

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9th, 2025

Saturday, February 15th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Stephanie Worthington

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Judy Murphy

Servers: Vessel Rush, Owen & Evan Drier,
Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, February 16th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Boak

Servers: Cameron and Adelyn Wertz,
Alexander Kloehn, Oliver Cosgrove

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, February 16th, 10:30 am

Reader: Cheryl Blankenship

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Aharon Zorea

Servers: Ella, Molly, Elijah, and Will Weiss

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 10th **St. Scholastica**
No Mass

Tuesday, February 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes**
Mass 8:15 am
† Jane Gueling & Joan Bestor

Wednesday, February 12th
Mass 8:15am
† Jim Mathias

Thursday, February 13th
Mass 8:15am **Adoration following Mass**
† Daniel Lenz

Friday, February 14th **St. Cyril, St. Methodius**
Mass 8:15 am **Valentine's Day**
† Mary Ryan

Saturday, February 15th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 16th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Mary Lou Brewer SP.I.

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Bill Schroeder

Parish Calendar of Events

- 03/03 Monday, March 3rd ... PCCW meeting 6:30 pm
- 03/05 ASH Wednesday Mass 8:15 am & 5:15 pm
- 03/05 Wednesday... Soup & Supper following Mass
- 03/07 Friday ... St Mary's Fish Fry ... 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- 03/08 Saturday... Men of the Cross
Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse
- 03/09 Sunday, Knights of Columbus
4th degree meeting at 6:30 pm
- " " Knights of Columbus Council meeting 7:00 pm

From your pastor . . .

In the past three columns, I reproduced Bishop Battersby's official decree concerning the "Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025," which was promulgated throughout the Universal Church by Pope Francis. It began on December 29, 2024 at Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with the opening of a particular door the leads from outside to the inside of the Basilica. It is designated as "The Holy Door" that pilgrims will pass through when making a pilgrimage to Rome. Passing through a door that has been designated as "Holy" is based on the Scripture passages where Jesus states: "I am the door, if anyone enters by me, he will be saved," Jn. 10:9. Corresponding to Jesus identification as "the door," is his statement, "I am the way . . . no one comes to the Father, but by me," Jn. 14:6. The designation of a holy door in various locations through which believers pass is a powerful symbol by expressing our lives here on earth are involved in a pilgrimage to eternal life in heaven. In the past installments from Bishop Battersby's decree, five diocesan sites (Churches) that have been official designated with such a "holy door" for pilgrims to pass through were listed. The two closest to Richland Center are The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse and The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a mile east of La Crosse off State Hwy 14. These Holy Doors will be closed when the Jubilee Year ends December 28, 2025.

Throughout Bishop's Battersby's decree, frequent mention was made concerning an indulgence that can be gained by participating in particular spiritual acts that have been assigned to the Jubilee Year – the most prominent is making a pilgrimage to one of the five designated sights. I wish to use the remainder of this column to begin an explanation of the nature of an indulgence and its importance for our spiritual lives, as well as the lives of our beloved dead on whose behalf we can offer an indulgence. I will finish the explanation begun in this column in next week's column.

To understand an indulgence requires that we understand that any sin committed has two dimensions to it, the first is that sin offends God, and secondly, does harm to the body of Christ on earth, the Church. The first dimension that offends God is known as the "eternal punishment" of sin and the second dimension is that which does harm to the Church, known as the "temporal punishment" of sin. The remedy for the eternal punishment of sin is satisfied through absolution granted in the Sacrament of Penance. The remedy for the temporal punishment done by our sins to the Body of Christ, the Church is satisfied through the penance that is assigned by the priest and is ordinarily carried out by the penitent after the Sacrament of Penance has been concluded. While absolution can only be accomplished in the Sacrament of Penance (through the action of the priest), penance can be carried out anytime. We can engage in self-imposed penances, which are encouraged during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent as well as on particular days of the week (Friday). Doing penance frequently and regularly is an important dimension of one's spiritual life, insofar as there are many sins we commit of a venial nature that can and are forgiven outside the Sacrament of Penance, for example, during the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass, when we make an Act of Contrition at the end of the day, when giving alms to the poor. While these venial sins when forgiven no longer offend God, they still possess the second (temporal) dimension of sin – having done harm to the body of Christ, the Church through what is described as "an unhealthy attachment to creatures." If you do not address the damage your venial (and forgotten) sins have done, while you are in this life, you will be required to do so in the next, in the state of purgatory, before entering heaven. Purgatory cannot do anything for the unrepentant mortal sin, rather it is for the sinner who has received absolution or forgiveness of sin but failed to satisfy the debt owed (not to God) but to the mystical body of Christ, the Church.

