

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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### Sunday, January 14th, 2024

Saturday, January 20th 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Candace McGrath

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Avery & Daryn Kepler, Eleanor Jelinek, Danicka Spencer

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, January 21st 8:00 am

**Lector:** John Tennant

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Ainsley & Everett Myers, Colyns Morris, Nicholas Perna

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Bryan Myers Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, January 21st/h, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Alisa Weiss

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Giada Johnson, Andrew Mata

**Gifts:** Cheryl Blankenship Family **Scrip:** Emily Zorea

## Mass Schedule

Monday, January 15th      **Martin Luther King Day**  
No Mass

Tuesday, January 16th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Anna & Kevin Denn SP.I.

Wednesday, January 17th      **St. Anthony, Abbot**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Dr Francis & Virginia Bradford

Thursday, January 18th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Ralph Bindl      **Adoration following**

Friday, January 19th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Edmund Guelig

Saturday, January 20th      **St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**  
Confessions 4:15 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Richard Unbehaun

Sunday, January 21st      **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Morris Family SP.I.

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

## Parish Calendar Events

01/18 Thursday, Registrations due for  
Return to the Upper Room

01/20 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo  
6:30 pm at the Community Center

01/27 Return to the Upper Room, St Francis, WI

01/28 Catholic Schools Week

01/28 Sunday... Knights of Columbus  
Pancake breakfast

following the 8:00 am & 10:30 Mass

02/16 Friday ... Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

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

The past issue (Thursday, January 4, 2024) of the Richland Observer published the obituary of Sister Mary Jane (Georgene) Cournoyer, O.S. B. (Order of Saint Benedict). She, along with other Benedictine Sisters had served our parish by staffing the Catholic School. When Sister Mary Jane was here at Saint Mary's she served as the principal as well as the superior to those sisters assigned with her. I must confess that I never met Sister Mary Jane, however I suspect there are some of our older parishioners who may remember her. Sister Mary Jane was born February 22, 1925, and died on Christmas Day, December 25, 2023. She was buried on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Saint Benedicts Monastery, Saint Joseph, Minnesota. She served as a vowed religious sister for over 73 years. May she be granted a generous reward for all her good work, especially what was accomplished with God's help here at Saint Mary's Parish. May she rest in peace.

With the new year, the Church throughout the United States begins its third and final year of Eucharistic Revival. This year includes a national procession that will come from four different directions, the north, south, east, and west, converging near the center of the nation at Indianapolis, Indiana. Each of these four routes will begin on May 18, 2024, and arrive in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024. The route that will involve the Diocese of La Crosse is named "the Marian Route." It will begin at the mouth of the Mississippi River, at Lake Itasca, Minnesota, travel south coming through Rochester and Winona, Mn. It will connect with the Diocese of La Crosse at the Cass Street Bridge that crosses the Mississippi River from west to east. Bishop Robert Barron, of the Winona, Diocese, will pass the monstrance containing the Holy Eucharist to Bishop William Callahan, the Bishop of La Crosse in the middle of the Cass Street Bridge, on June 7, 2024. The procession will then continue to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman for the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Following the Mass, the seminarians of the diocese will lead the procession to Aquinas High School, where a youth rally will take place. On Saturday, the Monstrance with the Holy Eucharist will remain in La Crosse with programs that will involve students from UW -L and Viterbo University. By Sunday the procession, following the Marian route, will have reached Sparta, where the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's Parish. The focus during the time in Sparta will be on the Hispanic presence and ministry in the Diocese. On Sunday afternoon the procession will leave Sparta and make its way to Wisconsin Rapids to SS. Peter and Paul Parish. The evening will involve a Holy Hour that will focus on the ministry of Deacons in our Diocese. The next morning following Mass, the procession will continue to Marshfield to Saint John the Baptist Parish. Events there are still being considered. The procession then travels on to Wausau. Arriving there, they will be met by the Catholic Hmong community, which will host an event at Mary, Mother of Good Help Parish. Other activities will be planned among the Wausau parishes. In the morning, the procession will depart from the Diocese of La Crosse and pass over into the Green Bay Diocese.

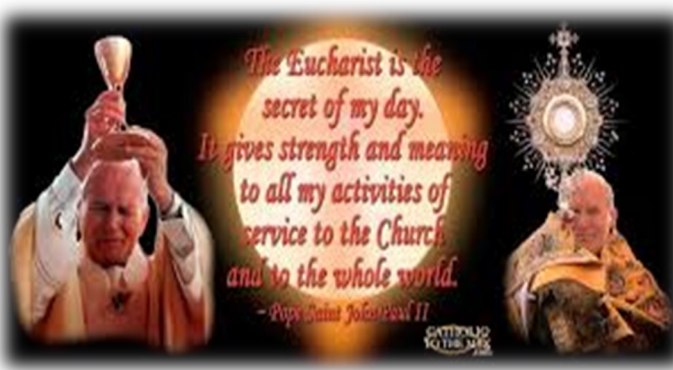
As you can ascertain from the above schedule (which is subject to change) much thought and planning is being put into the Eucharistic procession as it passes through the Diocese of La Crosse. Parishioners from Saint Mary's, particularly families, should begin to plan for some kind of involvement. There will be more information forthcoming over the months ahead. You can access updated information by getting on the Diocese of La Crosse website. Our parish website has a link to it.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**



“ To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred. How often, when we are in a state of distress, those to whom we look for help leave us; or what is worse, add to our affliction by heaping trouble upon us. He is ever there, waiting to help us.”  
 St Euphrasia



Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you.



“Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a ‘person,’ always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross.

To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend.”  
 St. Pope John Paul II

**"Return to the Upper Room"**

with Dr. Mark Nemo  
 Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral  
 January 27th, 2024, 10-3pm.  
 \$50.00 per person

Registration due by January 18th  
 Registrations found on the back of church (bulletin board)

Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
 3501 South Lake Drive,  
 Milwaukee, WI 53235

“The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”  
 John 3:8



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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 January 14, 2024**

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

## 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ...	\$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 1/10/24)	\$41,790.00
Exceeding Goal ...	\$7,990.00

**Thank You!**

### Fish Fry

Friday, February 16th  
Drive Up Fish Fry,  
4:30 – 7:00 pm



### KC Pancake Breakfast



Please join us for breakfast and help support  
St Mary's School in conjunction  
with Catholic Schools Week.

Sunday January 28th

following the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses

Buttermilk Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled  
eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee and OJ.

There will be a free will offering.

Everyone is Welcome!!!!

### 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.

### SCRIP NEWS

Do you shop online? There are scrip cards for  
Amazon, Audible, Shutterfly, Groupon, Nook,  
Overstock, Wayfair and Zappos, plus all the retail  
stores. Just ask your scrip seller after mass to  
order them for you or contact your scrip coordina-  
tor at [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com). Easy shopping for  
you and earned rebates for  
St. Mary's Parish and School.

[scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com).

### SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR SALE !

The 8th annual St. Mary All-School Calendar is  
on sale now! Created specially by our 8th grade students  
in computer class, it includes pictures of our school  
students and staff. Calendars are \$10 each. If interested,  
contact the school office, 647-2422.

Thanks for your support!

## January 6/7, 2023 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,533.00
Offertory.....	388.06
Student Offertory.....	20.87
Pastoral Care .....	5.00
Building & Maintenance.....	10.00
Religious Ed.....	5.00
Total.....	\$3,961.93
12/15/2023 ACH Contributions .....	\$6,205.00

**Thank You & God Bless You!**

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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.