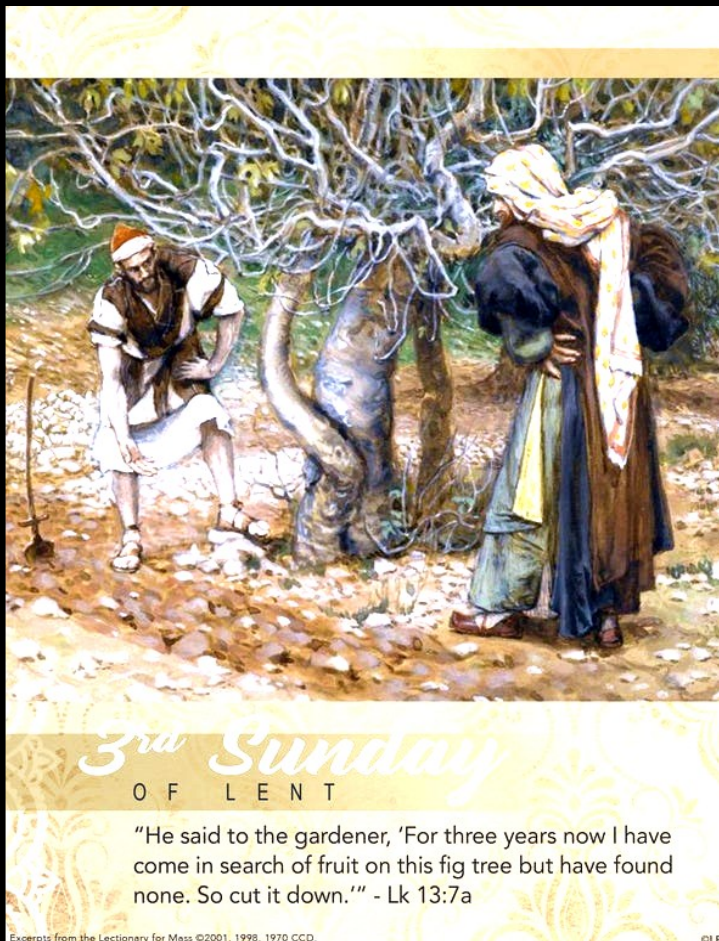


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Lent March 23rd, 2025

Saturday, March 29th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Stephanie Worthington
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Ethan Kaufman, Rohen Logue
Andrew & Sofia Mata ,
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Susan tully

Sunday, March 30th, 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Carter, Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Colyns Morris
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, March 30th, 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueeck
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Lydia & Olivia Durst, Jolee Larse,
Alex Ueeck
Gifts: Cheryl Blankenship Family **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 24th
No Mass

Tuesday, March 25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**
Mass 8:15 am
† Gary Honer

Wednesday, March 26th
Mass 8:15am
† Matthew Leineweber

Thursday, March 27th
Mass of Reparation for Priests at the Cathedral
of St Josphe the Workman 10:00am

Friday, March 28th **Day of Abstinence**
Mass 5:15 pm
Ed Leineweber SP.I.

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm **2nd Scrutiny**
Deceased members of
the John Bauer Sr Family

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

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† James Carter Harrison

Parish Calendar of Events

03/23 Sunday, Youth Group 6:30 to 7:00 pm
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
Community Center
04/11 Friday ... Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm
04/13 Sunday ... Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00pm

From your pastor . . .

In this column I wish to provide a reflection on Lent from Pope Paul VI, who served as our Pope from June 1962 through August 1978.

We are in Lent. That is, we are in the period of preparation for Easter. It is necessary to recall and rediscover the positive aspect to Lent, that is, of Christian penitence. It is not desired and promoted to offend and sadden man, with his insatiable appetite for life, fulness and happiness. It is to train us and lead us, through the hard test of penitence, to the conquest, or rather the reconquest of 'paradise lost'.

Our penance consists first of all in abstinence: it is not only abstinence from food. It is above all abstinence from everything that separates us from God, abstinence from sin and its tempting ways. Sin makes us less masters of ourselves, make us less free, less persons and less Christians. The second element means greater spiritual intensity, nourishment by God's word, reflection and prayer. The Church still maintains, with the gospel in her hand, that these paths lead to Christ, that through this means we are prepared to celebrate the Easter mystery well in this year of grace also, and that Christians are formed through these moral and spiritual exercises.

Let us listen to what St. Paul writes to the Romans: Let "us cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light," (13:12). Let us not shrink from imposing on ourselves some greater vigilance, some abstinence from vain or tempting things, some wholesome and profitable severity in those little things that make people able to dare great things, when necessary. This is the training period of Lent available to everyone, under the modest sign of the daily practice of self-denial, in the dazzling light of the great evangelical law of dying in order to live, the law of sacrifice, the law of the Cross.

A period of reflection, therefore, is opening up before us. It is the conception fundamentally, of our life that is analyzed by Christian conscience. It is essential self-criticism. This is philosophy that leads to wisdom. It is the effort of rescue from the inevitable overpowering shipwreck which accepts Christ's saving hand, offered to us in this this spiritual school.

Let us endeavor to understand. Let us try to take advantage of it.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



“ If we paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude”
St Angela of Foligno

"It is so hard to admit
that one is a sinner;
it is so hard to climb
the hill of Calvary and
kneel beneath a cross and
ask for pardon, forgiveness.
Certainly it is hard.



But it is harder to hang there."

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~

Chrism Mass Tuesday, 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!

Thrift Store



St Mary's is one of the churches that are part of Church Women United. This group started the Thrift Store.

St Mary's is in need of a few more volunteers.

This is something that you can do to give back to the Richland community.

You would be bagging and checking out customers.

Shifts are W-T-F 4 hours 9-1 or 1-5, Saturday 10-1 and 1-4.

We try to only ask you for 3 to 4 hours every other month.

You can work with a friend or partner. If you think this is something you might be interested in please call 608-647-3594 with questions.

Thank you for considering.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

John Paul II



Easter Flowers

Please use the envelopes in your packet or any (marked envelope)



MARRIED COUPLES:

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now. Contact Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates: April 25-27 in Epworth, IA and September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA.



Altar Server for the month of January
Emma Jelinek

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

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: 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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) Eph 5:8-14/xx Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LOST & FOUND

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



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 15/16, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,254.00
Offertory.....	673.27
Student Offertory.....	39.76
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Religious Ed.....	5.00
Cemetery Care.....	5.00
Easter.....	50.00
Easter Flowers.....	85.00
Endowment Fund.....	220.00
Total.....	\$4,342.03
ACH Tithe, January 2025	\$5,690.00

ConsiderAutomatic Tithing

Your contribution would be on the 15th of every month, distributed however you wish. e.g. tithe, 10.00 to school etc. No checks to write.... Save time and money !

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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.