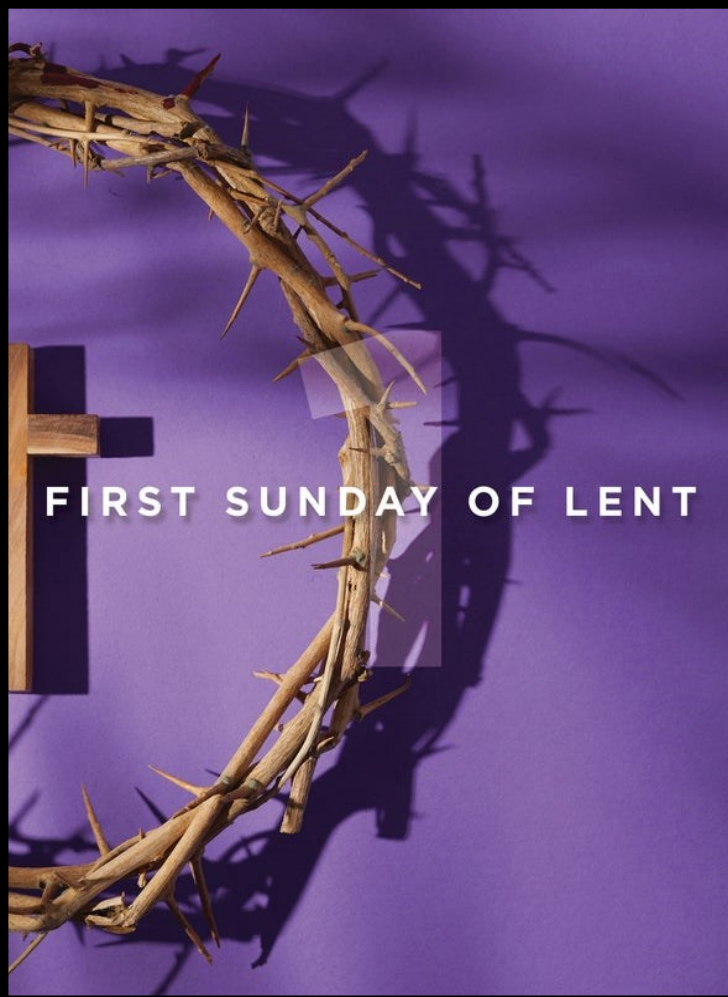


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

Saturday, February 24th, 5:15 pm

Lector: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Owen Drier, Eleanor Jelinek, Andrew Mata,
Avery Kepler

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family Scrip: Judy Barnicle

Sunday, February 25th, 8:00 am

Lector: Chay Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Blake Parker, Alexander Kloehn

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright Family Scrip: Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, February 25th, 10:30 am

Lector: Emily Zorea

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Madalynn, Blake & Makenna Mueller
Baylee Wertz

Gifts: Aharon Zorea Family Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 19th Presidents' Day
No Mass

Tuesday, February 20th
Mass 8:15 am
† Alan Welte

Wednesday, February 21st **St. Peter Damian**
Mass 8:15 am
† Dorothy Keating

Thursday, February 22nd **The Chair of St. Peter**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
L&D members of the Jara family

Friday, February 23rd **Day of Abstinence**
Confessions 4:45 pm
Mass 5:15 pm **St. Polycarp**
† Cameron Peckham
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 24th
Confessions 4:15 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Janice Marie Bauer

Sunday, February 25th **Second Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Sara Schultz SP.I.

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

Parish Calendar of Events

02/23 Friday ... Mass 5:15 pm
Stations of the Cross...6:00pm

03/01 Friday ... PCCW scholarships due

03/01 Friday... Mass 5:15 pm
Stations of the Cross...6:00pm

“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him” Mark 1:12-13

From your pastor . . .

This column returns to a partial reproduction of the Catechism on The Real Presence by Servant of God Father John A. Hardon, S.J. The abbreviation (MF) after some of the answers is a reference to the encyclical *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith) promulgated by Pope Paul VI on September 3, 1965.

CHRIST OUR LORD IS PRESENT IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST BY TRANSUBSTANTIATION

88. How is Christ made present in the Holy Eucharist?

Christ is made present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist in what the Church calls the greatest miracle of its kind. It is nothing less than the change of the whole substance of the bread into His Body, and the whole substance of the wine into His Blood. This unique and truly wonderful change the Catholic Church calls transubstantiation. As result of transubstantiation, the species of bread and wine not only take on a new meaning and a new purpose, they become nothing less than a new reality which we may justly term ontological. (MF 56)

89. What does this ontological change mean?

This means there is an objective change in the reality of what used to be bread and wine. By the words of consecration, they become the Body and Blood of Christ. He becomes present whole and entire; it is physical reality and bodily presence.

90. Can this presence of Christ be perceived by the senses?

No. It can only be perceived by the mind and enlightened by faith. We must believe what we cannot comprehend. Why? Because nothing is impossible to God, (MF 57).

91. How did the Fathers of the Church warn the faithful?

They warn the faithful not to trust in their sense, but in the words of Christ. He has the power to transform, change and transmute the bread and wine into His own Body and Blood, (MF 57).

92. What are the statements of some of these Fathers of the Church?

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem declared: "We have been instructed in these matters and filled with an unshakable faith that which seems to be bread, is not bread, though it tastes like it, but the Body of Christ; and that which seems to be wine, is not wine, though it tastes as such, but is the blood of Christ . . . draw inner strength by receiving this bread as spiritual food and your soul will rejoice, (MF 58).

