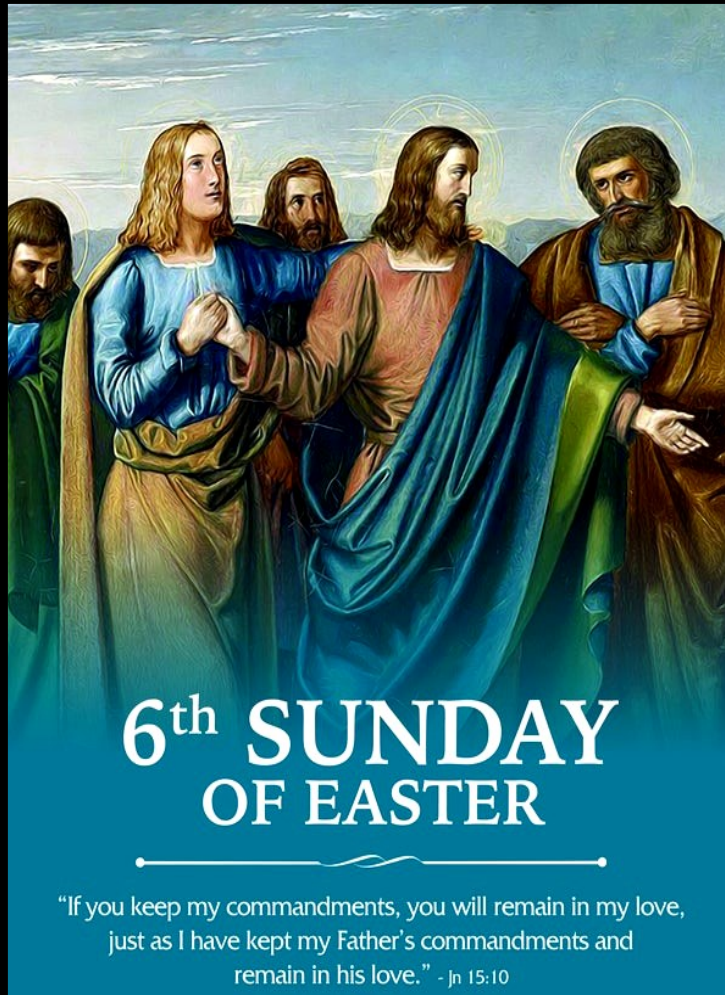


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

**Sunday, May 5th 2024**

**Saturday, May 11th, 5:15 pm**

**Reader:** Gretchen Jelinek

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Judy Murphy

**Servers:** Eleanor Jelinek, Owen Drier, Danicka Spencer  
Brielle Weeden

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

**Sunday, May 12th, 8:00am**

**Reader:** Chay Schmitt

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** John Tennant

**Servers:** Easton & Emma Jelinek,  
Luke & Nicholas Perna

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

**Sunday, May 12th, 10:30am**

**Reader:** Katy Ueek

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Mary Ellen Boak

**Servers:** Madalynn, Blake & Makenna Mueller,  
Vessel Rush

**Gifts:** Cheryl Blankenship Family **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, May 6th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 7th**

Mass 8:15 am

† John & Gladys Bauer

**Wednesday, May 8th**

Mass 8:15 am

† Mary Laubmeier

**Thursday, May 9th**

**The Ascension**

Mass 8:15 am

Gloria Miller SP.I.

**Friday, May 10th**

**St. John**

Mass 5:15 pm

**St. Damien de Veuster**

† Michael Shields

**Saturday, May 11th**

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

Juliana Ward SP.I.

**Sunday, May 12th**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

Confessions 7:30 am

**Mother's Day**

Mass 8:00 am

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Paul & Julie Peckham & Family SP.I

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am

Our Parish Family

## Parish Calendar of Events

05/06 Monday, PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm in the undercroft

05/15 Saturday, Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Assembly 12:00 noon Sacred Heart Parish, St. Lone Rock

05/18 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm Community Center

05/19 Sunday, Baccalaureate Service 7:00 pm

05/20 Monday, Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby

06/01 Saturday, Blest Art come to St Mary's

06/02 Sunday, " "

06/03 Monday, 8th Grade Graduation Mass at 7:00 pm

06/07 Friday, 10 am -8:30 pm Eucharistic Rally La Crosse

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

In last Sunday's column, I indicated that soon we shall bring to conclusion the renovation of our Church interior with the installation of a custom-built communion rail that will match the altar, the ambo (lectern from which the Word of God is proclaimed) and the baptismal font. This will bring to completion our renovation that began in 2019 with the replacement of the carpeting in the sanctuary with the marble tile, followed by the replacement of the wood ambo with the present one, constructed from marble that corresponds to our altar. More recently, the more major renovation took place in the nave with the removal of the asbestos floor tile to be replaced by the porcelain tile, including two medallions inlaid in the main aisle: a symbol of Mary, assumed into heaven and the eucharistic image of a mother pelican (symbolizing Christ) feeding her offspring with her own flesh and blood, located near where Holy Communion is distributed. Also accomplished in this major renovation was the painting of the entire interior of the church, with a new painting of the Alpha and the Omega on the front wall of the sanctuary.

