

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

November 27, 2022,

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*Hope*

### Saturday, December 3rd, 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Candace McGrath

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Judy Murphy

**Servers:** Danicka & Riley Spencer, Andrew Mata, Brielle Weeden

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

### Sunday, December 4th, 8:00 am

**Lector:** John Tennant

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Joyce Tennant

**Servers:** Abe & Wes Bosworth, Thomas Honer, Adelyn Wertz

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Timothy Honer Family  
**Scrip:**

### Sunday, December 4th, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Cheryl Blankenship

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Jeffrey Joseph

**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Connor & Laura Stoltz

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Aharon Zorea Family  
**Scrip:**

## Mass Schedule

Monday, November 28th  
No Mass

Tuesday, November 29th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Joann Habrelewicz

Wednesday, November 30th **St. Andrew, Apostle**  
Mass 8:15am  
† Dr Virginia Bradford

Thursday, December 1st **Adoration following Mass**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Ralph & Sally Kraemer

Friday, December 2nd **First Friday**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Ed Leineweber SP.I.

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills  
† Marie Anderson

Saturday, December 3rd **First Saturday**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Francis Xavier**  
† Mary Shireman Ewers

Confession 4:00 - 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Joe Murphy

Sunday, December 4th **Second Sunday of Advent**  
Mass 8:00 am **St. John Damascene**  
† Richard Unbehaun

Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7th  
Vigil Mass 5:15 pm

Thursday, December 8th  
Mass 8:15 am & Mass 5:15 pm

## Parish Calendar Events

11/30 Wednesday, Parish Discussion Group 6:30 pm  
12/03 Saturday, Bingo (Community Center)  
12/14 Wednesday, All School Christmas program  
01/28 Saturday, Pre-Cana Class

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

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, giving thanks to God for the many blessings we have received throughout this past year. A special thanks to God for the good harvest that our farmers and gardeners have experienced this year.

We begin a new liturgical year with our celebration of the First Sunday of Advent this Sunday. To prepare ourselves for this holy season that leads to the celebration of Christmas, I am re-printing an essay entitled “The Spirit of Advent” written by Mark Searle that appeared in the Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist -2023.

The essay appears in *Italics*.

*“Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without some thing to live for; without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition, for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing our selves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.*

*But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hops were no different from ours or from any human beings; lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.*

*Thus, we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways, First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God’s promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.”*

May you have a blessed and spiritually fruitful Advent Season.

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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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

every Thursday  
following Holy Mass  
"You could not watch with me one hour?"  
"MT 26:40

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, December 7th 5:15 pm Vigil  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lector: Gretchen Jelinek  
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully  
Servers: Collin Halverson, Jolee Larse, Ella & Will Weiss  
Ushers: Knights of Columbus Gifts Alisa Weiss Family

Thursday, December 8th 5:15 pm  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lector: Emily Zorea  
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully  
Servers: Emma Jelinek, Baylee & Taylor Wertz,  
Moray Wright  
Ushers: Knights of Columbus Gifts TBA Family

## Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse Project collects shoe boxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, toys and notes of encouragement for children in need around the world.

For more information visit...  
<https://www.samaritanpurse.org>



Or locally  
Pat Kaasa 608-654-3901 or  
Grace Community Church 608-647-2222

## Christmas Angel Gifts

St Mary of the Assumption Church and School  
Will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.  
Containers will be located at the church  
entrance and school.

Please put the items in the box  
prior to December 16th.

Some of the items we are looking for are  
blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks,  
puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.  
A more complete list can be found at the  
entry of the church.



## The Knights of Columbus #3492

Will be collecting food and money for the  
local food pantry during November and  
early December. Please bring non-perishable  
food items and cash donations to St. Mary's Church.



Cash donations should be put in a envelope marked  
Food Pantry, and put it into the collection basket or  
dropped off at the Parish office.

## Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21,  
24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12

## November 12/13, 2022 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,118.00
Offertory.....	231.00
Student Offertory.....	14.27
Pastoral Care.....	5.00
Religious Education.....	255.00
Military Chaplains .....	40.00
Endowment Fund.....	90.00
Christmas Flowers.....	30.00
Total.....	\$3,783.27
November (ACH) Automatic Contributions	\$5,915.00

### Consider ....Automatic Tithing

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 !

### Prayer Chain

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please send your prayer request

[prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com](mailto:prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com)

## Married Love: Two Becoming One



Preparation fo Marriage  
Saturday, January 28, 2023

St Mary's Richland Center

Call the Rectory for more Information 647-2621

### An Advent Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus is the greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen

### 2022-2023 Sportsman's Calendar Drawing

1. Nov. 1st ... Richard Tollackson, Three Rivers, TX
2. Nov. 3rd ... Tracy Seaver, Seaford , NY
3. Nov. 8th ... Michael Nowacki, Rib Lake, WI
4. Nov. 4th Joseph Gagliano, Menomonee Falls, WI

## Scrip News

This holiday season, give the gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. Presents with purpose A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to St. Mary's. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness. Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for St. Mary's. Share the giftspiration. Find gifts for everyone on your list. And your sister's list. And your neighbor's list. The more, the truly merrier. Visit [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com), the RaiseRight app or contact [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com).

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### Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

President- Judy Barnicle Vice-President- Alisa Weiss

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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.