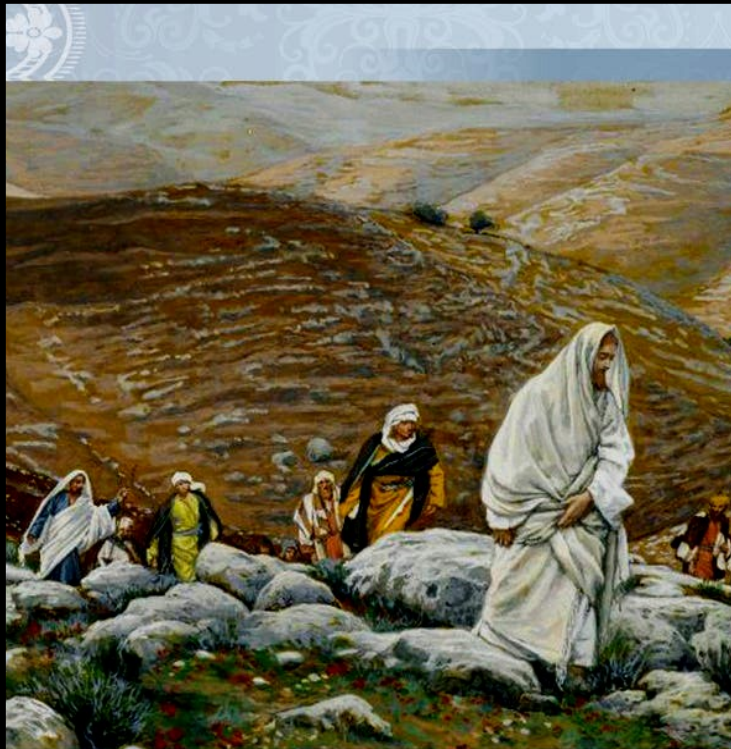


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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Saturday, February 5th @ 5:15 pm

Lector: Sara Schultz

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Avery & Daryn Kepler, Alex & Riley Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Steven Bauer Family

Scrip: Judy Murphy

Sunday, February 6th @ 8:00 am

Lector: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Abe & Wes Bosworth, Grayson Schmitt
Adelyn Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Gregg Schmitt Family

Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Sunday, February 6th @ 10:30 am

Lector: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Andrew Mata, Madalynn,
Blake & McKenna Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Raymond Morris Family

Scrip: Emily Zorea

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 31st **St. John Bosco**
No Mass

Tuesday, February 1st
Mass 8:15 am
† Etta Ryan

Wednesday, February 2nd **The Presentation of the Lord**
Mass 8:15 am **World Day for Consecrated Life**
Kevin & Anna Denn family SP.I.
3:15 pm Sacred Worship Committee meeting

Thursday, February 3rd **St. Blaise & St. Ansgar**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
† Phillip Broadbent

Friday, February 4th **First Friday**
Mass 8:15 am
† Frank Pepich

Saturday, February 5th **First Saturday**
Mass 8:15 am
† Mary Ann Peckham
Synod Gathering, following Mass

Confession 4:00 - 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm **St. Agatha**
† Joe Murphy

Sunday, February 6th **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 - 7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am **St. Paul Miki and Companions**
† Bill Schroeder

Confessions 9:30 -10:25 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar Events

- 01/30 Sunday, Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
8:30 am 12:00 noon (undercroft)
- 01/30 Sunday, Youth Movie Night,
6:00 to 7:35 pm (commons)
- 02/02 Wednesday, Sacred Worship committee
3:15 pm (rectory)
- 02/05 Saturday, Synod 9:00-11:00 am (undercroft)
- 02/09 Wednesday, Parish Discussion Group
6:30 pm (rectory)
- 03/02 ASH Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Supper
6:00 pm to 7:30pm (undercroft)
- 03/04 Friday, Fish Fry ... 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- 04/08 Friday, Fish Fry ... 4:30 to 7:00 pm

From your pastor . . .

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be reproducing in this column a letter that was written by Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, (former parishioner of Saint Mary's Parish) partly for the Bishops of the United States as they prepared for their national meeting this November past. His letter addresses directly the question of whether a politician or legislator who is in favor of abortion on demand can legitimately present him or herself as a Catholic in good standing and receive Holy Communion.

Recently it was reported in the press that our present president, who presents himself to be Catholic, while at the same time supporting abortion had the support of our Holy Father, Pope Francis when they met recently at the Vatican. Several parishioners have asked me how the Holy Father could support our president when he holds such a position. I have pointed out that on the matter of the meeting, it was the President only, who claimed he has the support of the Pope. The Pope has been silent on the matter. While there is no evidence that the Pope supports the president's position on abortion, the Pope's silence on such a serious moral matter is bewildering to many Catholics and has been a source of confusion as to what the Catholic Church believes and teaches to be the truth. However, Cardinal Burke is not silent and has written an instruction that appears below (and in the weeks to come) that sets forth the Catholic Church's position on this matter. If you dedicate yourself to reading this text, I believe it will overcome any ambiguity or confusion you may be experiencing. The Cardinal's letter appears in *italics*.

