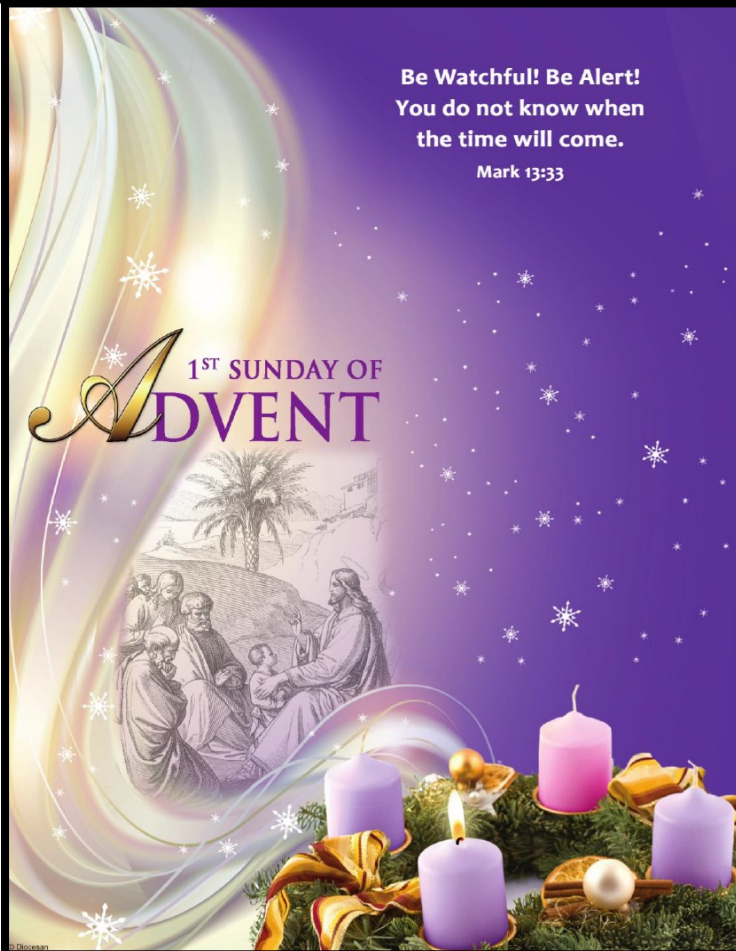


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Be Watchful! Be Alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

Mark 13:33

The First Sunday of Advent December 1st, 2024

Sunday, December 7th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Stephanie Worthington

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Rohen Logue, Mark Olson,
Andrew & Sofia Mata

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steve Bauer Family Scrip: Judy Barnicle

Sunday, December 8th, 8:00 am

Reader: Students

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Jolee Larse, Vessel Rush,
Makenna & Blake Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Students Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

Sunday, December 8th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Will, Ella, Elijah & Molly Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3rd

Mass 8:15am **St. Francis Xavier**
† Jerry R & Florence Durst

Wednesday, December 4th **St. John Damascene**

Mass 8:15am
Anna & Kevin Denn Family SP.I.

Thursday, December 5th

Mass 8:15am
Christy & Jessie Dowding Family SP.I.

Friday, December 6th

Mass 8:15 am **First Friday**
St. Nicholas
† Bill Schroeder

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills
† Lee Honer

Saturday, December 7th

Mass 8:15 am **First Saturday**
St. Ambrose
† Gordon Moore

Mass 5:15 pm

† Joe Murphy

Sunday, December 8th **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Confessions 7:30 am

Mass 8:00 am
Paul & Julie Peckham and Family SP.I.

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Monday, December 9th Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 5:15 pm Holy Day (not an Obligation)
† Chuck Worthington

Parish Calendar of Events

12/11 Wednesday, School Christmas Program 1:00 pm
12/11 Wednesday, School Christmas Program, 6:00 pm
01/22 to 01/26... March for Life, Washington, D.C.

From your pastor . . .

With this installment from Father John A. Hardon's Catechism on the Real Presence we conclude the text. I hope that over these past months, these various installments provided you with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

116. What is Pope Paul VI's great hope for the future?

He sincerely hopes that the venerable Churches of the Orient will be re-united with the Church of Rome. His hope is especially strengthened by the continual faith of these Churches in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For almost a thousand years the so-called Orthodox Churches have retained the seven sacraments taught by Christ, including the priesthood without which there would be no Sacrament of the Eucharist. (MF 87)

