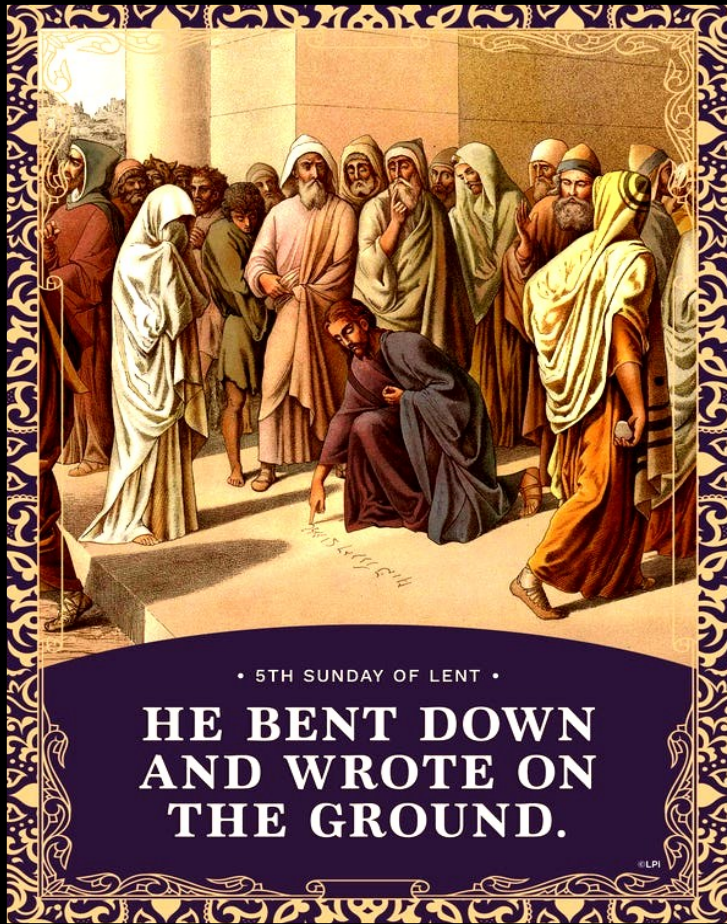


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

**HE BENT DOWN
AND WROTE ON
THE GROUND.**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6th, 2025**

Saturday, April 12th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Declan & Eleanor Jelinek,
Brielle & Sienna Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

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

Sunday, April 13th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Oliver Cosgrove, Alexander Kloehn,
Ronan Ringelstetter, Gage Tennant

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, April 13th, 10:30 am

Reader: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Baylee Wertz, Jolee Larse,

2 more needed /Contact Deacon Tully

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 7th

St. John Baptist de la Salle

No Mass

Tuesday, April 8th

Mass 8:15 am

Alex & Adler Fieldhouse SP.I.

Wednesday, April 9th

Mass 8:15 am

† Rosemary Wright & Delores Cutler

Thursday, April 10th

Mass 8:15 am

† Alan Welte

Friday, April 11th

Day of Abstinence

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Assisted Living

† Brian Boak

St. Stanislaus

Mass 5:15 pm

Rhett Green SP.I.

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12th

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Eldon Cahow

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday

Confessions 7:30 am **The Passion of the Lord**

Mass 8:00 am

† Charlie Ray

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am

Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

04/06 Sunday ... Youth Group 6:00 to 7:30 pm

04/11 Friday ... Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm

04/13 Sunday... Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00 pm

HOLY WEEK

04/13 Palm Sunday ... Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am

04/15 Tuesday ... Chrim Mass 10:30 at St Joseph the
Workman Cathedral in La Crosse

04/17 Holy Thursday ... Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 pm

04/18 Good Friday ... Service at 1:00 pm

04/19 Saturday Easter Vigil ... 8:00 pm w/ Incense

04/20 Easter Sunday ... 8:00 am Mass .. NO Incense
10:30 Mass w/ Incense

From your pastor . . .

As I have indicated in the past, it is recommended that when trying to reach the greatest number of people with an announcement, it be published three consecutive times. Given the importance of last week's column concerning my leaving Saint Mary's on June 30th, I wish to again point out that my leaving as pastor is not a rumor but a fact. I will be turning 70 years old in June of this year and the Diocese grants Senior Priest Status when that age is reached. Bishop Battersby has made it official by publishing in the Chancery Bulletin that I have been granted Senior Priest Status effective July 1, 2025. The parish is now considered to be "open," meaning that other priests of the diocese can seek to be named its pastor by contacting the diocesan personnel board and the bishop. When a new pastor will be named is uncertain, but I would expect that it will be done some time in the month of June.

