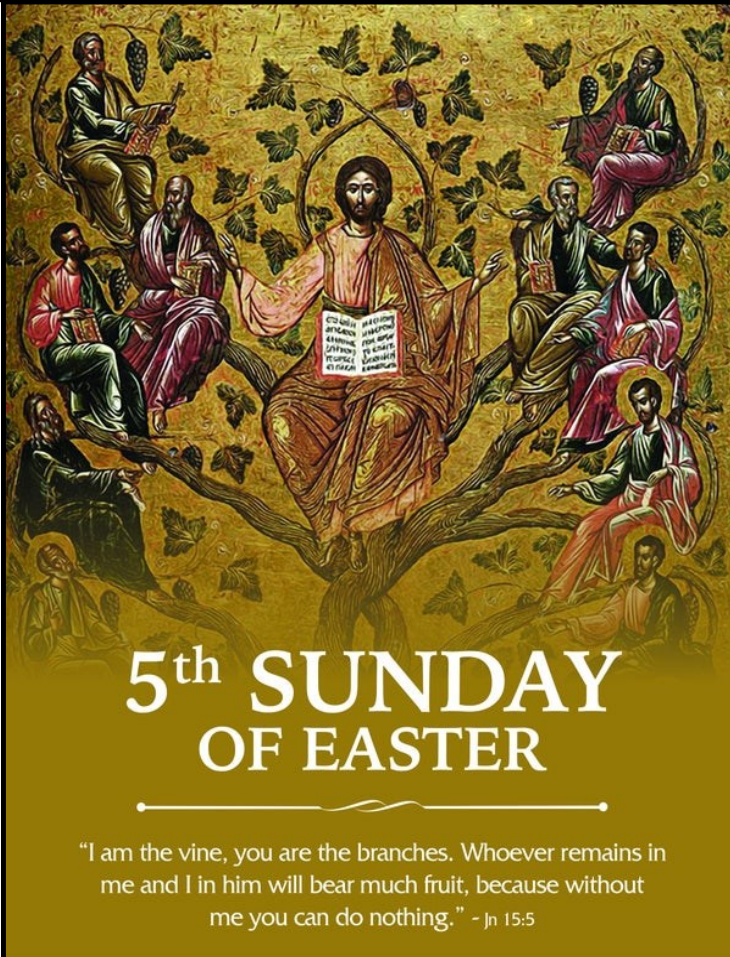


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

ABIDE IN ME

### Saturday, May 4th, 5:15 pm

**Readers:** Mark Jelinek  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Eleanor Jelinek, Reese & Bryce Kohlstedt  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Steve Bauer Family **Script:** Susan Tully

### Sunday, May 5th, 8:00am

**Lectors:** Maly Krajco  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Blake Parker, Alexander Kloehn, Avery & Daryn Kepler  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Brian Parker Family **Script:** Fran Wilkinson

### Sunday, May 5th, 10:30 am

**Lectors:** Gloria Joseph  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Andrew Mata  
**Gifts:** James Ueek Family **Script:** Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

Monday, April 29th **St. Catherine of Sienna**  
No Mass

Tuesday, April 30th **St. Pius V**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Joseph Bernard Honer

Wednesday, May 1st **St. Joseph the Worker**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Gordon Moore

Thursday, May 2nd **St. Athanasius**  
Mass 8:15 am **National Day of Prayer**  
† Mr. & Mrs. Gene Reising

Friday, May 3rd **First Friday**  
Mass 8:15 pm  
† Dr Virginia Bradford

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills  
† Francis Pepich Family  
No Evening Mass

Saturday, May 4th **First Saturday**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Shirley Slaney

Confessions 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Jim O'Keefe

Sunday, May 5th **6th Sunday of Easter**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Al & Dorothy Doerrer

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

## Parish Calendar of Events

05/02 Thursday, May Crowning at 8:15 am Mass  
05/02 Thursday, Confirmation at Viroqua 6:30 pm  
05/02 Thursday, National Day of Prayer 7:00 pm at the Church of the Nazarene Outreach Center  
05/18 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm C Ctr  
05/20 Monday, Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby  
06/07 Friday, 10 am -8:30 pm Eucharistic Rally La Crosse

## **From your pastor . . .**

In last Sunday's column, I indicated that soon we shall bring to conclusion the renovation of our Church interior with the installation of a custom-built communion rail that will match the altar, the ambo (lectern from which the Word of God is proclaimed) and the baptismal font. This will bring to completion our renovation that began in 2019 with the replacement of the carpet in the sanctuary with the marble tile, followed by the replacement of the wood ambo with the present one, constructed from marble that corresponds to our altar. More recently, the more major renovation took place in the nave with the removal of the asbestos floor tile now replaced by the porcelain tile, including two medallions inlaid in the main aisle: a symbol of Mary, assumed into heaven and the eucharistic image of a mother pelican (symbolizing Christ) feeding her offspring with her own flesh and blood, located near where Holy Communion is distributed. Also accomplished in this major renovation was the painting of the entire interior of the church, with a new painting of the Alpha and the Omega on the front wall of the sanctuary.

