena online. The Novena Prayer Card and short reading for each of the nine days can be downloaded here: diolc.org/deeper.



The Ladies Sodality

I want to make a small correction and thank all our ladies who are working behind the scenes. Several ladies are contributing to the mask-project, many are helping out in many other ways. I just wanted to reach out & say,

THANK YOU, Again!

for everything, for your generosity, time & talents; from the Ham dinner to now & everything in between. Thank you for supporting our parish & community. Lastly, we received a check from Catholic Financial Insurance Inc. -via through a parish family; whom were awarded a **\$500.00** check, as a contribution for our Floor project. Please give thanks to this wonderful family, and pray for them and Catholic Financial Ins.

Financial Stewardship

May 17th, 2020
Actual

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1288.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Offertory.....	\$416.00
Easter.....	\$10.00
Votive Candles	\$45.00
Total	\$1763.00

Weekly Budget \$2,441.23
(156 registered families)

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$107,478.35
Contributed	\$122,754.81

* Monthly giving has decreased by 28% in the past 9 weeks.

Again folks, for those who've fallen behind or can't give, **please know its OK.** As a non-profit org., we need prayers & participation for the parish, not money.

I ask everyone to pray & listen to your heart, and if needed, put aside stewardship. The diocese is trying to help with many different programs, most of which wouldn't be in our best interest.

And so, for those that can should, for those that can't no worries, & for those who're uncertain, again it's Ok, take it a week at a time & give when your heart invites you.

Please pray for me and the parish if you can't give. These are challenging times for the Church and her families. -Fr. C

Next weekend, St. Mary's is open for Business!

Come May 30th, at the 7 p.m. vigil mass of anticipation, we will be operating at 25% capacity. St. Mary's can comfortably hold 450+ something. We have over 3k square feet at St. Mary's and we're going to use every square inch. With that being said, we're shooting for 100-110 people per mass. This won't be much different then any normal weekend masses. Saturday vigil mass houses anywhere from 60-100 people, the 9 a.m. houses 120-150 people, and the 1 p.m. holds around 50-80, depending on the time of the year. With that being said, we're in good shape. We will have signs posted to where we can enter and exit, ushers will be around to help 'usher' for people who are uncertain; and we will have a very safe and orderly way about cleaning and sanitizing our interior. St. Mary's will have some mass parts streamlined and simplified. I will give more info and details come Pentecost weekend. Until then just be assured that we're OPENING SOON!



UPDATE: First Communion, First Confession and St. Mary's Graduates!

I'm happy to ANNOUNCE, this years First communion and Gradation mass will be held Sunday, June 14th at the 9:00 am mass. We will also be celebrating Corpus Christi. We won't have any reception or gathering afterwards, but we will honor our first communicants and graduates on June 14th. ALSO, we'll be meeting Saturday morning June 13th, at 10:00 am, for first communion practice & first confessions; and give a TY to Carol Cauley!

St. Mary's Ministries?

The June, July & August Ministry schedules will be postponed until further notice. I appreciate everyone's patience these past 3 months; especially with the Church, as she shifts back to public ministry. Please observe the emails, Facebook posts & bulletins for relevant info. Thanks to everyone who is helping behind the scenes. Please pray for them, the parish & myself during these times. -Fr. C

Floor Project

Goal: \$75,000
Total Received: \$64,694.20
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