St. John Chrysostom said: "It is not the power of man which makes what is put before us the Body and Blood of Christ, but the power of Christ Himself who was crucified for us. The priest standing there in the place of Christ says these words, but their power and grace are from God. 'This is my Body,' He says, and these words transform what lies before him.

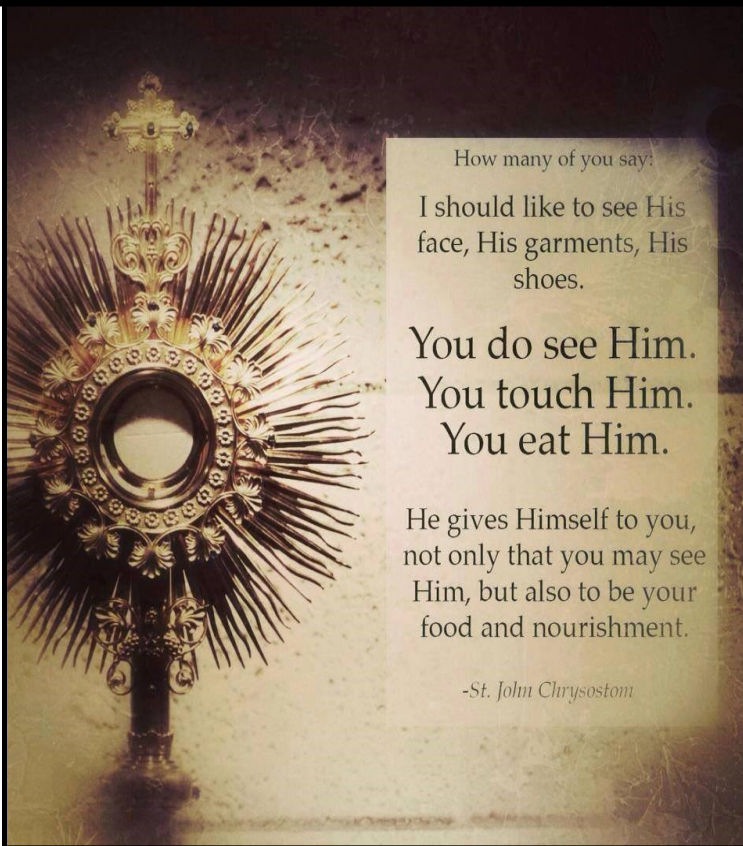
Please be reminded that during Lent the Mass on Fridays is celebrated in the late afternoon at 5:15 p.m. followed immediately (@6:00 p.m.) by the Way of the Cross.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

“ When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth’s sweet nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest , haven taken from the altar the Son of God (who is the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food.”

St Francis de Sales

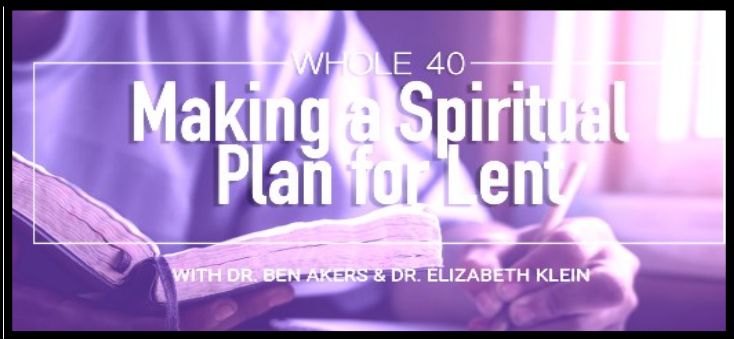


How many of you say:
I should like to see His
face, His garments, His
shoes.

You do see Him.
You touch Him.
You eat Him.

He gives Himself to you,
not only that you may see
Him, but also to be your
food and nourishment.

-St. John Chrysostom



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Every
Friday during Lent
Holy Mass 5:15 pm
Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm



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!



Job Available



Looking for an individual to clean the
Church floors, one day a week.
approximately 2 to 4 hours
Materials provided. \$15.00 per hour

Contact the rectory 608-647-2621

Lost & Found

If you have left anything at the church, you may find it in our "Lost and Found". There are a number of items, eye glasses, rosaries, hats etc. (at the entrance of the church)

2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ... \$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 2/14/24) \$42,657.00
Exceeding Goal ... \$8,857.00

Thank You!

Scrip News

RaiseRight has added several new gift cards that we can order for you: Kendra Scott, Fannie May, Lou Malnati's, Chewy, Meijer and Famous Daves. Several are offered as e-cards for immediate use while on-the-go. Take a look around on raiseright.com or ask your scrip coordinator if your favorite place is in the program. scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Looking for ways to enrich your spiritual and faith life? Search the books, CDs, and audio albums available in the southwest entrance of the Church. There are assorted topics, authors, and speakers to choose from including Popes, Saints, Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, and more in our lending library. Simply sign out your selection in the notebook and enjoy!

PCCW Scholarship

Scholarship applications for high school seniors are due March, 1, 2024. Contact your school guidance office or Pick up in the church vestibule.

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-1

February 10/11, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$ 4,308.00
Offertory.....	331.00
Student Offertory.....	12.48
Pastoral Care.....	5.00
Building & Maintenance.....	65.00
Catholic School Support.....	351.00
Easter Flowers.....	35.00
Total.....	\$5,107.71
12/15/2023 ACH Contributions	\$6,205.00

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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.