Also, in my last column I announced that our parish custodian, Patrick Schwingle will be retiring on June 30th, We will be actively seeking his replacement immediately. We wish to begin by seeking candidates who belong to Saint Mary's Parish. If we are not successful in that search, we will post the position for candidates outside the parish. Watch the bulletin board in the main vestibule of the church for a job description. A resume of one's work history and skill set will be required to be considered. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the rectory.

Also, it was announced that our coordinator for religious education, Mrs. Candace McGrath has resigned her position for health reasons, effective immediately. Mrs. Cheryl Blankenship has been providing interim leadership to bring the program to its conclusion for this year. The determination of the position of coordinator of religious education will wait for the new pastor to be involved with this decision.

I wish to utilize the remainder of this column for the extended schedule of Lenten Confessions, followed by the publishing of the "Order for Making a Good Confession" that can be clipped and brought to the confessional to assist you in making your confession.

Lenten Confessional Schedule. Please note that confessions are available for 45 minutes before all the Sunday Masses, including the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Extended Schedule: Monday, April 14th, 5:30-7:00 pm; Tuesday April 15th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm; Wednesday, April 16th, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Holy Thursday, April 17th, 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Good Friday, April 18th 12:15 -12:50 pm.

Order for Making a Good Confession

Priest: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen

Penitent: Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was _____ ago and these are my sins.

(At this point you make a complete confession of your sins to the best of your recollection.) . . .

and I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life.

(The priest will give you words of counsel and assign your penance)

Penitent: (Recites this Act of Contrition or any other one they may wish to use)

O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they offend you my God who are all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Priest: (Recites the prayer of absolution) God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Penitent: And His mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

(You now leave the confessional to carry out your assigned penance.)

"It is so hard to admit
that one is a sinner;
it is so hard to climb
the hill of Calvary and
kneel beneath a cross and
ask for pardon, forgiveness.
Certainly it is hard.

But it is harder to hang there."

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~



Thrift Store



St Mary's is one of the churches that are part of
Church Women United.

This group started the Thrift Store.

**St Mary's is in need of a
few more volunteers.**

This is something that you can do to give back to
the Richland community.

You would be bagging and
checking out customers.

Shifts are W-T-F 4 hours 9-1 or 1-5,
Saturday 10-1 and 1-4.

**We try to only ask you for 3 to 4 hours
every other month.**

You can work with a friend or partner. If you
think this is something you might be interested in
please call 608-647-3594 with questions.

Thank you for considering.



Easter Flowers

Please use the envelopes in
your packet or any
(marked envelope)

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse
The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at
which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration
of the sacraments of baptism and
the anointing of the sick,
and consecrates the sacred chrism
used in the sacraments of
confirmation and holy orders.

Priests also renew
their priestly promises at this Mass,
and the faithful pray for them.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on
Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m.,
at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.
Please consider attending!

Scrip News

Spring is in the air! Can't wait to get at that yardwork?

Stock up on all your supplies with Ace Hardware,
All American Do-It Center, Menards, Target or Walmart
Scrip gift cards from our Scrip-to-go box. Rather go
elsewhere? We can order Home Depot, Lowes and Fleet/Farm
for you. Not sure? Try a Visa gift card, good anywhere Visa is
accepted. Just order from your Scrip seller, ask your
Scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com or shop on your
phone with the RaiseRight app. scrip@stmarysrc.com

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LENT
— 40 Days Of Renewal —

Already have a
FORMED Account ?

1. Visit FORMED .org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click link in email
5. You're in!

Want to create a new
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!

MARRIED COUPLES:

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like
Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of
romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your
marriage even more special than it already is - call
now. Contact Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or sign
up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates: April 25-27 in
Epworth, IA and September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA.

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

04/26 Saturday... Extravaganza 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
05/01 Thursday ... Confirmation at St Mary's 6:30 pm
" " ... Practice 5:30 pm (undercroft)
05/04 Sunday ... First Holy Communion, 10:30 Mass

St. Luke's Fish Fry

Plain, WI.

Friday, April 4th

Serving Family Style

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Church hall is handy-cap accessible

Carry outs available



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.

— Mother Teresa —

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Fish Fry
Friday, April 11th

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

March 29/30, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,484.00
Offertory.....	489.00
Easter Flowers.....	252.00
Parish Festival.....	60.00
Total.....	\$3,285.00
ACH Tithe, March 2025	\$5,815.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal: \$32,715.00
Total Pledged : \$39,545.00
Total Received to date (3/31/25) \$38,970.00
Over Goal Received: \$6,255.00

ConsiderAutomatic 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.