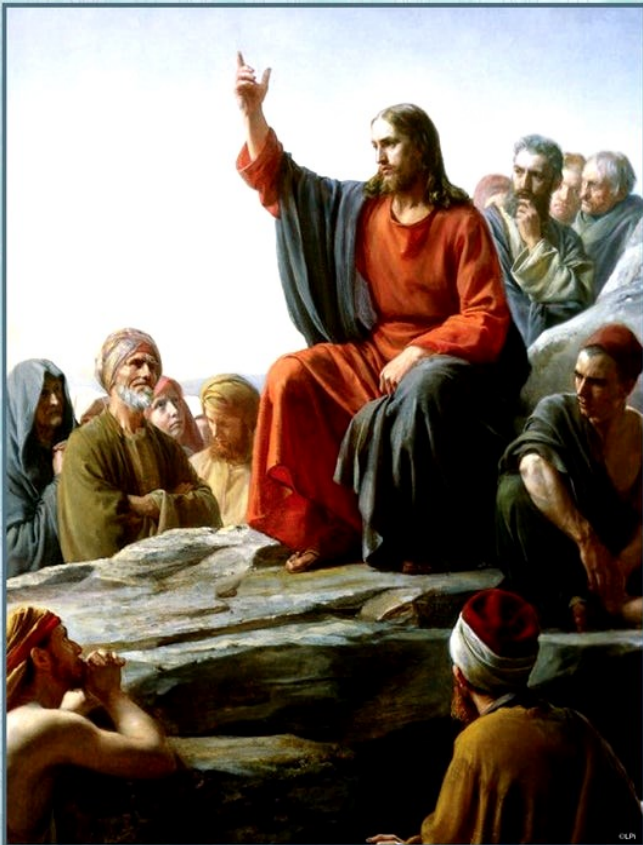


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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**November 3rd, 2024**

**Saturday, November 9th, 5:15 pm**

**Reader:** Students

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Reese Kohlstedt, Mark Olson,  
Brielle & Sienna Weeden

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Students      **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

**Sunday, November 10th 8:00 am**

**Reader:** Mark Jelinek

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Oliver Cosgrove, Carter Jelinek  
Wyatt & Brynlee Mueller

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Tim Honer Family      **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

**Sunday, November 10th, 10:30 am**

**Reader:** Katy Ueek

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Giada Johnson,  
Alex Ueek

**Gifts:** Donna Bodinet Family      **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, November 4th**      **St. Charles Borromeo**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, November 5th** **Election Day**  
Mass 8:15am  
Mimi Jara SP.I.



**Wednesday, November 6th**  
Mass 8:15am  
Deceased members of the Roger Jewel Family

**Thursday, November 7th**  
Mass 8:15am  
† Ralph Bindl

**Friday, November 8th**  
Mass 8:15 am  
L& D members if the Frank Pepich Family

**Saturday, November 9th**      **The Dedication of the**  
Mass 5:15 pm      **Lateran Basilica**  
Jason Schultz SP.I.

**Sunday, November 10th** **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Bob Schmitz



## Parish Calendar of Events

- 11/03 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
"Keep Smiling" by Life Teen
- 11/05 Tuesday, ELECTION DAY ... VOTE
- 11/09 Saturday, KC Bingo 6:30 at Community Ctr
- 11/10 Sunday, 4th Degree Assembly meeting 6:30 pm  
" " Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00 pm
- 11/11 Monday, PCCW Gathering at 6:30  
Pot Luck & Refreshments
- 11/15 Friday, Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- 11/17 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 7:30 pm

### **From your pastor:**

I hope that you were able to locate the mailing from the Diocese of La Crosse for the Diocesan Annual Appeal that should have come into your home this past week. If you do not receive it by the end of this next week, please call the rectory and we will do something about getting it to you. Please take the time to read the enclosed material and prayerfully discern the amount that you will contribute. It would be good if we could bring the Appeal to a conclusion by the First Sunday of Advent, which this year is December 1<sup>st</sup>, however, you can turn in your pledge/gift any time in the months ahead. Thank you.

I wish to conclude with this column the teaching that comes from the magisterial document, entitled: Dominus Jesus: On the Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church, concerning the Church's constant teaching that Jesus Christ is God's exclusive plan for the salvation of mankind. What has prompted this discussion was the "of the cuff" statement made by Pope Francis a few months ago to a group of college age student in Singapore, that all religions can be a path to God, and "that different religions are like different languages" for reaching God. These statements have caused a stir among bishops, theologians and the Lay Faithful in that it depart from the Deposit of Faith that has been entrusted to the Church since the time of the Apostles. It has been ascertained these statements were not included in the Holy Father's written text but were spontaneous.

One can hope that when something like this happens, the Holy Father will issue a statement of correction or explanation. That has not happened. What can be done is return to past magisterial documents which have guided the Church. An example of this is the document, Dominus Jesus that we have been considering for the past weeks. The text of the document appears in *italics*, focusing on the particular concern of how other religions are to be viewed in relationship to the Catholic Church's claim that Jesus Christ is the one and only savior of mankind.

