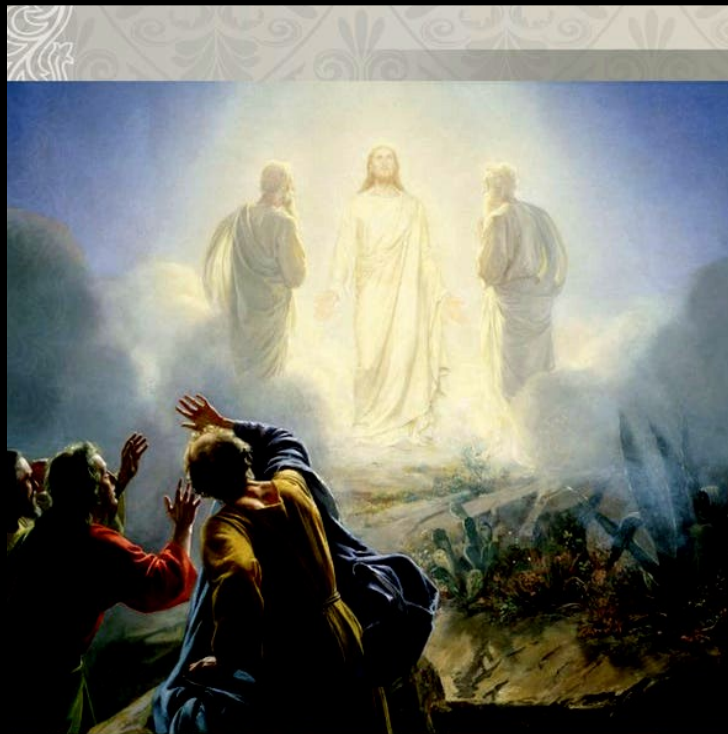


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

Second Sunday of Lent March 16th, 2025

Saturday, March 22nd, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Evan & Owen Drier, Danicka Spencer
Ronan Ringelstetter

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: TBA **Scrip:** Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, March 23rd, 8:00 am

Reader: Maly Krajco

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Joyce Tennant

Servers: Luke & Nicholas Perna, Cameron Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, March 23rd, 10:30 am

Reader: Cheryl A Blankenship

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Suzanne Walter

Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms,
Blake & Makenna Mueller

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 17th **St. Patrick**
No Mass

Tuesday, March 18th **St. Cyril**
Mass 8:15 am
Rhoda Curmi, in Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 19th **St. Joseph**
Mass 8:15am
Mary Ann Samillano SP.I

Thursday, March 20th **First Day of Spring**
Mass 8:15am
Rhoda Curmi & Family SP.I.



Friday, March 21st **Day of Abstinence**
Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Assisted Living
† Laura Rebhan

Mass 5:15

Charlie & Natalie Fieldhouse SP.I.

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22nd
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Albert & Mercedes Leineweber

Sunday, March 23rd **Third Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
L&D members of the Al Walter Family

Parish Calendar of Events

- 03/25 Tuesday, Confirmation Sponsors' meeting
6:30pm Zoom
- 03/26 Wednesday, First Communion Parent's meeting
6:30 pm Zoom
- 03/27 Thursday, Extravaganza meeting 6:30 pm
- 04/05 Sat., Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm
- 04/11 Friday ... Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm

From your pastor . . .

I was recently asked by a new parishioner to Saint Mary's if there was an explanation he could read concerning the Lydia House Ministries that has become our "go to" Lenten almsgiving project that is connected to the blue houses that are distributed to use during Lent. I suspect that there are other parishioners who would like an explanation as well. I will attempt to give a brief explanation in this column.

