

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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October 20th, 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 26th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Evan & Owen Drier, Mark Olson,
Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, October 27th, 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Oliver Cosgrove, Bryce Kohlstedt,
Adelyn & Cameron Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, October 27th, 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Andrea Ortiz, Baylee Wertz

Gifts: Donna Bodinet **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 21st
No Mass



Tuesday, October 22nd **St. John Paul II**
No Mass **Fall Clergy Days**

Wednesday, October 23rd **St. John of Capistrano**
Mass 8:15am
Intentions of the Ziaja Family

Thursday, October 24th **St. Anthony Mary Claret**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
† Tim Forslund

Friday, October 25th
Mass 8:15 am
L& D Members of the Bindl Family

Saturday, October 26th
Mass 5:15 pm
† Janice Marie Bauer

Sunday, October 27th **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Marty Blankenship



Parish Calendar of Events

- 10/20 Sunday, Donut Sunday
- 10/20 Sunday, Parish Youth Group, 6:00 pm
- 10/27 Sunday, Diocesan Annual Appeal Kick off
- 10/27 Sunday, Parish Youth Group, The Chosen 3:00
- 11/09 Saturday, KC Bingo 6:30 at Community Ctr
- 11/10 Sunday, 4th Degree Assembly meeting 6:30 pm
- “ “ Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00 pm
- 11/11 Monday, PCCW Gathering at 6:30
Pot Luck & Refreshments

From your pastor . . .

I will take a hiatus from the previous presentations that I was making in this column concerning the matter of Jesus Christ being the only way to God the Father and the only way of salvation for the human race. These presentations, based on the magisterial document Dominus Jesus, were prompted by an “of the cuff” statement made by Pope Francis during a pastoral visit to Singapore, where he said that “all religions are a path to God. We will return to this matter in the future, but in this column I wish talk to you about candles.

Those of you who are particularly observant (and have better eyesight than I do) may have noticed that the red sanctuary light that is attached to the wall next to the tabernacle (left side facing the sanctuary) has changed. This was done this past week to follow the direction given by our new bishop. The light that had been used there, signaling the presence of the Eucharistic Christ reposed in the tabernacle was not a candle that burned but rather was a bulb that powered by electricity. The tradition of the Catholic Church emphasizes the need to use a candle made from beeswax for the sanctuary light as well as the candles that are used at the altar for Mass. What follows is an attempt to give a brief explanation for what may seem to be something not very important.

Beginning with the candle itself, which when blessed and used in the practice of the Catholic Faith is considered to be a sacramental. Sacramentals are “sacred signs which bear a certain resemblance to the sacraments, and by means of which spiritual effects are signified and obtained through the prayers of the Church,” (Glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, page 898). In our Catholic Faith the use of sacramentals, such as blessings, holy water, rosaries, palms, medals and scapulars, to name just a few are meant to dispose the Faithful to receiving the graces that come to us through the seven sacraments. Candles are used often, especially during sacred worship (the Mass and the Sacraments). The primary signification given by the candle is that Jesus Christ is the light that has come into the world to overcome the darkness of sin and eternal death. Also, the candle is an image of Christ’s sacrificial love for all mankind, by giving over his life on the cross to bring eternal life in our lives. The candle gives itself up by disappearing over time as it carries out its “mission” of burning. Having blessed candles in one’s home to be lit for various family occasions has been a long-time tradition within our Catholic Faith.

In past centuries, the candles used for the sanctuary light and at the altar were to be 100% beeswax. In recent times, the church does not require for them to be 100 % but they are not to be any less than 51%. That is what we use at the altar at Saint Mary’s and now will be using in the sanctuary light. The symbolic meaning of the beeswax is, that as it comes about from the work of virgin bees, this corresponds to the pure flesh that Christ received from his mother, the virgin Mary. Along with the sanctuary light, another candle of great importance is the Paschal Candle also called the Easter Candle.

During the Easter Vigil, a song called the Exsultet is chanted by the deacon. Within the text of this song, it is found particular recognition of the bees that were involved in bringing about the Paschal candle. Quoting from the text of the Exsultet: “On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants’ hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar which glowing fire ignites for God’s honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious. Oh, truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.”

Hopefully this brief catechesis may help us to better appreciate the role that the candle has in divine worship.

Finally, please find attached to this bulletin an envelope that can be used for next Sunday’s second collection for **World Mission Sunday** which we celebrate today. Please be generous in supporting the missions.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



“Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured.
Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”
“The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us- that is all He asks.”
St. Therese of Lisieux

Abortion...
One heart stops
Another heart
breaks



Spiritual Adoption Program

-- MONTH SEVEN --

Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

Do you feel called to be a Deacon?

The deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse seek to live their vocation as humble images of Christ the Servant. They are mostly men with wives and families. They have had, and often continue to have, active careers. Before they began their formation toward the diaconate, most were already serving their parishes as dedicated members of the laity.

The Church needs more servant leaders. The Church needs more deacons. If you are think that God may be calling you to this ministry, now is the time to inquire and explore. Contact Deacon Tully (drdon@mwt.net; 608-4750304) or me now to discuss the formation process and get more information for our upcoming Discernment Retreat which is required for entry into the program.

Deacon Bob Riedl Director –
Office of the Diaconate – La Crosse riedl@diolclergy.org

Fish Fry

Friday, November 15th

Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Baked or fried fish, Baked or cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce and a garlic biscuit.

The cost of the meal is \$11 with the option to add extra fish for \$2 per piece.



“Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God, and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end... no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being.” – John Paul II

JESUS SAID:

I AM the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”



John 6:51

St. Mary School

Is looking to fill the following position.

Part-Time Music Teacher.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to Stacia Kohlstedt

staciakohlstedt@stmarysrc.com

Parish Youth Group Dates

Sun., October 20th at 6pmLife Teen

Sun., October 27th at 3pmThe Chosen, Teens & Adults

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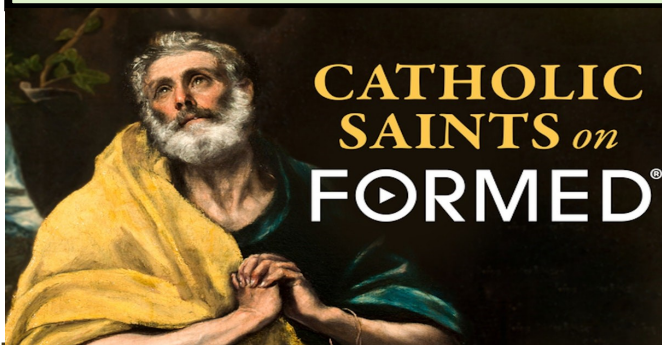
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Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

October 12/13, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,965.00
Offertory.....	463.00
Student Offertory	30.88
Pastoral Care.....	55.00
Building & Maintenance	120.00
Catholic School Support	10.00
Holy Day.....	60.00
Festival	25.00
World Mission Sunday	155.00
Total.....	\$5,883.88

9/15/2024 ACH Contributions \$5,915.00

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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church **please** notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged, but **not less than six months** prior to the proposed wedding date.