

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

4th Sunday
of Easter
April 26th,
2026

Good
Shepherd
Sunday



Jesus said:
“I am the good
shepherd. A
good shepherd
lays down
his life for the
sheep”
Jn 10:-11

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 27th
No Mass

Tuesday, April 28th **St. Peter Chanel**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Louis Grignion de Montfort**
Josh Kraemer SP.I.

Wednesday, April 29th **St. Catherine of Siena**
Mass 8:15 am
L&D members of the John Bauer Family

Thursday, April 30th **St. Pius V, Pope**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
† Irene Joyce
5:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration and Confession

Friday, May 1st **First Friday**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Joseph the Worker**
† Helen Mortenson **National Day of Prayer**

Saturday, May 2nd **First Saturday**
Mass 8:15 am
Payton Fieldhouse SP.I.

Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm **St. Athanasius**
† Janice Bauer

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Parish Calendar of Events

04/30 Confirmation, Viroqua, Confirmation at 6:00 pm
05/16 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30 pm
05/17 Sunday, Children’s Liturgy, 8:00 am Mass
05/17 Sunday, Graduation Mass, 10:30

Sunday, May 3rd **5th Sunday of Easter**

Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
L&D members of the Zorea Family

Confessions 12:30
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)
† Edwin & Agnes Slaney

Saturday, May 2nd, 5:15 pm

Reader: Mark Jelinek
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jolene Frawley
Servers: Owen & Evan Drier
Carter Jelinek, Danicka Spencer
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher
Sunday, May 3rd, 8:00 am

Reader: John Tennant
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Joyce Tennat
Servers: Wyatt, Brynlee & Alayna Mueller
Leo Perna
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: TBA **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, May 3rd, 10:30 am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Emily Zorea
Servers: Brayden Arms, Andrea Ortiz
Kathryn Stadele
Gifts: Aharon Zorea Family **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

From Your Pastor

I want to begin by taking time to offer a heartfelt thank you for all who assisted in any way to make the Extravaganza possible. We had a great turnout and things ran smoothly, in part because of all who volunteered and put in the time and effort. I had many people from out-of-town comment on how well it went and were appreciative of us once again hosting it. There are too many to name everyone individually, so for all that helped make this possible, I am deeply grateful. It isn't too soon to say we look forward to next year as we continue to bring the community together in support of our school. Thank you!

This weekend, as we hear about the Good Shepherd in the Gospel, the Church invites us to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Christ is the Good Shepherd, who knows His sheep and calls them by name to follow Him, in just the same way Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in our own personal vocation, whether that is married life, priesthood, religious life, or the dedicated single life. Each of us are called to one of these vocations and with the grace that comes from God, we will find that living out our particular vocation will lead us towards heaven and fill our hearts with joy.

Often, as I would give talks and have conversations with young people about vocations, the most common question that was asked was, "How do I know what God is calling me to do?" Or, to be more specific, "How do I know if God wants me to be a priest/sister/married?" The answer may seem overly simple, but I would often point to what we hear in our Gospel. We must begin with the understanding that God knows us and loves us and has created us with a purpose. Our lives are not random, our future is not a mystery, our journey through life should never be one of aimless wandering. We have a purpose that God has made us for. To give a more eloquent answer, I would often quote St. John Henry Newman,

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away...

All of us can echo this same prayer, realizing that this is meant for each of us. God has created each of us with a purpose, for some definitive service. Now our job is to work at coming to know what that is and then set to work living it out.

How? By listening for the Lord to speak, calling us by name. It often isn't an audible call or voice but rather one small whisper that stirs in the stillness of our hearts (if we allow our hearts to be still and quiet.) This whisper will tell us how much we are loved and that because of that love, we are to use our gifts to serve others. This is how I would answer that often-asked question of how one comes to know their vocation. To understand how Jesus is calling, we must be willing to go to Him and listen. Spend time in prayer. Take time for silence, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. And if we are willing to do this, it is almost guaranteed that we will know, even if just a little, what we are to do.

Today, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. These vocations are essential within the life of the Church, providing the Sacraments and being the hands of Christ. Let us ask the Lord to call young men and women from within our parish and from within our own families!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Nate Kuhn

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$33,415.00 Amount Received: \$50,770.00

Amount Received Over our Goal, \$17,355.00

4/14/2026 *Thank you !*

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Dear God,

Thank you for everything. Please help us have a good rest of the school year with lots of learning and fun. Please help us to have a safe and fun

Walk for Virtues. Please give us the strength to do hard things and to practice our virtues. Please help those in need. Please bless our family, friends, pets, and Father and Deacon. Please help us to be happy, healthy, and to have kind hearts like you.

We love you.

Amen. - Kindergarten Class

Already have a FORMED Account ?

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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!

St Mary's has an Open Position Part Time Spanish Teaching Position

Email Mrs. Kohlstedt for More Information
stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com
Or Apply on WECAN

FAMILY VACATION RAFFLE St. Mary's 7th Grade Class Fundraiser

Round trip airfare up to \$1000.00 to sunny Punta Gorda , Florida. Ground Transportation not included. Free 7 day stay at Coastal Cozy. Stay must be booked during an open rental period before the end of 2026.

Rental details can be found at Coastal-Cozy.com. Bryan & Nicole Myers have offered their 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on the water in Punta Gorda. Many amenities including beach supplies, fishing gear, bikes, boogie boards and a heated pool are included.

Tickets : \$20.00 each or (3) for \$50.00

Drawing will be held May 13th following the St. Mary's Spring Concert Contact a 7th Grade Student or stop in at the School Office to purchase your tickets

April 11/12th , 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$5028.00
Offertory.....	929.92
Student Offertory.....	59.03
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	122.00
Catholic School Support.....	20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	25.00
Easter	500.00
Easter Flowers.....	20.00
Endowment Fund.....	50.00
Total.....	\$6,803.95
February ACH Tithe.....	\$5,665.00

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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.

With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of

Paul and Grace Cerven

Who entered into eternal rest
February 27, 2026 and March 27, 2026
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon their
souls and all the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy of God,
rest in peace!
Amen

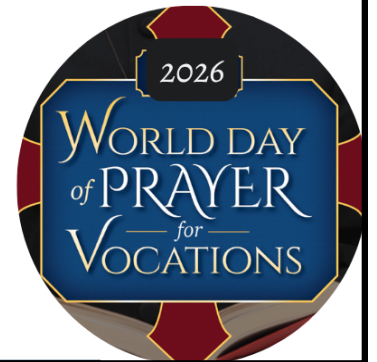


Please Pray for Our 2026 Confirmandi

Brayden Arms
Aubrey Kohlstedt
George Laubmeier
Fynn Lemke
Rowan May
Laif Morris
Blake Mueller
Owen Mueller
Ainsley Myers
Amayrani Ortiz
Kenia Ponce
Conner Stoltz

World Day of *April 26* Prayer for Vocations

Please pray that young men and women hear
and respond generously to the Lord's call to
the priesthood, diaconate, religious life,
societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



Fr Nate & his "Sister" Sr Anna Cecilia

Church Softball League

Practice is set for May 9th at 12:30pm

At the east diamond of Krouskop Park .
If you are interested in playing church
league but can't make the practice,
please contact the Parish office.

608-647-2621

Must be 13 or older to play.

**Please keep our
First Communion
children in prayer !**



(picture in next weeks bulletin)