

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 26th
No Mass

Tuesday, April 27th
Mass 8:15 am
† Betty & S.P.I. of Joe Makovec

Wednesday, April 28th **St. Peter Chanel**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Louis de Montfort**
† Ruth Williams

Thursday, April 29th **St. Catherine**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
Virginia Bradford S.P.I.

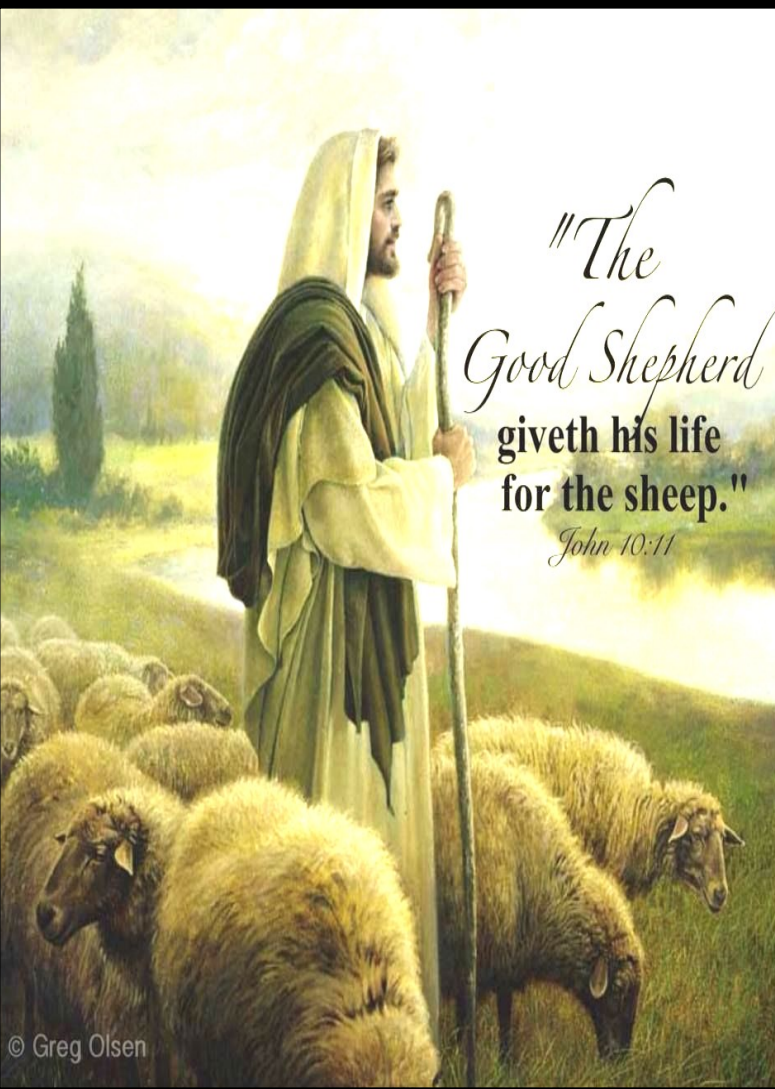
Friday, April 30th **First Friday**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Pius V**
† Clem & Ursula Imhoff

Saturday, May 1st **First Saturday**
Mass 8:15 am
† Josephine Nachtigal

Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm **St. Joseph the Worker**
† Joseph Joyce

Sunday, May 2nd **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Carter & Georgia Harrison
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family



*"The
Good Shepherd
giveth his life
for the sheep."
John 10:11*

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Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD.
A GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

*... he did as the angel
of the Lord had
commanded him
and took his wife
into his home.
(MATTHEW 1:24)*

ST. JOSEPH
Feast Day



From your pastor . . .

I wish to take this occasion to congratulate the 14 first communicants who this Sunday celebrated their first reception of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. A special thank you to their parents as well as their Catholic School and Religious Education teachers who assisted in their preparation.

Once again, I will use this column to communicate to you a message from our Bishop, who has asked that we make known a warning that the five Bishops of the State of Wisconsin has issued regarding a House of Representatives bill known as the "Equality Act." I will reproduce the Bishops' press release in its entirety. It appears in *italics*.

