

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

## Mass Schedule

Monday, May 3rd **Sts. Phillip and James**  
No Mass

Tuesday, May 4th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Frances Pepich

Wednesday, May 5th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Kathy Stadele

Thursday, May 6th **National Day of Prayer**  
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**  
† Robert Bindl

Friday, May 7th **Walk for Virtues Day!**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Diane Walker S.P.I.

Saturday, May 8th  
Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Ken Auz

Sunday, May 9th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Marie Triggs

Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family  
**Mother's Day**

### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/ Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

*Pray for America*  
**NATIONAL**  
— ★ DAY OF ★ —  
**PRAYER**

*In his name the nations will put their hope.*

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**John 15:5**

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

Our parish and school are honored by the wonderful article that appeared in our Diocesan Catholic Life Magazine that featured our school librarian and church decorator, Mari Lu Marshall. Be certain to read this inspiring feature.

I don't need to tell you that much has been happening in our nation in regard to the issue of race. Those of you who are as old as I am will remember the civil rights struggles in the 1960's. It was a time of considerable conflict which eventually brought about landmark legislation with the Voting Rights Act, the fair housing laws and doing away with odious practices such as segregated lunch counters, drinking fountains and bathrooms and other segregated public accommodations. While there were difficult days and years while all of this was transpiring there was also real progress that helped our nation confront the troublesome reality of racial equality and acceptance.

In the recent past it seems as if the many gains that were accomplished in race relations have been slipping away. Without speculating about what is causing this, I would like to present the Church's teaching regarding the issue of racism as it has been promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The teaching that I wish to share with you in this column over the next number of weeks will be a from a document written in 2018 with the title: *Open Wider Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*. This document was approved by the full body of bishops as a formal statement on the matter of racism. I will copy the letter in italics and document the footnotes at the end of each weekly installment. It may happen that because of something else I need to write about concerning the Church or the parish I am unable to produce an installment for a particular week, I will continue it the next week.

### *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring call to love: A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*

*Holy Scripture boldly proclaims, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). This love "come from God and unite us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a 'we' which transcends our divisions and make us one, until in the end God is 'all in all' (1 Cor 15:28)."*<sup>1</sup> *By the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church is called to share with all the world this gift of love. As Pope Francis points out, "The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone. God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age."*<sup>2</sup> *Through his cross and Resurrection, Christ united the one human race to the Father. However, even though Christ's victory over sin death is complete, we still live in a world affected by them. As bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States, we want to address one particularly destructive and persistent form of evil. Despite many promising strides made in our country, racism still infects our nations.*

#### *What Is Racism?*

*Racism arises when – either consciously or unconsciously – a person hold that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt. 22:39)*

*Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and – all too often – hatred. Cain forgets this truth in his hatred of his brother. Recall the words in the First Letter of John: "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him" (1 Jn 3:15). Racism shares in the same evil that moved Cain to kill his brother. It arises from suppressing the truth that his brother Abel was also created in the image of God, a human equal to himself. Every racist act – every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin – is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persist in our lives, in our country, and in our world.*

1, Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 18

2. Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 113

This will conclude the installment for this column and providing there is not a pressing issue about which to write you, another installment will be coming in the next bulletin.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

Our local EMTs received a grant and have numerous personal CPR training kits to get into the community. Group CPR trainings have greatly decreased due to Covid, and so they have a new way to get people informally trained. This is not an official training where the person is tested and receives an official card, but it's a great training for families and others in the community to get some basic CPR experience. Each kit, which is not much bigger than a binder, includes a DVD training video, as well as other information and an actual practice dummy. Interested parties can watch the video and go through the training and feel better prepared in emergency situations. These kits are available in the back of church; please consider taking one and learning more about these life-saving practices.

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**PCCW Meeting**  
 Monday, May 3rd  
 6:30 pm in the undercroft

**April 24/25, 2021 Stewardship**

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,165.00
Offertory.....	273.00
Pastoral Care.....	71.00
Building & Maintenance .....	121.00
Catholic School.....	1.00
Festival.....	31.00
Total.....	<b>\$2,662.00</b>
<i>March (ACH) Automatic Contributions... \$6,270.00</i>	
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**SCRIP NEWS**

Happy May! A reminder that next week is Mother's Day. Treat your Mom to dinner out and help support St. Mary's at the same time. Our scrip-to go box has gift cards to all the local eateries, plus gift cards for just the right present. Don't forget Father's Day next month.

Be prepared ahead with Cabela's, Ace or Menards for that special Dad. We can order over 750 cards for you, Just contact your coordinator at

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**First Holy Communion April 25, 2021**

Owen Anderson  
 William Durst  
 Darlyn Hernandez  
 Easton Jelinek

Giada Johnson  
 Colyns Morris  
 Brynlee Mueller  
 Aaron Ortiz

Amayrani Ortiz  
 Blake Parker  
 Nicholas Perna  
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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.

## The Knights of Columbus are meeting



Sunday May 16th  
at 7:00 pm

In the basement of the Commons  
Please Pass the Word!

### 2020-2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

April 1, 2021 . ...Scott Grams, Black River Falls, WI  
April 6, 2021. ... William Leonard, LaCrosse, WI  
April 8, 2021 .... Jeff Joseph, Viola, WI  
April 13, 2021 .. Michael Goettl, Chippewa Falls, WI  
April 15, 2021 ...Clayton Everson, Monroe, WI  
April 20, 2021 .. Thomas Ek, Whitebear, MN  
April 22, 2021 .. Brad & Donna Bay, Boscobel, WI

### Save the Date

## Saturday, June 5th, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch.

DRE's, CRE's and Youth Ministers are asked to organize a group  
at the parish so that **The Theology of the Body** can be  
implemented in the fall. Parents are most welcome to be part of a  
parish group so they can "walk with" their child in this formation.  
Training will be provided for those who teach the following  
grades in parish programs:

Grades 7th and 8th as well as Grades 9th and 10th and 11th.

**Brian Butler**, is executive director and co-founder of  
[Dumb Ox Ministries](#) a non-profit based in Louisiana,  
cultivating chastity and authentic love with teens, young adults  
and families via the lens of St. John Paul II's teaching known as  
the Theology of the Body.

Brian has authored several books and programs, including  
["YOU: Life, Love & Theology of the Body."](#)

He is the founder of a dynamic retreat for teens and young adults  
called **ECHO**, and his latest book is entitled  
["GARDEN Meditations."](#)

Brian's bachelor's degree is in Communications  
and he holds a Masters in Theology. He is a popular speaker,  
trainer, and retreat master nationally and internationally.  
He enjoys music, sports and spending time with his wife, Lisa,  
and their four children. Cost is \$10 per person

**Register Today!**

### Prayer Chain

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