28 October 2021

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Praised be Jesus Christ

Dear brother and sisters in Christ,

For the past several months, the intention of the Church in the United States of America has been very much in my prayers. At their coming November meeting, the Bishops of the United States will be considering the application of the Canon 915 of the Code of Canon Law: "Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion." Their deliberations will address, in particular, the long-term and gravely scandalous situation of Catholic politicians who persist in supporting and advancing programs, policies and laws in grievous violation of the most fundamental precepts of the moral law, while, at the same time, claiming to be devout Catholics, especially by presenting themselves to receive Holy Communion. In praying for the Bishops and my homeland, the United States of America, I have, more and more thought about the experience of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops over 17 years ago, at their summer meeting in Denver in June of 2004, in addressing the same issue. It is an experience which I lived intensely.

I have thought it important to offer the following reflections as a help to us all in addressing now and in the future such a critical matter – a matter of life and death for the unborn and of eternal salvation for the Catholic politicians involved -in my homeland, as in other nations. I had wanted to offer these reflections much sooner, but recovery from recent health difficulties prevented the writing of these reflections until now.

The content of the June 2004 meeting of the United States Bishops was the campaign of Senator John Kerry for President of the United States. Senator Kerry claimed to be a Catholic, while, at the same time, supporting and promoting abortion on demand in the nation. At the time, I was Archbishop of Saint Louis (appointed on December 2, 2003, and installed on January 26, 2004). As had been my practice as a Bishop of La Crosse (appointed on December 10, 1994, and installed on February 22, 1995), I admonished Senator Kerry not to present himself to receive Holy Communion because, after having been duly admonished, he persisted in the objectively grave sin of promoting directly procured abortion. I was not the only Bishop to admonish him thus.

From the time of my first episcopal ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse, I had confronted the situation of politicians presenting themselves as practicing Catholics and, at the same time, supporting and advancing programs, policies and laws in violation of the moral law. As a new and relatively young Bishop, I spoke with brother Bishops, especially one of the senior suffragans in my ecclesiastical province, about several Catholic lawmakers in the Diocese of La Crosse, who were in this situation. The common response of brother Bishops was the expectation that the Conference of Bishops would eventually address the question.

*Knowing my moral obligation in a matter of such serious consequences, defined in Can. 915, I began to contact the legislators from the Diocese of La Crosse, asking to meet with them to discuss the complete incoherence of their position regarding procured abortion with the Catholic faith they professed. Sadly, none of them was willing to meet with me. One carried out a certain correspondence with me, insisting that his position regarding abortion was consistent with the Catholic faith, following the erroneous counsel presented by certain dissident professors of moral theology, adherents of the heretical school proportionalism, at a summit held at Hyannisport compound of the Kennedy Family in the summer of 1964. Documentation of the meeting is found in a book of Albert R. Jonson who accompanied one of the dissident European professors of moral theology and was present for the entire meeting. [Albert R. Jonson, *The Birth of Bioethics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), pp. 290-291.] Regarding the refusal of the legislators to meet with me, I must observe that I find, at best, naïve the common refrain that what is needed is more dialogue with the Catholic politicians and legislators in question. In my experience, they are not willing to discuss the matter because the teaching of the natural law, which necessarily is also the teaching of the Church, is beyond discussion. In some cases, too, I have had the strong impression that they were unwilling to discuss the matter because they were simply unwilling to have their minds and hearts changed. The truth remains that procured abortion is the knowing and willing destruction of a human life.*

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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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 Presentation of the Lord



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, January 30th
8:30 am to 12:00 noon



Please join us for breakfast and support St. Mary's School in
conjunction with Catholic Schools Week

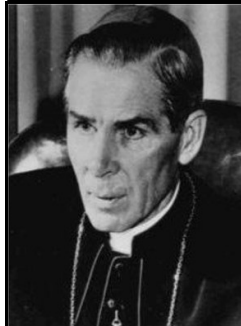
Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Apple Sauce,
Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice

Free will offering

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Located in the south-west vestibule of St. Mary's is a
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Check it out !!!



The refusal to take sides on great moral
issues is itself a decision. It is a silent
acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our
time is that those who still believe in
honesty lack fire and conviction, while
those who believe in dishonesty are full
of passionate conviction.

— Fulton J. Sheen —

AZ QUOTES

2021/2022

Calendar Raffle Winners

January 11 ... Michael Leis, LaCrosse, WI
January 13 ... Margaret Ann Rossing, LoneRock WI
January 18 ... Brenda Marinack, Muskego, WI
January 20 ... Chris Brotzman, Beach Park, IL

January 29/30, 2022 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,659.00
Offertory.....	409.17
Student Offertory.....	33.74
Pastoral Care.....	100.00
 Total.....	 \$3,201.91
 <i>January (ACH) Automatic Contributions</i>	 \$6,275.00

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Your contribution would be a one time withdrawal on the 15th of every month., distributed however you wish. e.g. 10.00 to tithe, 10.00 to school etc. No checks to write.... Save time and money !

2021/2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal
Target \$33,390.00
Amount Received \$ 44,130.00
 1/19/2022

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

- Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
 Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4,
 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 or 2:22-32
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,
 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
 Mk 6:30-34
- Next 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



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every Thursday
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