

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



18th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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August 3rd, 2025

Saturday, August 9th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ethan Kauffman, Rohen Logue,
Ronan Ringelstetter, Vessell Rush

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family

Scrip: Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, August 10th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Emma & Easton Jelinek, Gage Tennant

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, August 10th, 10:30 am

Reader: Cheryl Blankenship

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden Arms, Baylee Wertz.

Makenna & Blake Mueller

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 4th
No Mass

St. John Vianney
RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, August 5th
Mass 8:15 am
† Judy Russell

**The Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Mary Major**

Wednesday, August 6th
Mass 8:15 am
Cameron Fieldhouse SP.I.

**The Transfiguration
of the Lord**

Thursday, August 7th
Mass 8:15 am
Ryan & Kathleen Tydrich SP.I.

St. Sixtus II & Companions
Adoration following Mass

Friday, August 8th
Mass 8:15 am
† Julia Davis Kretschmann

Saturday, August 9th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Jane Erlandson

St. Teresa Benedicta

Sunday, August 10th
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 9:45

Mass 10:30 am
† Marie & Leo Triggs

Parish Calendar of Events

08/02 Saturday ... Knights of Columbus Bingo
6:30 pm (community Center)

08/04 Monday ... PCCW mtg 6:30 pm

08/10 Sunday ... Knights of Columbus mtg 7:00 pm

09/02 Tuesday ... Student's First Day of School

09/20 Saturday ... Parish Festival

*"Do not try to please everybody, try to please God,
the angels, and the saints—they are your public.
There is nothing so great as the Eucharist.
If God had something more precious, He would
have given it to us" St John Vianney*

From your Pastor

It always feels good to be back home. While travelling is enjoyable and spending time away can be an opportunity for renewal and growth, there is something to be said about being back home, for things to be back to “normal.” I have felt this way this last week as I was able to return and get back into the swing of things. Now the focus is on what comes next, whatever that happens to be!

Last weekend we were privileged to host Fr. Evencio as he shared about the mission of his Franciscan community. Of course, I wasn't present to hear about the mission, but I am somewhat familiar with the work of Franciscan Missions and all the good that they do through the model and example of St. Francis. St. Francis' invitation from Jesus to “rebuild my Church” has extended down through the centuries and has now come to us in our parish to consider helping support that mission. If you didn't get a chance to grab an envelope or are still considering supporting their mission, there will be envelopes in the ends of the pews this weekend. Just as a reminder to make checks out to St. Mary's parish rather than the mission itself. Thank you!

Looking into our readings for this weekend, we are offered an opportunity for reflection on what our treasure truly is. I can't help but think that over the course of one's life, this treasure or the thing we focus on or seek after will often change. It can be fairly clear to see that when someone is young, they will often desire to gain as much as they can, whether financially, materially, etc. The strong impulse to get rid of any sort of need and to even take it a step farther, to obtain an abundance is very real. In looking at society, this is the mantra that is preached. You must have the newest, nicest things, you must work and accumulate to be in a position where you have little to worry about and can do whatever you want. Whether directly or subliminally, this current runs deep in our culture and perhaps even within our lives. Sometimes we tend to label it as the pursuit of happiness or living the American dream. We tend to devote ourselves to this task and unfortunately make it our primary goal. But the part that often goes unnoticed is that once that goal is reached, the new goal moves farther out, the growing desire for more simply increases.