As I mentioned in last week's column, the altar railing was initially proposed by a group of parishioners at the same time as the planning of the new sanctuary floor. At that time, there were no active plans for the railing, but I signaled my willingness to pursue this possibility later. In the meantime, I asked if there could be a way to gauge the interest among other parishioners for this possibility. A few months later, I received the names of 82 parishioners, who had signed their names indicating their desire to have the communion rail restored to our church. Because of the plan that was already developing for the major renovation in the nave, the communion rail was put on hold.

The time has finally arrived to pursue the re-installation of the communion rail. The original construction of our church included a communion rail. The exact year that it was removed is not known, but it seems to have been in the early 1980's. This was a time when an interpretation of the Second Vatican Council was being used to 'deconstruct' the classical architecture and liturgical appointments of churches. Often people were told that the Second Vatican Council required such changes, when in fact this was never true. With the installation of the rail, we will have restored our church to its original design.

I have contacted the same firm that was involved in the construction of the ambo. They have indicated that we should be able to access the same marble as was used for the ambo and which corresponds to our altar.

As I did in last week's column, I wish to make clear that with the return of the communion rail, no one will be required to kneel to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer not to kneel or cannot do so because of physical limitations, you will be able to stand. The only difference will be that rather than standing behind another person, slowly moving up the main aisle, you will stand alongside your fellow communicants, who may be standing or kneeling along the railing. Receiving our Lord alongside one another will enhance a communal reception.

Communicants will be stationary for a few moments before receiving Holy Communion, giving time to for recollection and focusing on the altar of sacrifice in the sanctuary from where the body and blood of our Lord appears. The altar of sacrifice which corresponds to the cross on which Jesus was sacrificed, "once for all", links the real presence of Christ made present through the consecration of bread and wine to the "altar" of communion (the communion rail), where holy communion is now brought to the faithful. Rather than the faithful continually moving to receive our Lord, they are able to wait expectantly, as Christ comes to them. Also, use of the communion rail allows for reception of our Lord either on the tongue or in the hand.

In the weeks to come, I hope to provide more spiritual and theological reflection concerning the installation of the altar rail. In all likelihood, (as done in this column) I will repeat some of what I have already written, so that eventually the great majority of our parishioners will have sufficient information and knowledge as to what is transpiring. Also, soon, I hope to make available a rendering of the communion railing.

Finally, once again, I commend to you a prayer from the Roman Missal that you may wish to use during this time as we anticipate the installation of Bishop Gerard Battersby as our Diocesan Bishop.

*O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Gerard, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**



*Our Mission: Our Catholic faith is the foundation of our tradition of providing a quality, virtue-based education in a Christ-centered environment focused on excellence in academics, worship and service.*



The 8th grade class, along with four wonderful chaperones recently returned from the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Eastern Kentucky.

The group was able to serve numerous residents in the foothills of the Appalachians through their work in home repairs and food/supply organization. Favorite projects included pouring a concrete ramp, building a wooden wheelchair ramp, painting, repairing a living room floor, and helping with organization in a thrift store in the area. Students attended Mass each morning, and the leader of the mission center reinforced how each day at home they can do their own mission - whether it is holding a door for someone, talking to someone who is lonely, or giving to local organizations. The school and students express their appreciation to the parish and school community for the support and prayers!



**"When a woman is pregnant, she is not "expecting a child" - she already has one.  
 She is not "going to be a mother" - she already is a mother.  
 The baby is not "on the way", the baby has already arrived.  
 If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children,  
 we have to change the way we speak about them." ~Frank Pavone**

Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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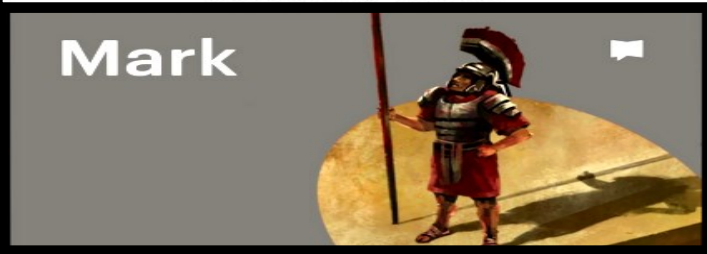
Developing **Baby Spiritual Adoption** Program  
 Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all -- the gift of life.



Keep in prayer our Confirmation Youth

Ethan Avery Bindl  
Abraham Joseph Bosworth  
Ella Marie Cairns  
Connor Nicholas Durst  
Taylor Marie Heffner  
Madalyn Grace Mueller  
Gabriella Lemus Ortiz  
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## 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  
Inspiring Speakers, including Chris Stefanick  
Click on this QR code to register!



April 27/28, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,148.00
Offertory.....	537.57
Pastoral Care.....	115.00
Catholic School Support.....	20.00
Festival.....	120.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,940.57</b>
<i>03/15/2024 ACH Contributions .....</i>	<i>\$6,205.00</i>

**2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal ...	\$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 3/25/24)	\$44,520.00
<i>Exceeding Goal ...</i>	<i>\$10,720.00</i>

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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.