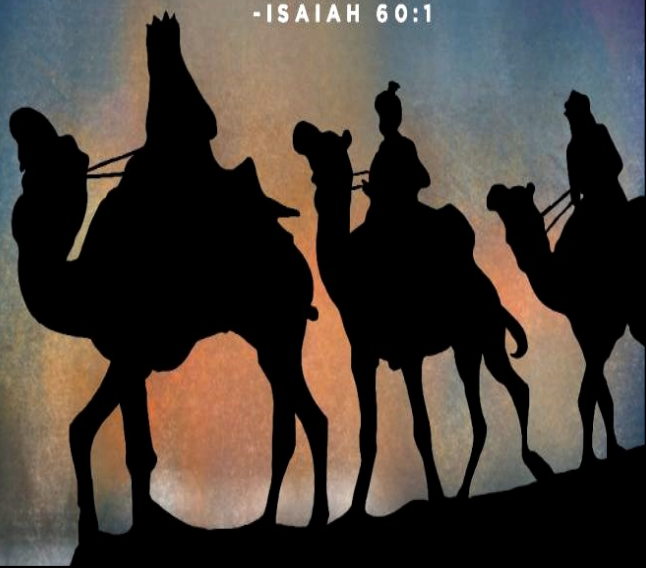


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Epiphany

"ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE
LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU."

-ISAIAH 60:1



Mass Schedule

- Monday, January 4th **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,**
No Mass
- Tuesday, January 5th **St. John Neumann, Bishop**
No Mass
- Wednesday, January 6th **St. André Bessette,**
No Mass
- Thursday, January 7th **St. Raymond of Penyafort**
Mass 8:15 pm **Adoration Following Mass**
† Nicholas Lawson
- Friday, January 8th
No Mass
- Saturday, January 9th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Ruth Collins
- Sunday, January 10th **The Baptism of the Lord**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† James Harrison
- Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2 3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 1 10:34 38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

 *Guide us to Thy Perfect Light*

“O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and for ever.

Amen.



From your pastor . . .

One of the important matters we have been praying for personally and in our liturgical worship at Mass is that a vaccine be developed to counteract the Covid 19 virus. We also have praying that such a vaccine would be manufactured in a morally acceptable manner due to a concern that sometimes vaccines involve the use of aborted fetal cells.

Now that a vaccine has been developed and is being distributed for use throughout the United States and the world, it is important to consider whether or not it has been developed and manufactured according to moral means. For this answer, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided analysis concerning this matter.

In this column, I will reproduce a summary presentation of this issue. In my next columns I will reproduce the entire presentation given by the USCC of Bishops. The following has been passed on to the parishes from the Office of Social Concerns of the Diocese of La Crosse.

“There are currently three vaccines that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna, and Astra Zeneca. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line (from kidney cells taken from an aborted child in the Netherlands in 1972) was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HER293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. Where possible, then, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are to be used instead. Where that is not possible or would mean significant delay, the AstraZeneca vaccine may be used, in the same way that the Rubella vaccine is used because there is no alternative.

As I indicated above, I am planning to reproduce the full statement from the Bishops on the vaccine in future columns. However, if you wish to read it sooner it can be found at usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines.

Whether or not you and your family decide to receive the vaccine is left up to you. From what has been revealed through the analysis of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, in using the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines, you are not doing something that is contrary to the moral law. However, this is not true regarding the Astro Zeneca vaccine – which should be avoided.

While we can be thankful that vaccines have been discovered and manufactured that can help us at this time, we are also able to witness how insidious the involvement of aborted fetal cell lines has become in medical research.

On a totally different topic, I would again ask you to consider making a donation to the Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign which seeks to restore Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Brochures that describe the campaign and how you may make a contribution are in the pews as well as there being a portal on our parish website. Thank you for your response.

