

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life; he who comes to me
shall not hunger and he who comes to me
shall never thirst”

Jn 6: 35

Sunday, August 4th, 2024
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 10th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Susan Tully

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Sara Schultz

Servers: Vessel Rush, Carter & Eleanor Jelinek,
Brielle Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, August 11th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Adelyn & Cameron Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, August 11th, 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms, Lydia & Olivia Durst

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

Back to School
Packets are available at the entrance of
church this weekend

Mass Schedule

- Monday, August 5th** **The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**
No Mass
- Tuesday, August 6th** **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Mass 8:15 am † John Ryan
- Wednesday, August 7th** **St. Sixtus II St. Cajetan**
Mass 8:15am
Ryan & Kathleen Tydrich SP.I.
- Thursday, August 8th** **St. Dominic**
Mass 8:15am **Adoration following Mass**
Will & Addie Peckham SP.I.
- Friday, August 9th** **St. Teresa Benedicta**
Mass 8:15am
Roman Felix SP.I.
- Saturday, August 10th** **St. Lawrence**
Mass 5:15 pm
† Charles Aber
- Sunday, August 11th** **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Marie & Leo Triggs
- Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

- 08/11 Sunday, Knight's of Columbus Council mtg 7:00 pm
08/13 Tuesday, Festival meeting 10:00 am
08/18 Sunday, Donut Sunday, following both Mass
08/24 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo
Community Center, 6:30 pm
09/03 Tuesday, First Day of School at St Mary's
09/04 Wednesday, Father & Son Banquet ... 6:00 pm
09/08 Sunday, KC 4th Degree Council meeting 6:30 pm
“ “ Sunday, KC Council meeting 7:00 pm
09/06 Friday, Drop off NEW items for Festival
09/11 Wednesday, Last day to drop off items
09/14 Saturday, Parish Festival following the 4:00 pm Mass
09/18 Wednesday, 43rd Annual Rural Life Day

From your pastor . . .

In last Sunday's column, I indicated that we will be waiting for a few weeks before the arrival of our communion rail. It is presently on a ship somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean between Italy and the eastern coast of the United States. It is to arrive in Norfolk, Virginia and be transported by train to Chicago. From Chicago it will be brought by truck to Saint Mary's. The arrival date will be sometime in the last week of August.

As it also indicated in last Sunday's column, I will use these next Sundays to re-publish in this column the catechesis concerning the communion rail that I presented in the months of April and May. For those of you who read this column faithfully each week, you may find this to be redundant and I ask for your indulgence. The benefit of doing this is the possibility of reaching those parishioners who did not have an opportunity to read the first publishing.

The altar railing 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 railing, 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 installation of a custom-built communion rail 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 carpeting 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 to be 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.

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 never true. With the installation of the rail, we shall return to the original design of our parish church.

I have contacted the same firm that was involved in the construction of the ambo. They have indicated that we should be able to access the same marble as was used for the ambo and which corresponds to our altar. 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 railing. Receiving our Lord alongside one another will enhance a communal reception.

Communicants will be stationary for a few moments before receiving Holy Communion, giving time to 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 can wait expectingly, 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 next bulletin, the catechesis on the communion rail will continue.

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

Parish Festival

Saturday, September 14th

New Items needed for the Silent
Auction and Chinese Raffle.
Gift Cards are also welcome.

More info forthcoming



“THE EUCHARIST IS THE
SECRET OF MY DAY. IT
GIVES STRENGTH AND
MEANING TO ALL MY
ACTIVITIES OF SERVICE
TO THE CHURCH AND
TO THE WHOLE WORLD.”

– JOHN PAUL II

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Spiritual Adoption Program

- MONTH FOUR -

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. At this stage rapid eye movements have been observed – a sign of dreaming. What a miracle he is!



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

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Rural Life Day 2024

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

will be held at Schmidt Farms, near Gotham. Randy, Shelly, Ryan, Chrissy and families cordially invite everyone out to their farm to celebrate RURAL LIFE with Mass celebrated by newly installed Bishop Battersby, St Mary's School Choir, and the La Crosse Diocese! A luncheon will follow on the farm. This is a day to celebrate the fruits of our local Agriculture, Rural Community, and to give Thanks to God for his many Blessings!!



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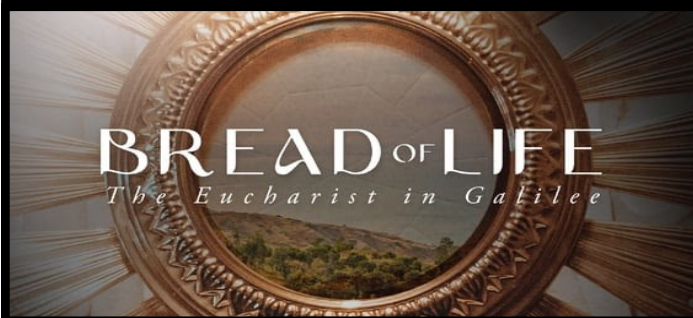
Drawing
held
8/18/2024
Need not
be present
to win

St Patrick Parish Summerfest Raffle
1st Place Fr Eric Berns Motorcycle or \$5,000.00
2nd Place \$2,500.00 3rd \$1,500.00
4th \$1,000.00 5th & 6th \$500.00

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Scrip News

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Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39
abcd, 41/ Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

July 26/27,, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,679.00
Offertory.....	546.25
Pastoral Care.....	385.00
Building & Maint.....	50.00
Holy Day.....	50.00
Festival.....	140.00
Total.....	\$3,850.25

7/15/2024 ACH Contributions \$6,205.00

2024 Annual Appeal (as of 7/23/24) \$49,140.00
Exceeding Goal ... \$15,340.00

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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.