*22, With the coming of the Saviour Jesus Christ, God has willed that the Church founded by him be the instrument for the salvation of all humanity (cf. Acts 17:30-31). This truth of faith does not lessen the sincere respect which the Church has for the religions of the world, but at the same time, it rules out, in a radical way, that mentality of indifference "characterized by a religious relativism which leads to the belief that 'one religion is as good as another.'" (Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Redemptoris Missio, 36). If it is true that the followers of other religions can receive divine grace, it is also certain that objectively speaking they are in a gravely deficient situation in comparison with those who, in the Church, have the fullness of the means of salvation. However, "all the children of the Church should nevertheless remember that their exalted condition results, not from their own merits, but from the grace of Christ. If they fail to respond in thought, word, and deed to that grace, not only shall they not be saved, but they shall be more severely judged," (Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, 14). One understands then that, following the Lord's command and as a requirement of her love for all people, the Church "proclaims and is in duty bound to proclaim without fail, Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. In him, in whom God reconciled all things to himself, men find the fullness of their religious life" (Second Vatican Council, Nostra aetate 2).*

*"God desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4); that is, God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the promptings of the Spirit of Truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary. Inter-religious dialogue, therefore, as part of her evangelizing mission, is just one of the actions of the Church in her mission 'ad gentes' (to the peoples of the earth).*

*Equality, which is a presupposition of inter-religious dialogue, refers to the equal personal dignity of the parties in dialogue, not to doctrinal content, not even less to the position of Jesus Christ – who is God himself made man – in relation to the founders of the other religions. Indeed, the Church guided by charity and respect for freedom, must be primarily committed to proclaiming to all people the truth definitively revealed by the Lord, and to announcing the necessity of conversion to Jesus Christ and of adherence to the Church through Baptism and the other sacraments, in order to participate fully in communion with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thus, the certainty of the universal salvific will of God does not diminish, but rather increases the duty and urgency of the proclamation of salvation and of conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ.*

I am hoping that those who have been somewhat bewildered by what has transpired in this matter are able to gain some clarity and peace from this brief study of Dominus Jesus.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

“ If we paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude”  
St Angela of Foligno



## Spiritual Adoption Program



-- MONTH SEVEN --

Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program  
You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup.  
He now recognizes his mother’s voice.  
During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



## OUR BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

Please bring your bottles to the weekend Masses of November 2 and 3 and place in the collection baskets.

Thank you to all who are participating.  
Social Justice and Charity Committee

## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**St. John Paul II** was a vocal advocate throughout his papacy for the protection of all human life, from conception until natural death. He defended mothers and their children, urging them to choose life. It was a message that hit close to home for him, as his own mother was

**advised by a doctor to choose abortion.**

According to a *Catholic News Agency* article, "Emilia Wojtyla was depressed by the insistence of her first doctor, Dr. Jan Moskala, that she have an abortion." Emilia's pregnancy was difficult and it threatened her life. Her first doctor firmly believed that if she went through with the birth, **she would die.**

However, Emilia did not want to kill her own child and instead **switched doctors**, no longer wanting to follow the advice of her previous doctor.

Her new doctor advised her to lie down and conserve her strength. She also **entrusted herself to the Virgin Mary during the pregnancy.**

Aleteia writer Silvia Lucchetti wrote in an article that "Emilia’s midwife left written testimony that during labor, the mother of the future pope wanted to have the windows opened. It wasn’t about getting fresh air, but rather because at that moment the singing of a Marian litany was audibly coming from the nearby church.

**'I want the first thing my child hears to be a hymn to Our Lady,'** Emilia explained to the midwife."

She was able to successfully deliver St. John Paul II on on May 18, 1920, and also survived the process.

Unfortunately she would die nine years later from nephritis, leaving the future St. John Paul II a heavy cross to bear as a young child, losing his mother.

Yet, St. John Paul II was deeply impacted by the choice of his mother and was a life-long advocate for life, doing what he could to support mothers in crisis pregnancies.



## Fish Fry

Friday, November 15th

Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Baked or fried fish, Baked or cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce and a garlic biscuit.

The cost of the meal is \$12.00 with the option to add extra fish for \$2.00 per piece.  
proceeds benefit St Mary's School



Wisconsin State Council  
Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

**TOTAL PRIZE LIST-\$124,000.00**

- 1st Prize \$50,000 or a 2025 Ford Ranger
- 2nd Prize \$25,000.00 or a Harley Davidson Motorcycle
- 3rd thru 100th Prizes—\$500.00

4297 W. Beltline Hwy. Madison WI. 53711  
Drawing –Saturday May 17th, 2025 - 7:15 pm  
Tickets \$5.00 each  
Tickets will be available after Mass

**SCRIP NEWS**

**BREAKING NEWS!** We now have \$25 Pizza Ranch gift cards in our “to-go” box. Pick one up after Mass or at school during the week and visit any of their locations for a great buffet. For local pizza, we have Kwik Trip, Papa Murphy’s, Pizza Hut and Phoenix Center Bowling Alley. Any questions or comments on the Scrip program, contact your Scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com.

**Parish Youth Group Dates**

- Sun... November 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
“Keep Smiling” by LifeTeen
- Sun... November 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm



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**FORMED Account ?**

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3. Enter your email
4. Click link in email
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**Readings for the week of November 3, 2024**

- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

October 25/26, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,480.00
Offertory.....	512.00
Student Offertory .....	29.07
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Catholic School Support .....	20.00
Festival.....	70.00
Total.....	\$4, 161.07
9/15/2024 ACH Contributions .....	\$5,915.00

**Consider ....Automatic Tithing**

Your contribution would be on the 15th of every month, distributed however you wish. e.g. tithe, 10.00 to school etc.  
**No checks to write.... Save time and money !**

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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.