

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

*in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin...*

## Mass Schedule

- Monday, December 7th** **St. Ambrose**  
No Mass
- Tuesday, December 8th** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Marie Ryan Student Mass  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Members of the Frank Pepich family
- Wednesday, December 9th** **St. Juan Diego**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Joe Murphy
- Thursday, December 10th**  
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**  
L& D members of the Leineweber & Cahow families
- Friday, December 11th**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Damasus I**  
† Cameron Schultz SP.I.
- Saturday, December 12th** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 am  
† Edmund and Mary Hetzel
- Sunday, December 13th** **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Charlie Ray  
  
Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

- Thursday, December 24th 3:00 pm No Incense  
Thursday, December 24th 5:15 pm  
No Midnight Mass



### Christmas Day

- Saturday, December 25th 8:00 am No Incense  
Saturday, December 25th 10:30 am

## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st 5:15 Vigil Mass

- Friday, January 1st 8:00am  
Friday, January 1st 10:30 am



**From your pastor . . .**

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving Day celebration. I suspect that for many of us certain things were changed due to the COVID situation. Hopefully you were able to spend time with your family. I was able to enjoy a meal with my two older brothers and my sister-in-law at the farm. The next day, Friday I spent in the woods hunting and bagged a second deer, insuring that we will have enough venison for the summer sausage that we serve at the Sportsman's Extravaganza that is scheduled for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. It will depend on whether or not the Richland Center Community Center is permitting events with crowds to take place as to whether or not we have the Extravaganza. You may recall that last year we had to cancel as a result of the Center's decision not to host any events. I read in the Wisconsin State Journal that the Madison Symphony has already cancelled their season through May of 2021 – so it not looking very promising – but perhaps Richland Center will be better off than Madison as we move through the new year.

I wish to express my gratitude to all who have made a contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Through your generosity we have surpassed the assigned amount of \$33,855.00. If you have not yet made a contribution to the Appeal, please do so in the near future. Thank you.

One would think that with a successful Diocesan Annual Appeal we would have some time to be free from any other campaigns, but that is not going to be so this year. On the weekend of December 12-13, the Diocese is announcing a campaign that is to include all of the parishes in the Diocese for the repair and restoration of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman. This campaign is being conducted under the title of: **Christ Our Cornerstone**.

The Cathedral was constructed in the early 1960's and is presently facing some severe difficulties with some of the stones loosening and falling, which has required closing off the main entrance from public use. There are a number of repairs that need to be done throughout the building with the cost being estimated at \$6.1 million. Thus far the Campaign has raised \$2.5 million from the parishioners of the Cathedral Parish with the assistance of a \$2 for \$1 match provided by Saint Ambrose Financial Services.

It is important to understand that while the Cathedral has its own parishioners who belong to her, she is also the Mother Church of the entire Diocese. It is at the Cathedral that our Priests and Deacons are ordained. From there they are sent to bring Christ's mission and their ministry to serve across our entire diocese. At the annual Chrism Mass, the holy oils are blessed and the chrism is consecrated to be sent and used in all of our parishes for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. While the Cathedral is located in La Crosse, its impact is diocesan wide. As Christ is the cornerstone of our Faith, the Cathedral is the cornerstone of our diocese.

On the weekend of December 12-13, all parishioners will be asked to participate in this campaign. I hope that you will once again respond generously as you have in the past when asked to participate in such fundraising. This will be a onetime request. Materials will be made available that will further explain the necessity of this campaign and how you can participate. A fundraising firm, Lynch Development Associates is assisting the Diocese in carrying out this campaign.

Along with the **Christ Our Cornerstone** campaign, Bishop Callahan has also written to all of his priests/pastors to re-emphasize the importance of following the regulations he set forth for our Diocese concerning COVID 19. Apparently he has been receiving correspondence from some people in the Diocese who are concerned that his directives are not being followed. I will publish the Bishop's concerns and regulations in my next column.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

# RICHLAND CENTER

## Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

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 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde 9 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## “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 !!!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturdays, December 5th 12th and 19th  
 from 7:00–7:45 pm

Please gather at the Courthouse lawn for a time of singing Christmas Carols, reading the Christmas story in Christian unity. Song books will be provided. We are hoping to bring people together at Christmas time in these very difficult times.

## Christmas Angel Gifts

St. Mary of the Assumption Church and School will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.

Containers will be set up in the church entrance and at school. Donations should not be wrapped and need to be NEW. Please put in the box before December 17.

A list of Christmas ideas will be forthcoming and made available in the main entrance of church and school.

This is the year to spread joy and happiness to all those in need. May God’s blessings be yours this Christmas Season and always.

## 2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded  
**Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$41,166.00**

### November 28/29, 2020 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,106.00
Offertory.....	100.00
Pastoral Care.....	5.00
Catholic School Support.....	1.00
Building & Maintenance.....	20.00
Cemetery Fund.....	20.00
Holy Days.....	1.00
Parish Festival.....	36.00
Christmas Flowers.....	56.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,345.00</b>
<i>October (ACH) Automatic Contributions....</i>	<i>\$6,220.00</i>
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Lydia’s House collection .....	\$147.65

### Automatic Tithing

Save money & time, no checks to write!!!

Consider Automatic Tithing Call 647-2621

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please use the envelopes in your packet Or any (marked envelope) To make a memorial for a loved one. Thank you !!! A current listing will be forthcoming.



### 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)

### 2020/2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

- Nov 17, 2020 ... Jerome Breunig, Mazomanie, WI
- Nov 19, 2020 ... Mark & Jolene Frawley, Richland Center, WI
- Nov 24, 2020 ... Philip Branter, Arkansaw, WI
- Nov 26, 2020 ... Scott Grams, Black River Falls, WI

## 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! Not sure where you will be shopping? We can order Visa gift cards that are accepted everywhere. And there is no activation fee. Want cards accepted at multiple stores? Old Navy works at Gap, Gap Factory & Banana Republic. TJ Maxx works at Marshalls, Home Goods and Sierra. Check it all out on the RaiseRight app for instant e-cards or ask your scrip coordinator at [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com). Last day for special order physical cards to arrive in time for Christmas is December 13th.

Questions? [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com)  
<https://www.shopwithscrip.com>  
Enrollment code: E7331ACE7413

### Scrip Sellers

December 12 5:15 P.M. Colleen Pulvermacher  
December 13 8:00 A.M. Christine Schmitt  
December 13 10:30 A.M. Mary Jo Nigl

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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.

WEEK THIRTY-SEVEN



It's getting a little bit crowded in here! But that's okay with me because I'm nestled in here so safely and securely with my mom. It's actually kind of cozy! Whenever I'm awake, I'm soothed by the constant beating of her heart and I love to listen to her voice. Sometimes she sends little love pats my way and if I haven't had one for awhile or I just want to feel her loving touch, I only need to give her a little nudge. She always responds with her gentle caress...

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;  
They are a real blessing."*

—PSALM 127:3

This blessing plans on spending some time pondering how great our God really is! Then I'm going to thank Him for the gift of life! Will you join me?

Love,  
Baby Margaret Mary

## A Message from St Mary's School

Thank you to the members of St. Mary for all of the prayers, support and well wishes this school year.

By the grace of God, we have been able to keep our doors open and students in their seats, and we know the impact this has on both their academic and spiritual lives.

We hear comments from parishioners of how nice it is to see students praying in Mass, playing outside, and heading into the building to learn.

We keep you all in our prayers, and we appreciate your continued prayers as we continue on in our mission!

**In Gratitude, The Staff and Students of St Mary**

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