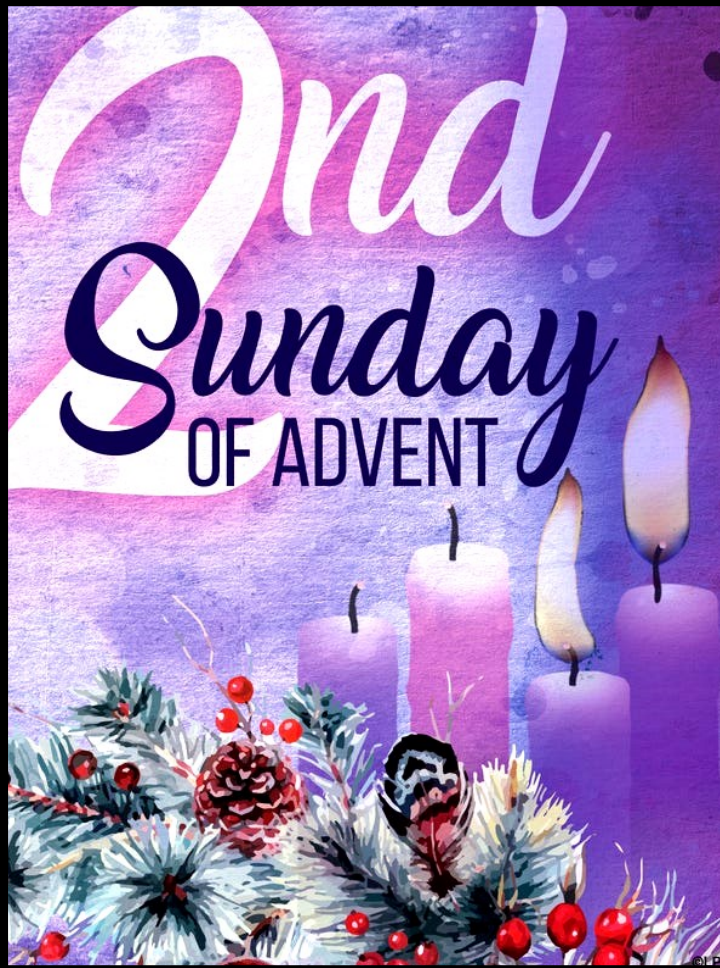


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 8th, 2024

Saturday, December 14th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Evan Drier, Eleanor Jelinek,
Ethan Kauffman, Reese Kohlstedt

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, December 15th, 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ainsley, Everett & Landon Myers,
Carter Jelinek

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Bryan Myers Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, December 15th, 10:30 am

Reader: Gloria Joseph

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Andrew Ortiz, Baylee Wertz,
Lydia & Olivia Durst

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

Mass Schedule.

Monday, December 9th **The Immaculate Conception**

Mass 5:15 pm **Holy Day**

† Chuck Worthington

Tuesday, December 10th **Our Lady of Loreto**

Mass 8:15am

† Marie Ryan

Wednesday, December 11th **St. Damasus I**

Mass 8:15am

Cameron Schultz SP.I.

Thursday, December 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mass 8:15am

† Deborah Burke

Friday, December 13th **St. Lucy**

Mass 8:15am

† Charlie Ray

Saturday, December 14th **St. John**

Mass 5:15 pm

Nolan Krajco SP.I.

Sunday, December 15th **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Confessions 7:30 am

Mass 8:00 am

† Dora Mary Haskins

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am

Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

12/11 Wednesday, School Christmas Program 1:00 pm

12/11 Wednesday, School Christmas Program 6:00 pm

12/15 Sunday, Youth Group Movie Night 6 to 8pm

01/22 to 01/26... March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Feast of
Immaculate
Conception



From your pastor . . .

We are one week into our new liturgical Church year that began last Sunday with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent prepares us through joyful waiting and hopeful expectation for Christ's coming.

Advent begins four Sundays prior to the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). While Advent readies us for this joyful anniversary of Jesus' birth, there is more. Advent contains a double purpose. In addition to the Christmas preparations, it also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

The first part of Advent draws our attention to the end of time as we presently experience it. At Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation sings or proclaims, "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again." He will come, as we profess in the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass, "to judge the living and the dead." We often refer to this as the second coming. He will rule over all nations. He will judge with justice tempered with mercy. His coming is to bring about a complete unfolding of peace and harmony among all living creatures: people, animals, nature, and the whole cosmos. We do not know when this will happen. The Scriptures tell us that we do not know the day, (Luke 12:40), but we are to be on the watch (see Matthew 24:42). This waiting and watching characterizes the spirituality of Advent. The readings, traditions, and the ritual of this liturgical time help us practice the virtue of joyful anticipation and holy patience.

