

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

## Mass Schedule

Monday, April 8th      **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
No Mass

Tuesday, April 9th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Peace & Freedom in the Middle East

Wednesday, April 10th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Ziaja Family SP.I.

Thursday, April 11th      **St. Stanislaus**  
Mass 8:15 am      **Adoration following Mass**  
† Tom Hammer

Friday, April 12th  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Tomasa A Felix

Saturday, April 13th      **St. Martin I**  
Confessions 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Charlie Ray

Sunday, April 14th      3rd Sunday of Easter  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Matthew Leineweber

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

## Parish Calendar of Events

- 04/07 Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday
- 04/08 Monday, Catholicism, Adult Formation Program, 7-8:30 pm (at the Commons)
- 04/13 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm at Community Center
- 04/14 Sunday, First Holy Communion, 10:30 Mass
- 04/15 Monday,
- 04/27 Saturday, Sportsman's' Extravaganza
- 05/02 Thursday, May Crowning at 8:15 am Mass
- 05/02 Thursday, Confirmation at Viroqua 6:30 pm
- 05/20 Monday, Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby in La Crosse
- 06/07 Friday, 10:00 am –8:30 pm Eucharistic Rally LAX

## 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, 2024

### Saturday, April 13th, 5:15 pm

Readers: Judy Murphy  
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully  
Servers: Daryn & Avery Kepler, Andrew Mata, Brielle Weeden  
Ushers: Knights of Columbus  
Gifts: Steve Bauer Family      **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

### Sunday, April 14th, 8:00am

Lectors: John Tennant  
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully  
Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek, Thomas Honer, Blake Parker  
Ushers: Knights of Columbus  
Gifts: Timothy Honer Family      **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

### Sunday, April 14th, 10:30 am

Lectors: Donna Urbach  
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully  
Servers: Lydia & Olivia Durst, Colyns Morris, Baylee, Wertz  
Gifts: St Mary's Students      **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

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

This second Sunday of Easter brings to a conclusion the Easter Octave and is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday has its origin with the private revelations that were given to a young Polish nun, Sister (now Saint) Faustina Kowalska. On February 22, 1931 Saint Faustina saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it "*Jesus I Trust in You.*" A reproduction of this image is displayed in the sanctuary of our parish church.

Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, our Lord requested for her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. This diary has been widely published and can be purchased in any Catholic bookstore or online.

In a series of revelations, He taught Faustina that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners, and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

By the time of Saint Faustina's death in 1938, devotion to Divine Mercy had already begun to spread throughout Eastern Europe. Returning U.S. soldiers who had been exposed to the devotion during World War II were some of the first people to bring it to the United States.

The message of mercy can be called to mind simply by remembering ABC. Ask for His mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly. Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Complete trust. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.

The image that Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to have painted is a portrait of Jesus as the King of Mercy. The red and pale rays represent the blood and water that flowed from his pierced Heart as a fountain of mercy for us. There are different versions of the image, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. So, no matter what version you prefer, you can be assured that God's graces are communicated through it.

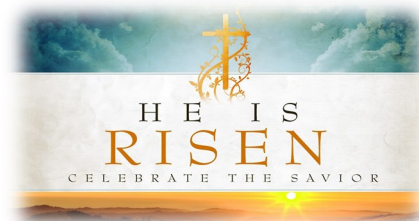
Our Lord asked for special prayer at the hour of his death – the three o'clock hour. Usually, the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed at this hour (however it can be prayed at any hour). This Chaplet is prayed on the beads of the rosary. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed after the conclusion of the weekday Masses at our parish church. Jesus also requested (as recorded in Saint Faustina's Diary, 699) that the Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy. This was done during the pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II. We bring forth great goodness into our world and the lives of others when we carry out the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy.

A reminder that First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Practice will take place at 10:00 a.m. next Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to this very holy and special day for the seventeen children who will be receiving our Lord for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.