The name "Lydia" comes from the episode recorded in Acts 16: 13-15. Saint Paul and his companions had traveled to Philippi, which was the leading city of the district of Macedonia. While there they preached the gospel to a group of women who had congregated outside the city, one of which was named, Lydia. She was a successful entrepreneur in the sale of purple cloth. Purple cloth was favored by the wealthy throughout the Roman Empire. After hearing St. Paul's preaching, Lydia approached him to be baptized and became a devoted follower of Christ and a supporter of Paul's missionary efforts. The reference to the name "Lydia house" is based on what is recorded in verse 15 concerning the woman Lydia, *"The Lord opened her heart to listen to what was said by Paul. And when she was baptized, with her household, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay. And she prevailed upon us."*

Lydia House Ministries (LHM) is unique to Richland Center and was begun over ten years ago under the auspices of the Richland Center Ministerial Association, of which your pastor is a member and the treasurer. This association invites the involvement of ministers of all denominations in Richland County. The monthly meetings are attended regularly by approximately 8-15 pastors. The RCMA has been active in the Richland Center area for many years prior to my coming in 2011. It was decided that the RCMA needed an outreach in our community to assist people who may have run into hard times when traveling through Richland Center, e.g., an auto break down, insufficient funds for fuel, etc. that would leave them in a stranded situation as well as an outreach to people who live in the city and county who have for whatever reason lost access to their house or apartment and are now temporarily homeless. For a time, the churches in Richland Center opened their spaces that would be equivalent to our undercroft to provide a bed and meal for these homeless persons. Several years ago, a house that is owned by a government agency became available and was turned over to the Lydia House Ministries. This house now provides five "apartments" that can be utilized for various periods of time, until a family is able to get back "on their feet." The house is known as "A Child's Place," which favors providing emergency service especially when children are involved. Priority is given to residents from Richland County. Also, Lydia House Ministries helps with an overnight stay in a local hotel room for a person or family who has a very limited and temporary need. Lydia House Ministries employs a part-time employee who serves and the intake/manager of 'A Child's Place.'

Your pastor presently serves as the Vice-President of the LHM. I confess that the blue houses being distributed here at the parish as well as in all the participating churches throughout Richland County was my idea as an approach to fundraising. It was inspired by the success we have had over the years with the Baby Bottle Campaign, that raises money for pro-life activities. The houses are in the form of a bank, where donations can be placed through a slot in the "roof." (If the roof comes off while the house is in your possession, please do LHM a favor and glue it back on the walls of the "bank.")

I hope this explanation will give enough knowledge for you to trust the credibility of the Lydia House Ministries and that you will consider using the blue house for your almsgiving during Lent. After Easter, please return the blue house and your donations to the church. Thank you for considering this small local campaign as a venue for your generosity toward those in need.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

“Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured.
Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”
“The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us- that is all He asks.”
St. Therese of Lisieux



Chrism Mass | April 15, 2025
Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse
The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and the anointing of the sick, and consecrates the sacred chrism used in the sacraments of confirmation and holy orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them.
The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!



Chris Clark, Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel,
Nick Hodge & Jacob Fosterling
at St Joseph the Workman Cathedral
on the event of the
Rite of Election
Sunday, March 9, 2025



 If you have left or lost items in church, please check the wicker drawers in the vestibule of church. There are also some coats etc. in the closet to your left as you enter into the doors of the vestibule.
Please share this with anyone who may be looking for a lost item.
After March 31st, these items will be donated to the local Thrift Store

Our 9-month Spiritual Adoption program ended with a Virtual Baby Shower.
Thank you to all who gave gifts to help support new mothers in need. The clothing, diapers, wipes, and beautiful handmade quilts have been donated to Little Lamb's Closet in Richland Center, and Door of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Center in Viroqua, both ecumenical ministries.
God Bless You!
St Mary's Social Justice and Charity Committee.



Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
(8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: 9 Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Where is
LENT
in the Bible?



WHAT CATHOLICS
believe

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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024

from the Catholic bishops
of the State of Wisconsin

Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)

Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)

Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)

These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish



Fish Fry

Friday, April 11th

Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Baked or fried fish, Baked or cheesy
potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce and a garlic biscuit.

**The cost of the meal is \$12.00 with the
option to add extra fish for \$2.00 per piece.
proceeds benefit St Mary's School**

March 8/9, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$5,292.00
Offertory.....	465.50
Student Offertory.....	29.53
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Religious Ed.....	60.00
Building & Maintenance.....	200.00
Cemetery Care.....	110.00
Easter.....	25.00
Easter Flowers.....	255.00
Total.....	\$6,447.03
ACH Tithe, January 2025	\$5,690.00

Ash Wednesday.....	\$140.00
Offertory.....	633.07
Total.....	\$773.07

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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.