

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



The Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 12th 2024

Saturday, May 18th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Donna Urbach
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Owen Drier, Reese Kohlstedt, Andrew Mata,
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Steve Bauer Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, May 19th, 8:00am

Reader: Sara Schultz
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Wyatt & Brynlee Mueller, Adelyn Wertz,
 Colyns Morris
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, May 19th, 10:30am

Reader: Cheryl Blankenship
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Lydia & Olivia Durst, Jolee Larse,
 Giada Johnson
Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Scrip:** Suzanne Walter

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 13th **Our Lady of Fatima**
 No Mass

Tuesday, May 14th **St. Matthias, Apostle**
 Mass 8:15 am
 † Pedro Felix Sr.

Wednesday, May 15th **St. Isidore**
 Mass 8:15 am
 † Marie Triggs

Thursday, May 16th
 Mass 8:15 am
 † Richard Ziaja

Friday, May 17th
 Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Assisted Living
 † Kate Crary
 Mass 5:15 pm
 SP.I of all the Funeral volunteer workers

Saturday, May 18th **St. John I**
 Confessions 4:30 pm **Armed Forces Day**
 Mass 5:15 pm
 † Edmund & Jane Guelig

Sunday, May 19th **8th Sunday of Easter**
 Confessions 7:30 am **Pentecost Sunday**
 Mass 8:00 am
 Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
 Mass 10:30 am
 † Jerry & Florence Durst

Parish Calendar of Events

05/13 Monday, Catholicism Series 7:00 pm (commons)
 "The Indispensable Men" Peter & Paul, the Apostles

05/15 Saturday, Richland Center Deanery CCW
 Spring Assembly 12:00 noon Sacred Heart, 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

05/20 Monday, Catholicism Series continues

06/01 Saturday, Blest Art will be at 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 . . .

I wish to thank the many parishioners who volunteered their time and effort in making our Sportsman's Extravaganza another success. It takes much effort to put on such an event with the good food that is served along with the various beverages and desserts. Those in the kitchen headed up by Suzanne Walter and Kim Jewett once again did an outstanding job. Also, thanks to the sellers of the discount tickets, the "walk-around" sellers and those who staff the various tables, including the door prizes and the front table. A special thanks to Meister Cheese for their donation of cheese. We will be having a "wrap-up" gathering and thank you soon and by then know what was raised for our parish school, which will be published in the bulletin.

As has been mentioned in my last two columns, we are preparing to bring to conclusion the final phase of our church renovation with the installation of a communion rail that will match the marble construction of the ambo, the altar, and the baptismal font. Some of what will appear here is what has already been written in past columns. This is done purposively so that this information will get out to as many parishioners as possible.

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 can 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 and after receiving Holy Communion, giving time for recollection and being able to focus on the altar of sacrifice in the sanctuary from where the body and blood of our Lord comes. The altar of sacrifice which corresponds to the cross on which Jesus was sacrificed, "once for all" (1 Peter 3:18) 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 can wait expectingly, 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.

One of the changes that will be experienced with the use of the communion rail is that the priest is required to actively work in his priestly task (assisted by the deacon and/or extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist) of feeding God's people. He will be the one moving back and forth along the communion rail as the people remain at rest. There is an etymological relationship between the words, "*pastor*" and "*panis*" (bread), both from the root "*pa*" – to feed. This emphasizes that the distribution of Holy Communion is an essential part of the priesthood.

Standing or kneeling next to one another, the faithful receive from the table of the Lord as a family. If the communicant wants to stay for a few moments after receiving our Lord, savoring this wonderful moment, they can do so. There should not be a rush to depart. This reverses the individualistic dynamic of receiving while standing in a communion line, aware of the need to move along somewhat quickly after having received, so the next person in line can receive.

I am hoping that in next week's bulletin, a print of a rendering of the communion rail can be published for your viewing.

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 at the Cathedral in La Crosse on May 20th.

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



Confirmation 2024

Ethan Avery Bindl, Abraham Joseph Bosworth, Ella Marie Cairns,
 Conner Nicholas Durst, Taylor Marie Heffner,
 Madalynn Grace Mueller, Gabriella Lemus Ortiz, Riley Ann Spencer



A Mother's Day Blessing

*Blessed is the Mother,
 Who lets the
 Lord be her
 guiding hand,
 Whose faith brings
 her family courage,
 Whose wisdom
 comes from God,
 And whose children
 still stand and
 honor her.*



Spiritual Adoption Program
 -MONTH TWO -

Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program
 Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs.
 His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks.
 From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



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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!



PARKING

Those of you who park in the front of the church on 4th Street, please be mindful that the last parking place on the west side in front of the parish mail box is quite close to our neighbors driveway.

It has happened that a vehicle has parked outside the painted lines and caused an obstacle for our neighbor. When using that parking slot, please check that you are within the painted lines.

Thank you

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Saturday & Sunday
June 1st and 2nd
After each Mass

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

- 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
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
Jn 21:20-25
- Nest Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,
29,30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
(see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

May 4/5, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,525.00
Offertory.....	631.30
Student Offertory.....	23.95
Pastoral Care.....	60.00
Building & Maintenance.....	50.00
Holy Day.....	85.00
Total.....	\$3,940.57

04/15/2024 ACH Contributions \$6,205.00

2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

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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.