That we address this concern for the Body of Christ, the Church is based on Saint Paul's teaching as found in his First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12 (we heard this reading two weeks ago at Mass on January 26th), "*God has constructed the body so as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.*"

When one of us who belongs to the Body of Christ participates in sin, all of us spiritually suffer. When I sin, all of you reading this column are negatively affected. This is because of the solidarity we all possess by virtue of our one baptism in Christ. However, when I seek forgiveness and carry out penance for the sin I have committed, the grace of God not only "honors" me but honors you and all the other members who constitute the Body of Christ on earth. This dynamic caused by sin and grace is described as the "spiritual law of descent and the spiritual law of ascent."

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The wonderful gift of a plenary indulgence, is that through the generosity of the Church (such as when a Holy Year is declared), the means become available for us sinners to receive sufficient merits from Christ's paschal mystery through the Church, to provide satisfaction for the dishonor we have brought upon the Body of Christ from our sins that were forgiven but for which we neglected to do penance. A plenary indulgence provides satisfaction of any temporal spiritual debt we owe to the Body of Christ. This indulgence can be for our self, or we can offer it for a person who has died. It cannot be transferred to a person who is presently alive in this world. They must seek it them self, for them self.

In the next column, I will bring this catechesis on indulgences to a conclusion by including what are the necessary steps needed for accomplishing an indulgence.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION VIRTUAL
BABY SHOWER**

*****The month of February 2025*****

**Gifts donated to: The Door of Hope Pregnancy
and Family Care Center, Viroqua, Wisconsin**

Needs List (New Items ONLY)

New baby clothes size 6month -2Toddler

Wipes, Wraps and carriers,

Baby socks for 6 months plus, Baby shoes, Baby bottles

Formula, Tummy Time Mat, Baby Play Arch or Gym

Monetary Donations (put into the collection basket)



There will be a box in the back of church



St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption Parish

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

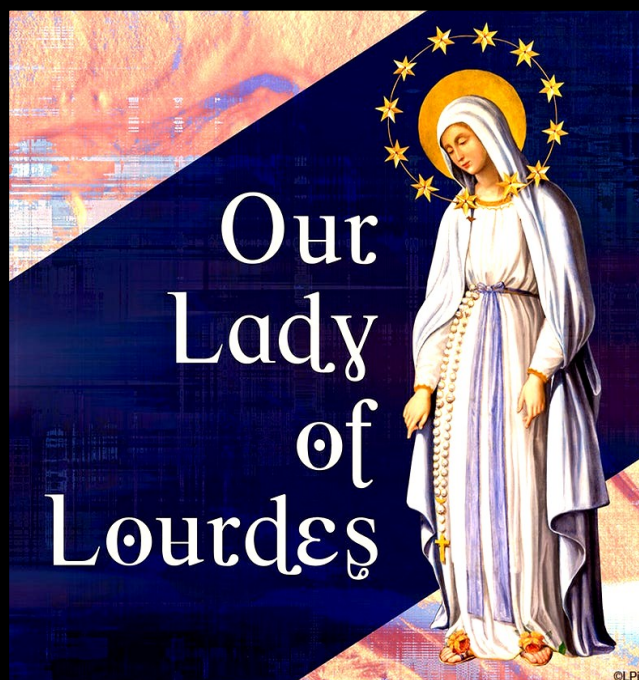
160 West Fourth Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications are available at the

Parish Office 608-647-2621

must be received no later than ... **March 1, 2025**



Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th

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

“If you knew what I saw there! If you knew how good the Blessed Virgin is!”

-St Bernadette , February 20

“Give me the grace to love Jesus and Mary as they want to be loved.”

-St Bernadette, March 8



With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of
Ellen M. Marti

Who entered into eternal rest
January 14th, 2025
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon her
May her soul and all the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen

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Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024

from the Catholic bishops
of the State of Wisconsin
Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)
Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)
Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)
These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3,4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/
Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

January 25/26, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$ 4,090.00
Offertory.....	333.85
Student Offertory.....	24.25
Total.....	\$ 4,448.10
ACH Tithe, January 2025	\$5,690.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal: \$32,715.00
Total Pledged : \$39,405.00
Total Received to date (1/28/25) \$38,715.00
Over Goal Received: \$6,000.00

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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.