WISCONSIN BISHOPS WARN OF HARM TO FIRST AMMENDMENT FREEDOMS UNDER EQUALITY ACT

Wisconsin's Catholic Bishops have issued a letter urging the faithful to actively oppose H.R. 5, a federal bill that if signed into law would dramatically limit First Amendment freedoms, especially the free exercise of religion. Known as the Equality Act, H.R. 5 would alter provisions of the federal Civil Rights Acts, adding "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as categories of people protected from discrimination.

The Catholic bishops of Wisconsin affirmed that "every person is made in the image of God and must be treated with respect and compassion. Individual have a right to live free of discrimination or harassment.

Nevertheless, the bishops explain that the Equality Act actually fosters inequity and intolerance. "As Catholics, we are called to shield individuals from discrimination, accompany the vulnerable, and be a voice for the voiceless. However, the Equality Act would require religious entities to abandon the very principles of faith that undergird their ministry and service. Under the Equality Act, ministries would not be able to acknowledge the biological reality of male and female."

The impact on religious providers would be dramatic. "Faith-based shelters would be punished for limiting access to women's sleeping quarters. Religious charities that offer adoption services would be forced to deny children the right to a mother and a father. Even worship facilities, schools, and other religious institutions would be forced to deny their core beliefs or cease operation."

The letter also warned that the Equality Act would explicitly remove existing legal protections for religious expression provided under the Religious Freedom Restoration (RFRA). This federal law, passed with bipartisan support, was enacted under President Bill Clinton to limit unnecessary government-imposed burdens on the practice of faith.

The bishops quoted Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Pope Francis, noting that such a drastic change in federal law has far-reaching implications, even for those who may not agree with the Church's teaching.

"We recognize that not all will agree with our Catholic views of marriage, family and human sexuality, some of which are shared with other faith traditions. However, the First Amendment protects free speech and the free exercise of religion thereby ensuring that different views about these fundamental realities may be openly expressed and lived. The Equality Act would suppress these liberties, which are essential to a free and open society."

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Equality Act and it is currently under the consideration in the U.S. Senate. Catholics are encouraged to contact their Senators and urge them to oppose it.

Further information and an action alert to help individuals connect with their Senators are available through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>. The Wisconsin statement is available at www.wisconsinatholic.org.

I encourage all to follow the leadership of our Bishops on this important matter. This legislation is one of the most serious threats to religious liberty that we have confronted in years.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



April 17/18, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,38600
Offertory.....	222.36
Building & Maintenance	250.00
Catholic School.....	2.00
Easter.....	25.00
Total.....	\$4,908.36

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Scrip Sellers

May 1, 5:15 P.M.
 May 2, 8:00 A.M.
 May 2, 10:30 A.M.

Volunteers needed



Please welcome to our parish family

Aaron Armondo Ortiz

Baptized April 10th, 2021

Parents, Armondo & Mayra

Please pray for Aaron as he continues to grow in his faith.

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

The PCCW Needs Women Who Want to Make a Difference

We are looking for you! If you are a lady of this Parish and you want to be more involved with the day to day activities of the church, then we want you to let us know. We are looking for someone to fill the position of Vice President for our monthly meetings, you would also learn the duties of the President. It's fun and very little work. We're also looking for two Circle Leaders for St. Catherine's Circle, who would help organize funeral luncheons and call other ladies for assistance and/or food. For more information, call President Judy Barnicle at 608-604-4985 or email pccwstmarys@gmail.com. Thank-you for your consideration.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 every Thursday following the 8:15 Mass
 “ You could not watch with me one hour?”

MT 26:40

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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.



Congratulations
First Communicants

- Owen Anderson
- William Durst
- Darlyn Hernandez
- Easton Jelinek
- Giada Johnson
- Colyns Morris
- Brynlee Mueller
- Aaron Ortiz
- Amayrani Ortiz
- Blake Parker
- Nicholas Perna
- Valentina Rice
- Elijah Weiss
- Aubrey Williams

GO TO JOSEPH
CONFERENCE



MAY 1, 2021

- 9:15 AM - Talk by Msgr Arthur Calkins
- 10:30 AM - Talk by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
- 11:45 AM - Holy Rosary & Confessions
- 12:15 PM - Holy Mass—Cardinal Burke
- 2:30 PM - Talk by Msgr. Michael Schmitz via video
- 3:30 PM - Q & A with Msgr Arthur Calkins / Holy Hour

No cost to attend . Come for all or part of the day.



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