I will continue this brief presentation on the Advent Season next week. I wish to include in this column an update concerning the progress of the Diocesan Annual Appeal that is ongoing in our parish. This information is as of 11/27/2024.

Goal:	\$32,716.00
Total Pledged and Received:	\$27,120.00
Amount Received:	\$24,060.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$8,655.00)
% of Goal Pledged:	82.90%
% of Goal Received:	73.54%
Average gift amount:	\$343.29

We have made excellent progress from the last report that I published in this column. Thank you to those who have responded. As you can ascertain, we have a little more to accomplish. If you have not yet responded, please do so in the near future. Thank you.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



“ If we paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude”
St Angela of Foligno

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 Sunday, December 15th.

List of suggested items

Wall Calendar, Crosswords (large print)
Word Search Books (large print), Notebooks
Coloring Books, Stationery/Pens/ Stamps, All Occasion
Cards, Dry Erase Boards, Dry Erase Markers
Water Color Paints, Puzzles (50-500 pieces)
Board Games, Craft Items,
Sensory Items:
(Kids books, fidget toys, stress balls, etc.)
Blankets, Lap Robes, Wheelchair Bags, Walker Bags
Gripper Socks, Socks, Bathrobes (M-2x), Tissue
Chap Stick, Lotion, Nail Polish (Quick Dry)
Nail Polish Remover, Shampoo, Candy, Snacks
Sugar Free Cookies, Sugar Free Candy
Microwave Popcorn, Holiday Decorations
Knick Knacks, Large Numbered Clocks
Pictures/Frames, Door/Room Decorations
Birdseed/Birdfeeders



Christmas flowers

Please use the envelopes in your
packet or any
(marked envelope)
in memory of a loved one

Scrip News

From garland to turkeys and everything in between,
use Scrip on all your holiday essentials.
Make sure you have gifts for everyone on your list, from your kids
and spouse to teachers and administrators, cover all your gift-
giving bases with Scrip cards. And don’t forget gas cards for
traveling to Grandma’s house. See your weekend mass
scrip seller or contact the scrip
coordinator at scrip@stmmarysrc.com.
Last date for special orders to arrive by Christmas is
December 15th.

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

TOTAL PRIZE LIST-\$124,000.00

1st Prize \$50,000 or a 2025 Ford Ranger
2nd Prize \$25,000.00 or a Harley Davidson Motorcycle
3rd thru 100th Prizes—\$500.00

4297 W. Beltline Hwy. Madison WI. 53711
Drawing –Saturday May 17th, 2025 - 7:15 pm
Tickets \$5.00 each
Tickets will be available after Mass

Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH EIGHT

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished
developing and is concentrating on gaining weight;
she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her
size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after
she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother’s womb.
In a short time, this baby will be born. Your baby’s mother
appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her
baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but
your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her
baby to term and the life God has planned for her.

Steubenville, St. Paul

July 25-27, 2025

For Students in 8th thru 12th Grades

University of St Thomas, MN

Cost \$445.00

Deposit \$75.00

Contact Brenda 608-630-3383

Or Cheryl Blankenship 608-647-2621

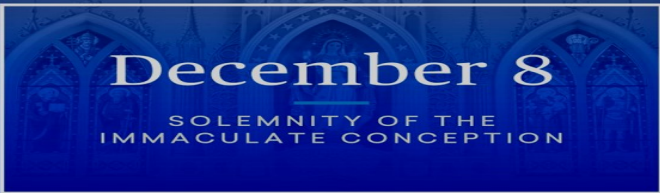
**Diocese of La Crosse
PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2025**
The March for Life will be in Washington, D.C.
January 22nd to 26th
through the Diocese of La Crosse

The Total cost is \$415.00 per person
The parish will make available ...
\$265.00 towards the total cost.
The youth will need to make a request to the
parish with their cost of \$150.00

Contact the Rectory 647-2621



**TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATRUAL DEATH**



**Already have a
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2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click link in email
5. You're in!

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1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign-up
3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** 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
- 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:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

November 30th, & December 1st, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,901.00
Offertory.....	540.30
Student Offertory	32.23
Pastoral Care.....	465.00
Christmas Flowers	175.00
Parish Festival.....	15.00
Total.....	\$4,128.53

10/15/2024 ACH Contributions \$5,915.00

Fish Fry profit

October \$933.27 & November \$1,486.12

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus & all who
assisted .. Proceeds benefit the school

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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.