

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

### Saturday, November 26th, 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Judy Murphy

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Owen Drier, Lydia Durst,  
Danicka & Riley Spencer

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Steve Bauer Family  
**Scrip:** Susan Tully

### Sunday, November 27th, 8:00 am

**Lector:** Chay Schmitt

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Alexander & Carter Kloehn,  
Ainsley & Everett Myers

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Bryan Myers  
Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

### Sunday, November 27th, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Gloria Joseph

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Blake, Madalynn & McKenna Mueller,  
Emma Jelinek

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Jeffrey Joseph Family  
**Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

Monday, November 21st **The Presentation of the  
No Mass Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday, November 22nd **St. Cecilia**  
Mass 8:15 am  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 23rd **St. Clement I**  
Mass 8:15 am **Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro**  
L & D members of the Hall Families

Thursday, November 24th **Adoration following Mass**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc**  
† Don Parduhn **Thanksgiving Day**

Friday, November 25th  
No Mass **St. Catherine of Alexandria**

Saturday, November 25th  
Confessions 4:00 –4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Ralph & Sally Kraemer

Sunday, November 27th **First Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions 7:30-7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Oran Looney SP.I.  
  
Confessions 9:30-10:25 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

### Parish Calendar Events

11/30 Wednesday, Parish Discussion Group 6:30 pm  
12/03 Saturday, Bingo (Community Center)  
12/14 Wednesday, All School Christmas program  
01/28 Saturday, Pre-Cana Class



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

This past week we exercised our right as Americans to vote. In so doing, by an act of religious liberty, we expressed our conscience by choosing those who will govern our nation and state. I wish to use the remainder of this column to reflect on the importance of religious liberty by reproducing an essay that appeared in the October newsletter, *Salve* (Hail) that is printed by the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe near La Crosse. The author of the essay is Father Paul Check, who serves as the director of the Shrine. His essay appears in *italics*.

*“Religious liberty as a civil right is, of course, of great importance. We wish to worship, privately and publicly, according to our conscience and our baptism. We also want the freedom to proclaim Christ crucified in the public square. Yet religious liberty is more than a civil right. It is not grounded in the positive law, the law of this nation, as good as that may be. Religious liberty is grounded in the nature of man.*

*Man is a spiritual being and has a fundamental moral direction. This aspect of our nature is not conferred upon us by the civil authority. It comes to us because we are created in the image of God. Thus, the idea that morality follows the popular vote or is subject to the majority opinion is not where our understand of the common good begins.*

*In some areas, natural moral standards are self-evident: lying, cheating, and stealing, though we may do them or see an advantage in them, are typically understood to weaken the fabric of human relationships, to the detriment of the family, community, and civil society. These questions can become more difficult and controversial in the intimate realm, i.e., matters related to purity and chastity.*

*Nevertheless, the foundational moral direction of our humanity is set in us and given to us by our Creator, as is our nature as spiritual beings. So, while we prize religious liberty as something that we must protect in the civil order, it ultimately comes to us not from the civil authority, but because we are God’s children.*

*Christ gives us a clear understanding of this moral direction, particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. Some have called this Sermon the Magna Carta of Christian morality. If we want to know how to live an authentically Christian life, we must embrace Chapters 5-7 of St. Matthew’s Gospel, beginning with the Beatitudes.*

*These moral prescriptions in the Sermon on the Mount presume that our nature has a foundational direction toward the good, and that we are spiritual beings. But Christ’s new Law of grace takes what is already present in the nature and elevates it. This is why St. Thomas says that grace perfects nature or fulfills nature. Grace begins with what is in us, as we have been created, and makes it better, higher, and indeed holy.*

*What is the best service that we, blessed by grace, can do for our nation? We can give testimony to the veracity of the Gospel by living as Christ taught us. That will always be the best work that we can do as citizens. Yes, we have the right to vote and so on, and these civic responsibilities are certainly of great value; but imagine the power and influence of one holy person in a community. We know how decisive the saints are in bringing people to the truth through their own witness and testimony.*

*Christ teaches us, in the sermon on the Mount, how to live such a saintly life. Stop judging that you will not be judged (Mt 7:1), notice the plank in your own eye before the splinter in your brother’s eye (Mt 7:3), and so on. This holy life, if Christians really live this way, is the best service we can offer to our country, and people will be drawn to desire grace for themselves. They will see it and acknowledge it. They will know it, even in spite of themselves. Our Lord prophesied as much: “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35). This is the context of all Christian moral teaching.”*

*Following this teaching is not simply about obeying a set of commands and prohibitions, it involves bearing witness to Christ through a holy life. As important as our civil liberties are, we as Christians must understand their origin, their purpose, and what we can really do to make our nation, our community, and our family more pleasing to God, by the holy lives that we strive to live with his grace.*

If you have never visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located on Hwy 14 approximately one mile east of La Crosse, I recommend that you do so. There, you will be exposed to many graces that will help you become holy, as written about by Father Check.