As I mentioned in last week's column, the altar rail was initially proposed by a group of parishioners at the same time as the planning of the new sanctuary floor. At that time, there were no active plans for the rail, but I signaled my willingness to pursue this possibility later. In the meantime, I asked if there could be a way to gauge the interest among other parishioners for this possibility. A few months later, I received the names of 82 parishioners, who had signed their names indicating their desire to have the communion rail restored to our church. Because of the plan that was already developing for the major renovation in the nave, the communion rail was put on hold.

The time has finally arrived to pursue the re-installation of the communion rail. The original construction of our church included a communion rail. The exact year that it was removed is not known, but it seems to have been in the early 1980's. This was a time when an interpretation of the Second Vatican Council was being used to 'deconstruct' the classical architecture and liturgical appointments of churches. Often people were told that the Second Vatican Council required such changes, when in fact this was not true. With the installation of the rail, we will have restored our church to its original design.

I have contacted the same firm that was involved in the construction of the ambo. They have indicated their ability to access the same marble as was used for the ambo and which will correspond to our altar.

As I did in last week's column, I wish to make clear that with the return of the communion rail, no one will be required to kneel to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer not to kneel or cannot do so because of physical limitations, you will be able to stand. The only difference will be that rather than standing behind another person, slowly moving up the main aisle, you will stand alongside your fellow communicants, who may be standing or kneeling along the rail. Receiving our Lord alongside one another is meant to enhance our communal reception.

Communicants will be stationary for a few moments before receiving Holy Communion, giving time for recollection and focusing on the altar of sacrifice in the sanctuary from where the body and blood of our Lord appears. The altar of sacrifice which corresponds to the cross on which Jesus was sacrificed, "once for all", links the real presence of Christ made present through the consecration of bread and wine to the "altar" of communion (the communion rail), where holy communion is now brought to the faithful. Rather than the faithful continually moving to receive our Lord, they are able to wait expectantly, as Christ comes to them. Also, use of the communion rail allows for reception of our Lord either on the tongue or in the hand.

In the weeks to come, I hope to provide more spiritual and theological reflection concerning the installation of the communion rail. In all likelihood, (as done in this column) I will repeat some of what I have already written, so that eventually the great majority of our parishioners will have sufficient information and knowledge as to what is transpiring. Also, soon, I hope to make available a rendering of the communion rail.

Finally, once again, I commend to you a prayer from the Roman Missal that you may wish to use during this time as we anticipate the installation of Bishop Gerard Battersby as our Diocesan Bishop.

*O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Gerard, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing, We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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



Wolfgang Barnabas Sherman  
 Emergency Baptism, January 8th, 2024  
 Ceremony Supplied April 13, 2024  
 Parents, Zachary & Stephanie  
 Please pray as he grows in his faith.

**Eucharistic Rally, The Answer**  
*The Answer is the Eucharist,*  
*The Eucharist is Jesus*  
 Friday, June 7, 2024

At the La Crosse Center  
 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse  
 Discount tickets available for purchase  
<https://diolc.org/the-answer/>  
 10:00 am—11:00 Eucharistic Procession  
 Mass 11:00—12:30 pm  
 12:30—1:00 pm Free time  
 (Confession, visit Adoration Chapel, visit booths)  
 1:00 pm—1:25 pm Opening Prayer  
 Inspiring Speakers, including Chris Stefanick  
 Click on this QR code to register!



**"When a woman is pregnant, she is not "expecting a child" - she already has one. She is not "going to be a mother" - she already is a mother. The baby is not "on the way", the baby has already arrived. If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children, we have to change the way we speak about them." ~Frank Pavone**

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please send your prayer request to [prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com](mailto:prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com)

**Readings for the week of April 28, 2024**

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**-MONTH ONE-**

Developing **Baby Spiritual Adoption** Program  
 Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

**Sportsman's Extravaganza  
This Saturday, April 27th, 2024  
Grand Prize \$25,000.00  
or 40 Acres of Land**

Tickets available at the at the door

**National Day of Prayer**

May 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
at the Church of the Nazarene  
**OUTREACH CENTER**  
391 S Main St  
Richland Center, WI



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

**Richland Center Deanery  
Council of Catholic Women  
Spring Assembly**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
Presentation by Patrick & Stephanie Schwingle  
Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish  
417 S. Oak St. Lone Rock, WI. 53556  
For information contact Candace McGrath  
[re@stmarysrc.com](mailto:re@stmarysrc.com) or call or text 608-647-0400**

**BELIEVE IN THE REALITY OF HELP AND HEALING, THERE IS HOPE**  
The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment  
within the Church and within our society for children and youth.  
We continue to express a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to  
victims of sexual abuse and their families.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent  
(bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer)  
please fill out the report from found at:

**[www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting)**

Alternatively, you can contact  
Mrs. Teresa Brown  
Complaint Intake Agent  
The Diocese of La Crosse  
P.O. Box 4004  
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179  
or [intakeagent@52213dioc.org](mailto:intakeagent@52213dioc.org)

**April 20/21 2024**

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,286.00
Offertory.....	442.30
Student Offertory.....	19.35
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Building & Maint.....	115.00
Catholic School Support.....	85.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,957.65</b>

03/15/2024 ACH Contributions ..... \$6,205.00

**2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal ...	\$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 3/25/24)	\$44,520.00
<b>Exceeding Goal ...</b>	<b>\$10,720.00</b>

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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.