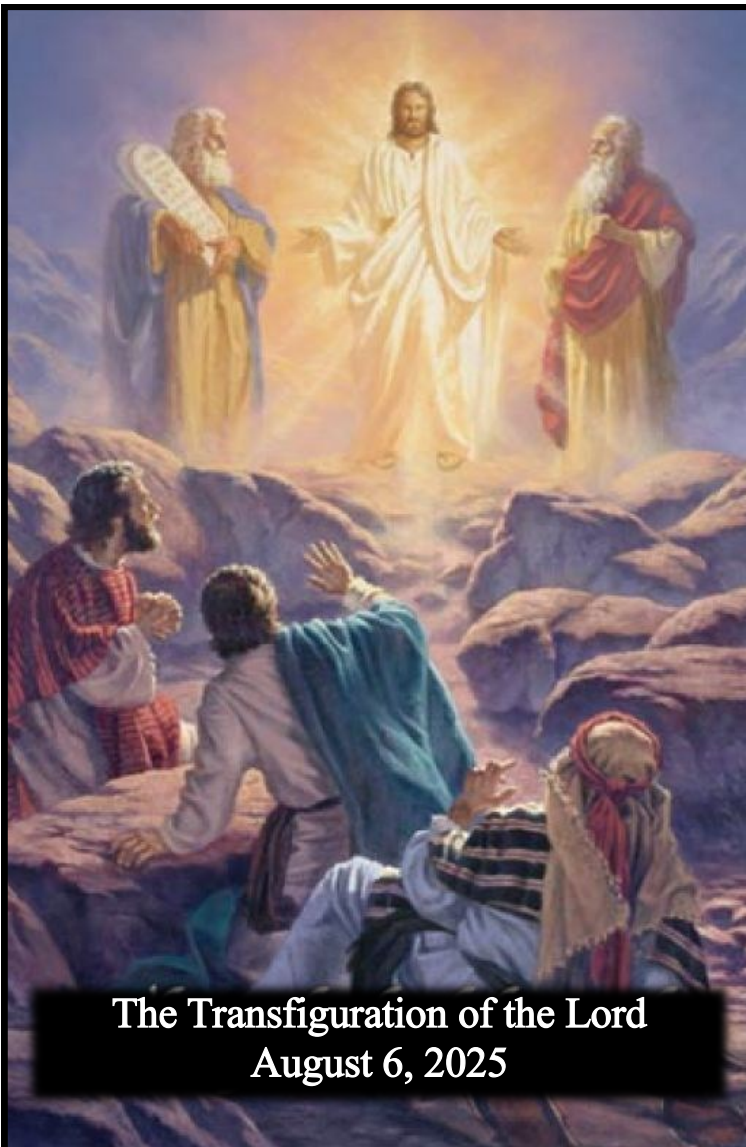
Now don't hear what I am not saying, I am not saying that all wealth and worldly/material things are bad. That was a common belief in the 3rd century where the thought was that we live in a constant battle of good vs. evil; the good being only that which is spiritual and the evil is everything that is worldly and material. While we can recognize that worldly and material things can lead us away from God, in and of themselves, they are not inherently evil. Rather, it is our approach to them and how we use them that can cause them to be good or bad. There are so many ways where material things can be a benefit to our life and support our journey of faith. But the key to this is not losing the proper perspective, that worldly and material things are not an end in themselves, but rather a means to a greater end. If they become the primary focus and center of our lives and God and our relationship with Him falls somewhere after that, then yes, they have become no longer a good.

As we look forward, we are invited to consider what is at the center of our lives. This consideration can be somewhat challenging to consider because it requires a level of honesty that can shine the light on the reality that we may not want to admit. Are there things in my life that take priority over the good of my spiritual life and my relationship with God? In a way, we all can realistically answer yes. But this is not meant to be an invitation to feel shame and guilt but rather the opposite. It is an opportunity to work at refocusing on what matters the most, our eternal salvation. It is a chance to perhaps reorient the things in our lives that have quietly shifted their position of priority.

Let us all rejoice in thanking God for His limitless love for us and endless patience in working with us as His children. May God's blessings be visible to us and may we strive to put all things in loving service of Him and one another.

In Christ through Mary.

Fr Nate Kuhn



The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2025

With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of
Lawrence 'Louie' A. Wilson

Who entered into eternal rest
July 11th, 2025
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon his
soul and all the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know is
interested in learning more about
the Catholic Faith., and receiving
the Sacraments

Call the Rectory to find out more
608-647-2621

Classes will begin in early September

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

John Paul II



The Richland Center Right to Life
Is having a fundraiser at the Park Street Christian
Church, 148 S Park St

Sale will be Friday, August 15th 9- 6pm
Saturday, August 16th 9-1pm
Accepting donations for the Sale
Thursday, 8/14 after 5pm

Scrip News !

The Scrip word for the week is VACATION.
Purchase gas and restaurant cards before you leave
town. Mobil, and Kwik Trip gas cards are available
in our "to-go" box, as well as cards for McDonalds,
Subway, Culver's, Dunkin, Pizza Hut, and Papa
Murphys. These cards can be used at any location.
Buy a supply to use wherever you go! It saves carry-
ing cash or using your
credit card. Check out the RaiseRight app for over
400 "on-the-go" brands. The Scrip-to-go box is locat-
ed in the rectory during the week. Call ahead.

order from your scrip coordinator at-
scrip@stmarysrc.com or get Scrip-to-go cards at
the rectory this summer.
The Rectory (647-2621)

New Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Office Closed

Tuesday- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday –9:00 am to 5:00 pm

If there is an emergency, Leave a message on the Rectory phone and your call will be returned.

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Lk 9:28b-36
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/
Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

HOMELESS BUT HUMAN



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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!

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 ask you for 3 to 4 hours every other month.

If you think this is something you might be interested in please call 608-647-3594 with questions.

Thank you for considering.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION every Thursday following Holy Mass

July 26/27, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,860.00
Offertory.....	681.50
Pastoral Care	235.00
Festival	20.00
Total.....	\$4,769.50
ACH Tithe, March 2025	\$6,015.00

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 !

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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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.