Also, a reminder that our Sportsman's Extravaganza will soon be happening at the Richland Center Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be food, raffles and many door prizes available. The drawing for the 40 acres of hunting land or \$25,000 takes place @ 9:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the evening supporting your parish when you do so.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**





**“Six Tips for Talking to ‘Pro-Choice People’ (What We’ve Learned from Talking to More than 5000)” – Saturday Morning, April 27 – St. James Parish, La Crosse**

Come to a pro-life breakfast and talk featuring Emily Geiger, Director of Education & Outreach for the Equal Rights Institute (ERI). Emily is the former Co-President of *Oles for Life* at St. Olaf College, where she worked to transform campus culture using ERI’s apologetics to foster respectful and productive dialogues about abortion. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently gives talks on college and high school campuses and for churches and conferences. She has also been interviewed on MSNBC, BBC Newsday,



EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, and Christianity Today. To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) or scan the QR code to the right.

**Spiritual Adoption Program**

We, as individuals and as a parish family have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful program to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months.

Each of us can pray for our child that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life as God intended

For just a moment, picture a young woman who just week discovered that she is seven weeks pregnant. What she may not know is that her baby's heart has been beating for four weeks, it can flex its fingers and toes, suck on his or her thumb and is totally dependent on her. She may not know where to turn. She may be struggling with her fears of being a mother. She may be experiencing pressure and advice from many caring and well-intentioned family members and friends.

Our prayers can make a difference in whether this baby will be born safely. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for all parents.

Please take a prayer card placed at one of the entrances and pray the very brief prayer daily for your "adopted child." While this child may remain unknown to us, God knows who the child is. Therefore we ask that you name your child in order to stay focused on the reality that your prayers are helping to keep an actual unborn child safe.

At the end of the nine-month period we as a parish will celebrate the "birth" of our spiritually adopted babies with a baby shower. In this way we can also help, in a very tangible way, the mother as she brings to term a beautiful gift of life. All gifts collected at the shower will be donated to *Door of Hope. pregnancy and Family Care Center in Viroqua and Little Lambs Clothing Closet in Richland Center* to help mothers in need.

**DAY ONE –**

**Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program**

At the moment the father’s sperm and mother’s egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being

comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA.

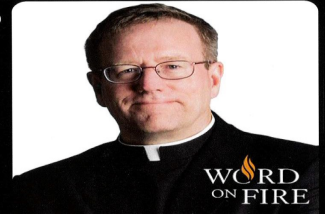
Although he is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, color of hair – everything!

He will play a role in his family and his community – a role only he can play! Nothing is added after conception to make him a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all – love. His parents don’t even know he exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.

St. Mary Catholic Church *presents*  
**CATHOLICISM**  
JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH

**9 WEEK ADULT FORMATION STUDY PROGRAM  
MONDAYS, APRIL 8 - JUNE 3, 2024 7 PM TO 8:30 PM**

With creator and host Bishop Robert Barron you will learn what Catholics believe and why, while immersing you in the art, architecture, literature, music, and all the riches of the Catholic tradition.



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Richland Center, WI

**Readings for the week of April 7, 2024**

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



### Congratulations

Kendra Bingham  
Dalton Johnson  
Christina Koch

Who entered into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

&

Jennifer Mata

Who entered in to full communion with the church with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May God Bless you!

**Sportsman's Extravaganza  
Saturday, April 27th, 2024**

**Grand Prize \$25,000.00  
or 40 Acres of Land**

**Tickets available at the rectory**



**Now accepting Door Prizes for the  
Sportsman's Extravaganza  
They can be dropped off at the rectory.**

### March 30/31, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$ 2,015.00
Offertory.....	820.15
Religious Ed.....	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	60.00
Festival.....	40.00
Good Friday.....	380.25
Easter.....	2,275.10
Total.....	\$5,610.40
03/15/2024 ACH Contributions .....	\$6,205.00

### 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ...	\$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 3/25/24)	\$44,077.00
Exceeding Goal ...	\$10,277.00

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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.