

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Saturday, February 17th 5:15 pm

Lector: Candace McGrath

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Owen Drier, Daryn & Avery Kepler
Brielle Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

Sunday, February 18th 8:00 am

Lector: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Colyns Morris, Wyatt Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, February 18th, 10:30 am

Lector: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Will, Ella & Elijah Weiss, Giada Johnson

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 13th

Mass 8:15 am

Adam Schmidt SP.I.

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday

Mass 8:15 am

Valentine's Day

Archbishop ListECKI SP.I.

Mass 5:15 pm

† Kay Farslund

Thursday, February 15th

Mass 8:15 am

Adoration following Mass

† Al & Dorothy Doerrer

Friday, February 16th

Mass 10:00 am @ Schmitt Assisted Living

† Mary Knothe

Confessions 4:45 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Chuck Worthington

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 17th

The Seven Holy Founders

Confessions 4:15 pm

of the Servite Order

Mass 5:15 pm

Rory Schultz SPI

Sunday, February 18th

First Sunday of Lent

Confessions 7:30 am

Mass 8:00 am

Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am

† Dan Richgels

Parish Calendar Events

02/14 ASH Wednesday Mass 8:15 & 5:15 pm

02/14 Wednesday ... PCCW Soup Supper 6:00 pm

02/16 Friday ... Mass at 5:15 pm

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm

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

03/01 Friday ... PCCW scholarships due

From your pastor . . .

This week the Season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, (as is Good Friday). Fasting means that we limit the amount of food that we eat; one full meal and if necessary two small meals (that when added together would not surpass the full meal.) Abstinence limits the kind of food we are permitted to eat; refraining from eating food that comes from the flesh of mammals. Fish and seafood are permitted. Fasting is a requirement for those who are 18 – 59 years. Abstinence is required of those 14 years and older. Please be reminded that all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Along with this Wednesday being the first day of Lent it is also Valentine's Day that celebrates married love. It is natural for couples to celebrate this day with a nice meal which may cause some conflicts with Ash Wednesday. I wish to point out that in the ecclesial order of things, Ash Wednesday takes precedence. However, with a little planning I believe it is possible to accommodate both Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day.

Perhaps the easiest way to accommodate this matter is to move your Valentine's celebration to the day before Ash Wednesday – to Tuesday, which is in some circles is known as "Fat Tuesday" in that it is a time for merriment (Mardi Gras) before the Lenten Season begins. If that does not work out, it is still possible to have a nice meal together as a couple on Valentine's Day - allowing it to satisfy the "one full meal" that is permitted.

While not obligatory, Catholics should attend Mass on Ash Wednesday and receive the imposition of blessed ashes on their forehead. **Here at Saint Mary's two Masses will be offered: one at 8:15 a.m. that will include the school students and the other at 5:15 p.m.**

Lent is constituted of forty days of spiritual preparation for the holiest days and season of the liturgical year – Holy Week and Easter. We prepare ourselves by participating in the three traditional works that Jesus speaks of in the gospel passage from Saint Matthew that is always read on Ash Wednesday: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While we should give up (fast) any bad habits that have accumulated within our lives, we also should take on good habits, such as generosity to the poor (almsgiving) and making a dedication to a deeper experience of prayer.

Please take note that beginning this Friday and on every Friday of Lent the morning Mass at 8:15 a.m. will be replaced by a Mass at 5:15 p.m. Before this Mass, confessions will be heard at 4:45 p.m. Following this Mass, the Way of the Cross will be prayed (@6:00 p.m.) Hopefully having one Mass in the late afternoon will allow more parishioners a better opportunity to attend Mass during the Season of Lent.

Let us all look forward to and seek a spiritually rewarding Lent in the days ahead. What progress we have made since last year at this time when we had moved the Mass to the gymnasium for the entire Lenten season so we could renovate our church.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



“ If we but 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. Angelo of Foligno

Catholic Schools 2024 Week

Our Mission:

Our Catholic Faith is the foundation of our tradition of providing a quality, virtue-based education in a Christ –centered environment focused on excellence in academics, worship and service.

Dress to Impress Day



*Let nothing trouble you,
let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who possesses God lacks nothing:
God alone suffices.*

WORD
ON FIRE

-ST. TERESA OF AVILA

“It is ok to look fancy on the outside but what is important is to be holy on the inside”

Msgr’ s message to the youth



Class Unity Day
Theme Lumberjacks

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ’s eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.

ASH Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Following 5:15 pm Mass

PCCW Soup & Sandwich Supper

Grilled Cheese & Egg Salad

Free will offering



2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ... \$33,800.00

Amount Received (as of 2/5/24) \$42,637.00

Exceeding Goal ... \$8,837.00

Thank You!

Scrip News

KwikTrip/Kwik Star now has Grocery Only cards to be used for inside store purchases (no gas). These cards earn a generous rebate of 15% for St. Mary's. Cards are available in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500. We will be happy to order them for you at any time. Kwik Trip scrip cards can be used at 858 locations in the Midwest. Just ask your scrip seller or email scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Looking for ways to enrich your spiritual and faith life? Search the books, CDs, and audio albums available in the southwest entrance of the Church. There are assorted topics, authors, and speakers to choose from including Popes, Saints, Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, and more in our lending library. Simply sign out your selection in the notebook and enjoy!

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.

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

February 3/4, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$ 5,081.00
Offertory.....	481.00
Student Offertory.....	28.48
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	150.00
Religious Ed.....	70.00
Festival.....	50.00
Total.....	\$5,910.48

12/15/2023 ACH Contributions \$6,205.00

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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.