

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Saturday, December 16th, 5:15 pm

Lector: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Eleanor Jelinek, Danicka Spencer  
Daryn & Avery Kepler

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family Scrip: Susan Tully

Sunday, December 17th, 8:00 am

Lector: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brylee & Wyatt Mueller  
Ainsley & Everett Myers

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Bryan Myers Family Scrip: Judy Barnicle

Sunday, December 17th, 10:30 am

Lector: Cheryl Blankenship

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms  
Jolee Larse, Mara Puls

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

- Monday, December 11th **St. Damasus I**  
No Mass
- Tuesday, December 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Cameron Schultz SP.I.
- Wednesday, December 13th **St. Lucy**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Charlie Ray
- Thursday, December 14th **St. John**  
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**  
† Ralph Bindl
- Friday, December 15th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Dale Shemak
- Saturday, December 16th  
Confessions 4:15 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Joe Murphy
- Sunday, December 17th **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Fr Roman Kirin

## Parish Calendar Events

- 12/13 Wed, St Mary's Christmas Program 1 & 6:30 pm  
12/20 Wed., **Advent Confessions - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
12/21 Thursday, **Advent Confessions - 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
12/22 Friday, **Advent Confessions - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
12/24 Sunday ... 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 Mass  
12/24 Sunday ... **4:00 pm, Christmas Vigil Mass**  
12/24 Sunday ... **Midnight Christmas Mass**  
12/25 Monday ... **9:00 am, Christmas Day Mass**

**From your pastor . . .**

We have entered the season of Advent which concerns itself with the “advancement” or “coming” of someone – in this case, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first two Sundays (and weeks) concern the coming of our Lord Jesus in glory at the end of time. The third and the fourth Sundays (and weeks) of Advent concern the coming of our Lord Jesus that has already happened, his coming in humility when he was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Related to our preparation for the celebration of Jesus coming in humility is the historical fact that this Christmas marks the 800<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi ‘s first presentation of what is known as the “Creche” or crib scene that depicts Jesus’ birth into our world. It was in the year 1223 AD that the saint known for his humility and voluntary poverty constructed a nativity scene in Assisi, Italy. It has become a mainstay in Catholic piety since that time.

To commemorate this anniversary, the Diocese of La Crosse has written a prayer entitle “THE CRIB” that is printed on the back of a holy card that depicts Mary and Joseph with the newborn Christ child. This holy card is available on the tables near the entry/exits of the church. You are invited to take one with you and encourage to pray the prayer written by Bishop William P. Callahan.

The season of Advent is also a penitential season. To prepare for Christmas we are to prepare our souls to receive the powerful graces that come to us through the Christmas liturgies. The very best way to make this preparation is by making a confession of your sins and receiving absolution through the Sacrament of Penance. To that end, I am listing below the extended dates and times prior to Christmas for confessions as well as the Rite of Confession that, if needed, you can clip bring to the confessional.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all he parishioner of Saint Mary’s Parish.

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 21 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 22 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Order for Making a Good Confession**

Priest: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Penitent: Amen**

**Penitent: Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was \_\_\_\_\_ ago and these are my sins.**  
(At this point you make a complete confession of your sins to the best of your recollection.) . . . **and I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life.**

(The priest will give you words of counsel and assign your penance)

**Penitent:** (Recites this Act of Contrition or any other one they may wish to use) **O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they offend you my God who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.**

Priest: (Recites the prayer of absolution) God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Penitent: Amen.**

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**Penitent: And His mercy endures forever.**

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**Penitent: Thanks be to God.** (You now leave the confessional to carry out your assigned penance.)

“To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred. How often, when we are in a state of distress, those to whom we look for help leave us; or what is worse, add to our affliction by heaping trouble upon us. He is ever there, waiting to help us.” St Euphrasia



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Please welcome to our parish family

**Mara Puls**

Baptized, November 26, 2023

First Holy Communion November 30, 2023

Parents, Brian and Kathryn

### 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 15th.

Some of the items we are looking for are  
blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks,  
puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.

Please do not wrap the gifts!

A more complete list can be found at the  
entry of the church.



### Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2  
Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt  
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-



**St. Mary's School  
Christmas Program**  
Wednesday,  
**December 13th, 2023**  
1:00 pm & 6:30 pm

### **Cookie Dough Sale**



The St. Mary 7th Grade Class is holding their annual cookie sale.

The frozen cut-out cookies are ready to bake and priced at \$4.00/dozen.

Each dozen includes bell, tree, and star shapes. Anyone that is interested in purchasing cookies can contact Erin Jelinek [erin.jelinek@stmarysrc.com](mailto:erin.jelinek@stmarysrc.com).

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Please use the envelope in your packet  
Or any (marked envelope)  
To make a memorial for a loved one.

### **Advent Confessions:**

Wednesday, December 20th 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 21st 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 22nd 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,  
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE  
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

— JEREMIAH 33:14

### **A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent**

Jesus, you came among us  
with the irresistible power of a baby,  
requiring both our hands  
and captivating our whole hearts.  
Help us to cast aside the sin  
and brokenness that we cling to,  
so we might be ready to hold you  
when you come again.  
Amen.

### December 2/3 , 2023 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,536.00
Offertory.....	306.00
Student Offertory.....	35.69
Religious Ed.....	50.00
Pastoral Care .....	11.00
Christmas Flowers .....	476.00
Parish Festival .....	1.00
Immaculate Conception.....	30.00
Holy Christmas.....	30.00
Total.....	5,475.69

(ACH) Automatic Contributions ..... \$6,205.00

**Thank You & God Bless You!**

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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.