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

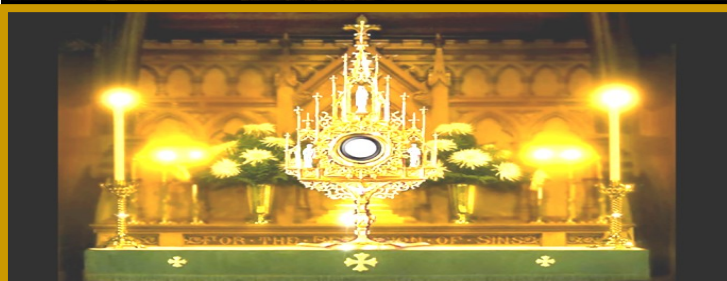
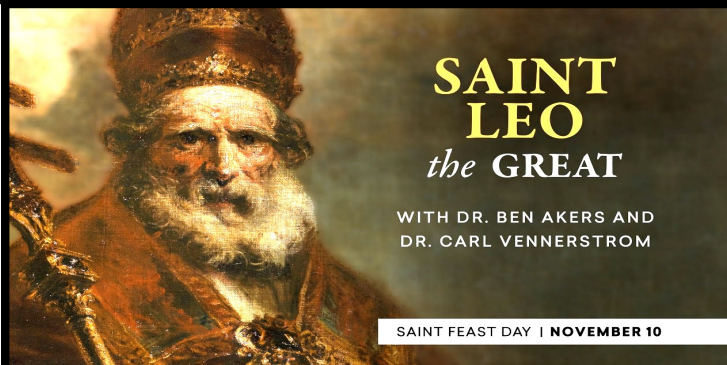
**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

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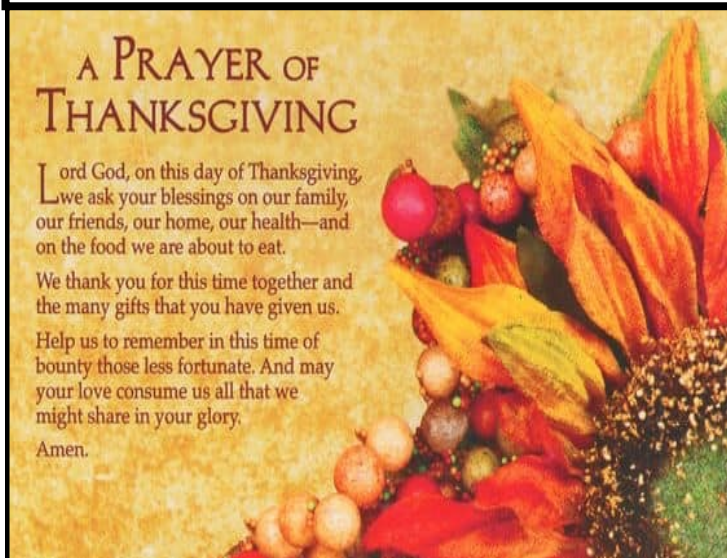
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FORMED account?

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign-up
3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

every Thursday  
following Holy Mass  
"You could not watch with me one hour?"  
"MT 26:40



## Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse Project collects shoe boxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, toys and notes of encouragement for children in need around the world.

For more information visit...

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

Or locally

Pat Kaasa 608-654-3901 or

Grace Community Church 608-647-2222



## Christmas Angel Gifts

St Mary of the Assumption Church and School  
Will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.  
Containers will be located at the church  
entrance and school.

Please put the items in the box  
prior to December 16th.

Some of the items we are looking for are  
blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks,  
puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.  
A more complete list can be found at the  
entry of the church.



## The Knights of Columbus #3492

Will be collecting food and money for the  
local food pantry during November and  
early December. Please bring non-perishable  
food items and cash donations to St. Mary's Church.



Cash donations should be put in a envelope marked  
Food Pantry, and put it into the collection basket or  
dropped off at the Parish office.

## Readings for the week of November 20, 2022

- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43
- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/  
Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

## November 5/6, 2022 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	5137.00
Offertory.....	637.76
Student Offertory.....	6.51
Building & Maintenance.....	22.00
Catholic Schools.....	1.00
Pastoral Care.....	5.00
Festival.....	1.00
Holy Day (All Saints).....	934.90
Total.....	\$6745.17
October (ACH) Automatic Contributions	\$5,865.00



### Congratulations!

**Calvin & Suzanne Sebranek**

United in the  
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony  
November 4th, 2022



### Help Wanted!

#### St Mary's Church Cleaning Job

Approximately 4-6 hours per week,  
more often depending on Mass times and events.

The areas to be cleaned are as follows... All entrances of the  
Church, Inside of the Church, Sacristy.

Sweep entire church, wipe down pews, ledges, dust.  
Mop the floors as needed.

Clean the restrooms in the undercroft, and two in the  
church, which includes sanitizing the toilets.

Refill the paper products as needed.,

Empty out all the trash cans.

Cleaning the Glass Doors of the Church  
\$13.50 per hour ... For more information,

Contact the rectory 608-647-2621

## Scrip News

The holidays are approaching and what a great time to support St. Mary's by buying Scrip cards and shopping for your favorite brands. Join us in the most convenient fundraiser there is shopping with gift cards to earn on gas, groceries, and everything else you're already buying. You can earn 50% of the scrip rebate for tuition credit. Questions? visit the RaiseRight app or contact scrip@stmarysrc.com.

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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.