117. What is Mary's role in the Holy Eucharist?

Without the Blessed Virgin Mary, there would have been no Incarnation. It was she who gave her divine Son the flesh and blood which Christ her Son now possesses in the Holy Eucharist. We should especially invoke Our Lady to restore unity among Christians where it has been lost and strengthen this unity among the followers of Christ who believe that, in the Eucharist, "the flesh of Jesus is the flesh of Mary," as expressed by St. Augustine in speaking of the Real Presence. (MF 88)

118. How does the Pope close his encyclical Mysterium Fidei?

He closes the Encyclical by quoting the martyr, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, who died in 107 A.D. "Strive then," said Ignatius, "to make use of one form of thanksgiving, for the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ is one and one is the chalice in the union of His Blood, one altar, one bishop." Saint Ignatius' letter was written to the faithful of Philadelphia who were being separated by the evils of division and schism. Needless to say; our own divided Christianity can be reunited only by a return to the Eucharistic faith which first united the Church founded by Jesus Christ. (MF 89)

This concludes the Father Hardon's Catechism of the Real Presence.

You will find below the progress report of the Diocesan Annual Appeal that is being conducted at this time in our parish. This same report appeared in last week's column.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update as of 11/19/2024

Goal assigned to St. Mary's Parish - \$32,715.00

Total pledged and received - \$14,470

Percent of goal - 44.23%

Average gift amount - \$233.39

Number of gifts - 62

Thank you to those parishioners who have responded to the Appeal. As you can be determined, we have a way to go to meet our goal. Please respond in the near future. Thank you.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

“ Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured.
Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”
“The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us- that is all He asks.”
St. Therese of Lisieux

Christmas Angel Gifts

St Mary of the Assumption Church and School
Will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.
Containers will be located at the church
entrance and school.



Please put the items in the box
prior to Sunday, December 15th.

Some of the items we are looking for are
blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks,
puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.
A more complete list can be found at the
entry of the church.

Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH EIGHT



Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished
developing and is concentrating on gaining weight;
she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size.

She will need a layer of fat to help
her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside
her mother's womb. In a short time,
this baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the
prayers you have said for her and her
baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your
prayers have given her the grace
she needed to bring her baby to term and the life God has
planned for her.

Steubenville, St. Paul

July 25-27, 2025

For Students in 8th thru 12th Grades

University of St Thomas, MN

Cost \$445.00

Deposit \$75.00

Contact Brenda 608-630-3383

Or Cheryl Blankenship 608-647-2621

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for those folks
in our community who are alone and facing the holi-
day with no family or simply do not have the funds
to prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner.

On Thanksgiving Day November 28th we will have
delivery and take out meals to shut-in and others wit
in a 2 mile radius of town between 11am - 12pm ,
and 11:30am and 12:30pm. Sign up sheets have been
provided at Richland Hills, Ridgeview Commons and
the Park Hotel Apartments for there residents. Other
requests for take out meals for delivery can be made
by calling the church office at **647-3000**.

St. Patrick's Loreto Harvest Supper

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

Served Buffett style or Drive Through

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Potatoes, Squash, Corn,

Cranberries, Dinner Roll and Dessert

Serving from 4 to 7:00 pm

Adults-\$18.00

Children-5-12 -\$8.00, 4 and under -Free

Drive Through -\$18.00

Deer Hunters Welcome

Parish Raffle

1st prize- Handmade Quilt

2nd prize-\$500.00, 3rd prize-\$250.00

4th prize-\$250.00, 5th prize-\$100.00

Halfway between Plain & Loganville

Hwy GG off Hwy 23

Christmas flowers

Please use the envelopes in your
packet or any
(marked envelope)
in memory of a loved one



**Diocese of La Crosse
PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2025**

The March for Life will be in Washington, D.C.

January 22nd to 26th
through the Diocese of La Crosse

The Total cost is \$415.00 per person

The parish will make available ...
\$265.00 towards the total cost.

The youth will need to make a request to the
parish with their cost of \$150.00

Contact the Rectory 647-2621



TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATRUAL DEATH

**ADVENT
WEEK 1**



**Already have a
FORMED Account ?**

1. Visit FORMED .org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click link in email
5. You're in!

**Want to create a new
FORMED account?**

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign-up
3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1
Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35/10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 1:4-6,
8-11/Lk 3:1-6

November 16/17, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,923.00
Offertory.....	1002.60
Student Offertory	32.71
Pastoral Care.....	10.00
Religious Education.....	22.00
Total.....	\$6,775.09
10/15/2024 ACH Contributions	\$5,915.00

Baby Bottle Campaign (to date) \$640.64
27 bottles returned ..Proceeds to benefit Pro -Life efforts

Fish Fry profit

October \$933.27 & November \$1,486.12

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus & all who
assisted .. Proceeds benefit the school

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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.