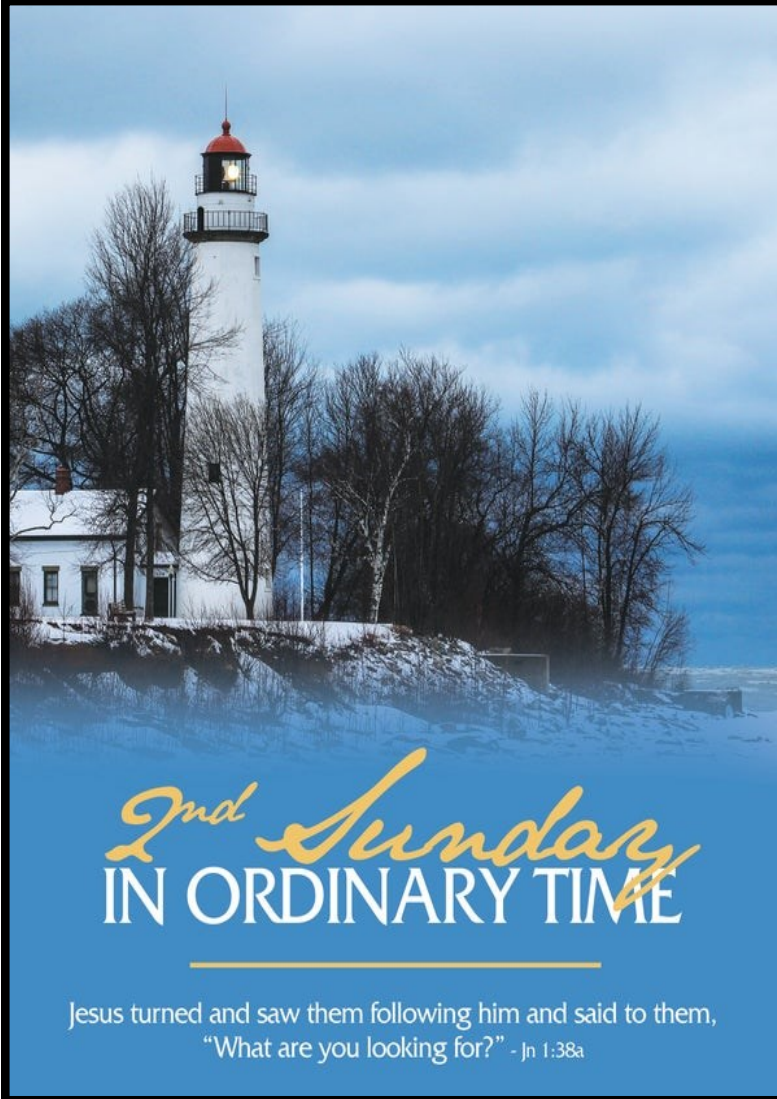


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



*2nd Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
"What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a

## Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

## Mass Schedule

Monday, January 18th Martin Luther King Day  
No Mass

Tuesday, January 19th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Walker Family Intentions

Wednesday, January 20th **St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Mary E Stadele

Thursday, January 21st **St. Agnes**  
Mass 8:15 pm **Adoration Following Mass**  
welfare of the Blankenship family

Friday, January 22nd **Day of Prayer for the Legal**  
Mass 8:15 am **Protection of Unborn Children**  
† Rachel & Randall McCarthy

*Friday, January 22nd, LIFE CHAIN noon to 1:00 pm*

Saturday, January 23rd **St. Vincent & St. Marianne**  
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 am  
Fr John Rausch SP.I.

Sunday, January 24th **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30-7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Alfred Bindl



**January is "Sanctity of Human Life" Month**  
Pregnancy care centers - Supporting Life in our Community



*Praise to God our Father, for we are fearfully  
and wonderfully made in His image.*

**From your pastor . . .**

Before continuing with another installment from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), entitled Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines, I wish to invite all parishioners to participate on Friday, January 22 in the Life Chain that will give a silent witness on Main and Orange Streets while holding placard with pro-life messages. This will take place from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. We do this annually on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in that it was on that day in 1973 that the Supreme Court declared abortion to be legal throughout the entire United States. Also during this time of witness and prayer, we have the opportunity to pray for the conversion of our soon to be new President, Joe Biden, who while claiming to be a Catholic, acts contrary to the Catholic Faith by promoting abortion.

