

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

As the sun was about to set,
a trance fell upon Abram,
and a deep, terrifying
darkness enveloped him.

GENESIS 15:12

SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT



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Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1
Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or 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

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 1st
No Mass

Tuesday, March 2nd
Mass 8:15 am
† Charlie Ray

Wednesday, March 3rd **St. Katharine Drexel**
Mass 8:15 am
† James & Helen Levy

Thursday, March 4th **St. Casimir**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
† James Harrison

Friday, March 5th **First Friday**
Mass 8:15 am **Abstain from meat**
† Joe Jara
Stations of the Cross with Adoration
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 6th **First Saturday**
Mass 8:15 am
L&D members of the Loats &
Peckham Family

Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
Reighly Schultz SP.I.

Sunday, March 7th **Third Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Mike Nigl

LENT
prayer • fasting • almsgiving

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites', for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men.
Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.
But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matt 6:16-18

From your pastor . . .

Those of you who may have missed my column two weeks ago, I announced that on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, I will be having a complete knee replacement at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. I had my left knee replaced eleven years ago by the same surgeon who will now replace my right knee. Father Kurt Apfelbeck, who filled in for me in the past will be here for two weekends while I mend in the rectory. I hope to be ready to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter Sunday services. I will start asking for your prayers now for a successful surgery and for a quick and complete healing.

Bishop Callahan announced this past week that he is loosening the restrictions on gatherings in the churches throughout the Diocese from 25% occupancy capacity to 50% capacity. Masks and social distancing are still required. This is a small step in the right direction. Hopefully there will be many more to come.

I take this opportunity to thank those parishioners who made a contribution to the Christ our Cornerstone Campaign that began in December throughout the entire Diocese to raise funds to repair Saint Joseph Cathedral. The bell tower in particular had loose stones that were falling to the sidewalk below the main entrance making it a very dangerous situation. Because the Cathedral is understood to be the "Mother Church" of the Diocese, all Catholics throughout the Diocese were asked to make a contribution. The identified need came to a price tag of \$6.1 million. As of this week, \$5.6 million has been pledged including a matching grant of \$3 million from Saint Ambrose Financial Service, Inc. The following announcement has been asked to be placed in all parish bulletins:

**"Cathedral Restoration Work Blessing and Press Conference –
Friday, March 12. Blessing of the Cathedral Restoration Project – 1:30 p.m.**

Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work on our Cathedral. Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, we ask his protection as this project begins. Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at cathedralsjworkman.org . The Facebook link for this event is:
<http://fb.me/e/443mPmtxb> .

Press Conference to announce the start of construction – 2:00 p.m.

Monsignor Gilles, Cathedral Rector – opening remarks and spiritual reason for the project. Steve Mar-Pohl, President at InSight consulting Architects –structural issues, approach to the restoration work and timeline.

Questions

Bishop Callahan – closing remarks. Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at cathedralsjworkman.org ."

I hope that you may have the time to "participate" in this press conference and blessing.

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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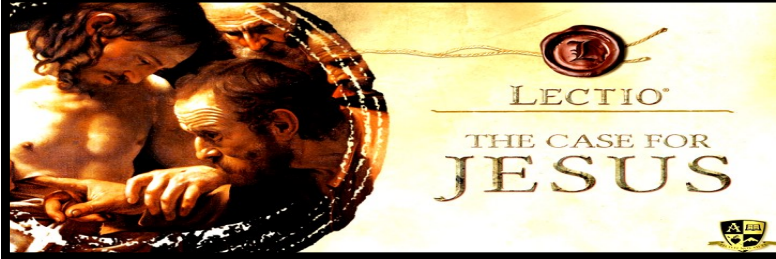
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Scrip Sellers

- March 06, 5:15 P.M. Judy Murphy
- March 07, 8:00 A.M. Colleen Schroeder
- March 07, 10:30 A.M. Emily Zorea



Did you know that St. Mary's Scrip Program is part of 50,000 schools and organizations that have turned everyday purchases into Shop with Scrip fundraising opportunities? We make it easy for you by offering several ways to participate. Our Scrip-to-Go box has 26 different gift cards for purchase at school or after Mass; the Raise Right app lets you order physical cards or ecards and you can pay your coordinator or link a bank account/credit card; order cards directly from your scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com. Let's get scripping!!

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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

March 1st PCCW Meeting

Everyone is invited to our PCCW meeting being held via Zoom March 1, 2021 at 6:30pm. The link for the meeting via computer or smartphone is below. There is also a phone number if you prefer to call in by landline. Any questions on how to join in, just ask me or Candace McGrath.

I will send out a reminder along with the agenda, treasurer's report and last meeting minutes a couple days ahead of time. If you have anything that you would like added to the meeting agenda, just let me know

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89435877893?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89435877893?pwd=UkswTnB5ZXZHdEwzL3lZbkItNFRNZZz09)

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Meeting ID: 894 3587 7893

Passcode: uV3Btp

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you !

Target \$33,855.00

Pledged & Received \$45,021.00

February 20/21, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,561.00
Offertory.....	190.00
Pastoral Care.....	100.00
Building & Maintenance.....	401.00
Catholic School Support.....	21.00
Festival.....	25.00
Perpetual Cemetery.....	100.00
Total.....	\$4,398.00

January (ACH) Automatic Contributions... \$6,220.00

February (ACH) Automatic Contributions \$6,170.00



St Mary's Catholic School

3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Open House and Registration will take place on Monday, March 1st from 4-6 pm.

Come and check out our programs!

(Parents may register students without attending the event. Accommodations will be made for proper distancing.)

Contact stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com or 647-2422 with any questions

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved one. There is an envelope in your packet, or you may use any envelope. Include your donation along with your intention Place in the collection or drop off at the rectory.



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2020-2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

- February 11, 2021 ... Tim Zach, Gilman, WI
- February 16, 2021 ... Charles Volenec, Montfort, WI
- February 18, 2021 ... Bob Fletty, Eau Claire, WI



**Stations of the Cross and Adoration
Every Friday in Lent
6:00 to 7:00 pm**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
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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.

**Spirituality Day
2021**



LDCCW Presents

**A Lenten Journey
Through The Holy Land**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021
9 am-12 pm**

Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage.

Go to LDCCW.org for Zoom meeting log on information.



SCRIP NEWS

Did you know you can pay your Kohl's charge account with a Kohl's Gift Card? We have them in our Scrip-to-go box! Shopping somewhere that doesn't have Scrip cards? We can order Visa gift cards that are accepted at Costco, Aldis, & Woodmans, and anywhere that accepts Visa. Added bonus, you can use them to pay your online bills and there is no activation fee! Check it all out on shopwithscrip.com, the RaiseRight app or order physical cards from your scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Questions? scrip@stmarysrc.com
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Please welcome to our parish family

Reese Carolyn Weeden

Baptized February 13, 2021

Parents, Steve & Ciji

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