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

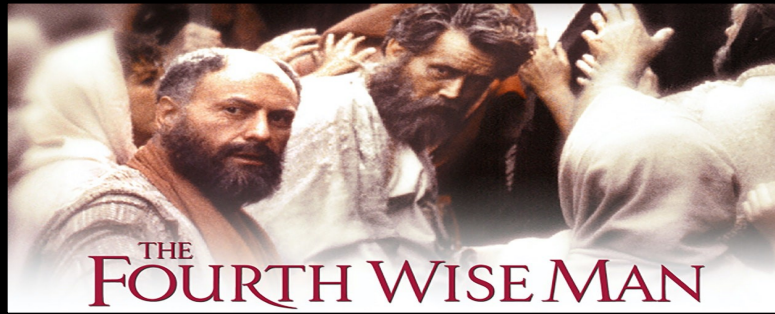
Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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Christmas Angel Gifts

Thank you to all who brought various gifts for the local nursing homes. Your kindness was a bright spot in their day knowing they have not been forgotten.

Thank you again for letting the Light of Christ shine through all of you!

*May God's blessings be yours this Christmas Season and always.
St Mary of the Assumption Church and School*



We may be tempted to say, 'Our Lord is enough for me. I have no need of Mary'. But Jesus needed her, whether we do or not. And, what is more important, our blessed Lord gave us His Mother as our Mother. As with Cana, she knows what we need before we do. She is the link. The mother is not the doctor, and neither is Mary the Savior.

But Mary brings us to the Savior.

- Fulton Sheen

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded
Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$42,566.00

December 19/20, 2020 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	7,214.00
Offertory.....	220.00
Pastoral Care.....	97.00
Building & Maintenance.....	20.00
Parish Festival	25.00
Holy Day	5.00
Total.....	\$7,581.00

Christmas \$5,449.00

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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

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2020/2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

December 10, 2020 ... Kari (Kennedy) Annen, Stoughton, WI

December 15, 2020 ... Tracey Harnisch, Kenosha, WI

December 17, 2020 ... Sam/Ryan Jones, Richland Center, WI

SCRIP NEWS

Did you know that a dedicated group of parishioners are in the vestibule of church after every weekend mass selling Scrip cards? Stop by and thank them for their work and to find out about all the cards that are available for immediate purchase.

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Scrip Sellers

January 09 5:15 P.M. Colleen Pulvermacher

January 10 8:00 A.M. Christine Schmitt

January 10 10:30 A.M. Mary Jo Nigl

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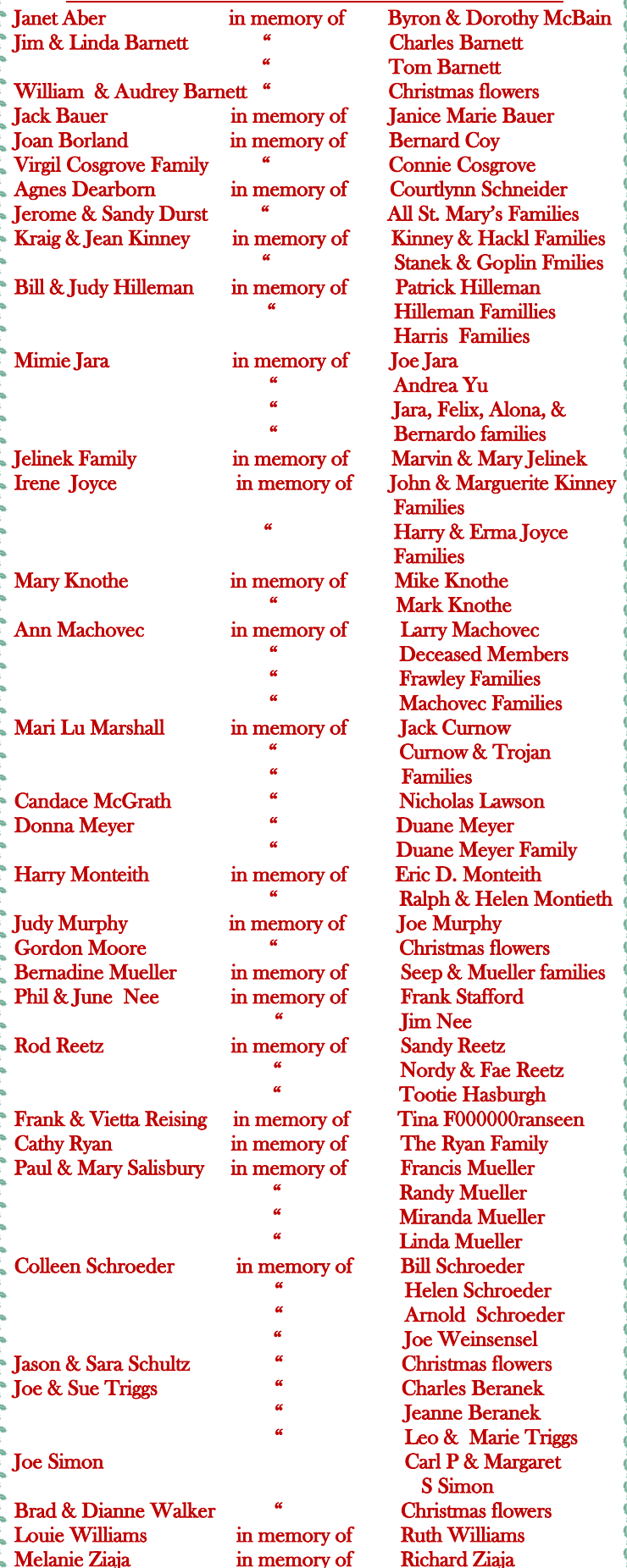
For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church