If you missed the first installment of the Bishops' statement that appeared in my last column, you can access it on our website by clicking onto the bulletin for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Bishops' statement continues in *italics*.

*The Holy See points out that there are different degrees of responsibility in cooperating with the evil actions of others. With regard to people involved in the development and production of vaccines, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith explains that "in organizations where cell line of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voices in such a decision." As for the moral responsibility of those who are merely the recipients of the vaccines, the Congregation affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of "a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available", (Dignitas Personae, no 35)*

*A specific example where the reasons for accepting vaccination are sufficiently serious to justify it, even though the vaccine has been developed with help of cell lines derived from aborted fetal cells, is the case of rubella (German measles) [Pontifical Academy for Life, 'Moral Reflections on Vaccines, 548]. The most important danger posed by spread of rubella is that of congenital rubella syndrome, which affects unborn children when their mothers become infected while pregnant. Congenital rubella syndrome can cause miscarriages and wide range of severe birth defects. The only available vaccine, however, has been developed with the help of aborted fetal cell lines. In such a situation, parents are justified in having their children vaccinated against rubella, not only to avoid the effects of rubella on their children, but, secondarily and just as importantly, to prevent their children from becoming carriers of rubella, as the spread of rubella can lead to the infection of vulnerable pregnant women, thereby endangering their lives and the lives of their unborn children.*

*It is important to note that the making of the rubella vaccine (or that of the COVID-19 vaccines) does not involve cells taken directly from the body of an aborted child. Cells taken from two abortions in the 1960's were replicated in a laboratory to produce two cell lines that can be reproduced again and again, indefinitely. To make the rubella vaccine, cells from these cell lines are stimulated to produce the chemicals necessary for the vaccine. It is not as if the making of the vaccine required ever more cells from ever more abortions.*

The next installment will discuss directly the latest COVID-19 vaccines.

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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**Sheen  
Gems**



"The refusal to take sides in great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction" **Fulton J. Sheen**

**January 9/10, 2021 Stewardship**

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,983.00
Offertory.....	142.00
Religious Education.....	1.00
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Building & Maintenance.....	76.00
Holy Day.....	21.00
Christmas.....	115.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,348.00</b>

*November (ACH) Automatic Contributions...* \$6,220.00  
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**"St Marys' Lending Library"**

Located in the south-west vestibule of St. Mary's is a lending library. There are books, DVDs, and CDs about a wide range of topics from Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II, on prayer, on saints, on teaching of the Church. Simply sign out the article and return it when you are through. Borrow and share with family and friends.

**Check it out !!!**

**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)**

**ST. MARY'S PCCW INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

The PCCW will award three scholarships for graduating seniors whom are members of St. Mary's Parish. For more information refer to the application. Applications are in the main entrance of the church. The deadline is March 1st, 2021



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Welcome to our parish family

**Lane Karl Joseph**

Baptized, December 13, 2020  
 Parents, Joshua & Kristen

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

**2020/2021 Calendar Drawing Winners**

- December 29, 2020 ..Hunter Brotzman, Beach Park, IL
- December 31, 2020 ...Gary Kozelka Sr., DeSoto, WI
- January 5, 2021 ...Mark Skailand, Trevor, WI
- Jan. 7, 2021 Jodie Bakken Young, New Richmond, WI

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January 24, 8:00 A.M. Betty Wastlick (647-2682)  
January 24, 10:30 A.M. Judy Barnicle (604-4985)

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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.



### LIFE CHAIN

**Main & Orange streets**  
**Join us for an hour, making a Silent Witness**  
**in prayer as we STAND for LIFE**

**Friday, January 22nd, 12:00 to 1:00 pm**  
**meet at the entrance of St Mary's**  
**Placards will be provided**

### **Pregnancy Helpline of Boscobel**

**608-375-5339 Office 608-375-4820**  
**Services include free baby clothes, (birth -2T), free baby**  
**furniture, referrals for ultra sounds, adoption, healing from**  
**abortion. Support before and after your baby arrives.**  
**May God Bless you for choosing Life for your baby!**



**Welcome to our parish family**

***Rohen Joelle Logue***

**Baptized**

**December 06, 2020**

**Parents, Shawn & Jennifer**

**Please pray for Rohen as she continues to**  
**grow in her faith.**