

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Sunday, January 21st, 2024

### Saturday, January 27th 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Gretchen Jelinek

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Owen Drier, Eleanor Jelinek, Andrew Mata, Brielle Weeden

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Nancy Schumacher

### Sunday, January 28th 8:00 am

**Lector:** Chay Schmitt

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Avery & Daryn Kepler, Bryce Kohstedt, Blake Parker

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Brian Parker Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

### Sunday, January 28th, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Student

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Lydia & Olivia Durst

**Gifts:** Student **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

## Mass Schedule

Monday, January 22nd **Day of Prayer for the**  
No Mass **Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Tuesday, January 23rd **St. Vincent**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Marianne Cope**  
Bob & Kaitlyn Heintz SP.I.

Wednesday, January 24th **St. Francis de Sales**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† George H Mutz

Thursday, January 25th **The Conversion of**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Paul the Apostle**  
† Alfred Bindl **Adoration**

Friday, January 26th **St. Timothy**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Titus**  
Tena Moore SP.I.

Saturday, January 27th **St. Angela Merici,**  
Confessions 4:15 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Alan Welte

Sunday, January 28th **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
† Kristin & Karina Navarro –Krupka

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
Our Parish Family

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week**

## Parish Calendar Events

01/27 Return to the Upper Room , St Francis, WI

01/28 Catholic Schools Week

01/28 Sunday... Knights of Columbus

Pancake breakfast

following the 8:00 am & 10:30 Mass

02/14 ASH Wednesday

02/16 Friday ... Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

## **From your pastor . . .**

This last week of January is dedicated each year in the Catholic Church in the United States for the celebration of our Catholic Schools. In the diocese of La Crosse, we celebrate the presence of one Catholic University, seven Catholic High Schools, with a combined population of 1,242 students and 58 Catholic Elementary Schools, with a combined population of 4,625 students. We celebrate in a particular way in our parish for the presence of our Catholic elementary school that has been serving our parish for the past 97 years. As a parish we should be rightly proud of assisting thousands of families over the years in educating their children in the Catholic Faith, as well as in the arts and sciences that prepare them for a successful encounter with the wider world throughout their lifetime. This year we have a total enrollment of 167 students, pre-school through eighth grade.

I take this opportunity to express appreciation to our principal, Mrs. Stacia Kohlstedt as well as our faculty and staff for their ongoing dedicated service to our Catholic School. While Jesus Christ is the head of our school, the faculty and staff constitutes its heart. This is recognized not only in our parish but the wider community of Richland Center.

We presently have a non-Catholic student population @thirty percent of our total student body. We welcome our non-Catholic families and students. This past year of 2023, three students, with the permission of their parents asked to be and were received into the Catholic Faith either through the Sacrament of Baptism or through a profession of Faith. It is important to note that students who are not Catholic are never pressured or cajoled into becoming Catholic. The Church forbids any kind of overt or subtle coercion, in that it would violate the freedom that is necessary for making such a decision. They do come to Holy Mass (without participating in Holy Communion) and participate in the songs and prayers to the extent that they are comfortable in doing so. Those who request to do so can read the Sacred Scriptures and also serve in the sanctuary during the Mass.

There is a great amount of sacrifice that is required from the larger parish to provide a Catholic school like the one we have in this parish. I very special thank you to all the parishioners who sacrifice weekly/monthly/annually in providing the financial resources needed to maintain our Catholic School. Over the years we have been able to provide a high-quality Catholic school while at the same time maintaining the upkeep of the entire parish.

The late Pope Benedict XVI once said about Catholic schools: "A good Catholic school provides a rounded education for the whole person and a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all students to become saints." I believe this statement is true of what takes place here at Saint Mary's Parish.

Until I write again, may God continue to bless our Catholic school and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's parish.

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

“ To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred. How often, when we are in a state of distress, those to whom we look for help leave us; or what is worse, add to our affliction by heaping trouble upon us. He is ever there, waiting to help us.”  
St Euphrasia



Please welcome to our parish family  
**Briggs Thomas Marshall**  
Baptized, January 7th , 2024

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

*Through water and the word you have  
become a child of God and are sealed  
as Christ's own forever.*



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“Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory!  
Jesus is a ‘person,’ always alive and present with us!  
Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a  
sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the  
Sacrifice of the Cross.

To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our  
Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and  
remains present in the tabernacles of our churches,  
for he is our friend.”

St. Pope John Paul II

### Eucharistic Rally, The Answer

*The Answer is the Eucharist,  
The Eucharist is Jesus*

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

At the La Crosse Center

300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse

Discount tickets available for purchase

<https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

10:00 am—11:00 Eucharistic Procession

Mass 11:00—12:30 pm

12:30—1:00 pm Free time

(Confession, visit Adoration Chapel, visit booths)

1:00 pm—1:25 pm Opening Prayer

Many Speakers, including Chris Stefanick

### Catholic Women's Spiritual Day Growing in Virtue

Saturday February 3rd , Immaculate Conception Church

407 East LeGrand Street , Boscobel, WI. 53805

7:45am—Holy Rosary

8:15 am—Mass

9:00 am—Breakfast

9:45 am—Life in the Spirit— Kate Gallimore

10:30 am—Break

10:45 am—Father Christopher

11:00am—Be Mary , Living with Mary's Virtues

Kath;een Lindemann

12:00 pm—Holy Hour, Adoration & Confessions

1:00 pm— Lunch

\$25.00 per person Registration due January 26th

Contact: Julie Biba 608-375-2589

Janet Mindham 608-391-1030

or

Registration forms in the back of Church



## 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ... \$33,800.00  
 Amount Received (as of 1/17/24) \$41,790.00  
 Exceeding Goal ... \$7,990.00

**Thank You!**

### Fish Fry

Friday, February 16th  
 Drive Up Fish Fry,  
 4:30 – 7:00 pm



### KC Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast and help support St Mary's School in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Sunday January 28th following the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses Buttermilk Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee and OJ. There will be a free will offering. Everyone is Welcome!



### PCCW Scholarship

Scholarship applications for high school seniors are due March, 1, 2024. Contact your school guidance office or Pick up in the church vestibule.

### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18  
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

### January 13/14, 2023 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,194.00
Offertory.....	222.75
Pastoral Care .....	100.00
Building & Maintenance.....	115.00
Religious Ed.....	250.00
Total.....	\$4,881.75
12/15/2023 ACH Contributions .....	\$6,205.00

### Consider ...Automatic Tithing 15th of every month

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### Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

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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.