please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,

but not less than six months

prior to the proposed wedding date.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MEMORIALS



Janet Aber	in memory of	Byron & Dorothy McBain
Jim & Linda Barnett	"	Charles Barnett
	"	Tom Barnett
William & Audrey Barnett	"	Christmas flowers
Jack Bauer	in memory of	Janice Marie Bauer
Joan Borland	in memory of	Bernard Coy
Virgil Cosgrove Family	"	Connie Cosgrove
Agnes Dearborn	in memory of	Courtlynn Schneider
Jerome & Sandy Durst	"	All St. Mary's Families
Kraig & Jean Kinney	in memory of	Kinney & Hackl Families
	"	Stanek & Goplin Families
Bill & Judy Hilleman	in memory of	Patrick Hilleman
	"	Hilleman Families
	"	Harris Families
Mimie Jara	in memory of	Joe Jara
	"	Andrea Yu
	"	Jara, Felix, Alona, &
	"	Bernardo families
Jelinek Family	in memory of	Marvin & Mary Jelinek
Irene Joyce	in memory of	John & Marguerite Kinney
	"	Families
	"	Harry & Erma Joyce
	"	Families
Mary Knothe	in memory of	Mike Knothe
	"	Mark Knothe
Ann Machovec	in memory of	Larry Machovec
	"	Deceased Members
	"	Frawley Families
	"	Machovec Families
Mari Lu Marshall	in memory of	Jack Curnow
	"	Curnow & Trojan
	"	Families
Candace McGrath	"	Nicholas Lawson
Donna Meyer	"	Duane Meyer
	"	Duane Meyer Family
Harry Monteith	in memory of	Eric D. Monteith
	"	Ralph & Helen Montieth
Judy Murphy	in memory of	Joe Murphy
Gordon Moore	"	Christmas flowers
Bernadine Mueller	in memory of	Seep & Mueller families
Phil & June Nee	in memory of	Frank Stafford
	"	Jim Nee
Rod Reetz	in memory of	Sandy Reetz
	"	Nordy & Fae Reetz
	"	Tootie Hasburgh
Frank & Vietta Reising	in memory of	Tina F00000ranseen
Cathy Ryan	in memory of	The Ryan Family
Paul & Mary Salisbury	in memory of	Francis Mueller
	"	Randy Mueller
	"	Miranda Mueller
	"	Linda Mueller
Colleen Schroeder	in memory of	Bill Schroeder
	"	Helen Schroeder
	"	Arnold Schroeder
	"	Joe Weinsensel
Jason & Sara Schultz	"	Christmas flowers
Joe & Sue Triggs	"	Charles Beranek
	"	Jeanne Beranek
	"	Leo & Marie Triggs
	"	Carl P & Margaret
Joe Simon	"	S Simon
	"	Christmas flowers
Brad & Dianne Walker	"	Ruth Williams
Louie Williams	in memory of	Richard Ziaja
Melanie Ziaja	in memory of	