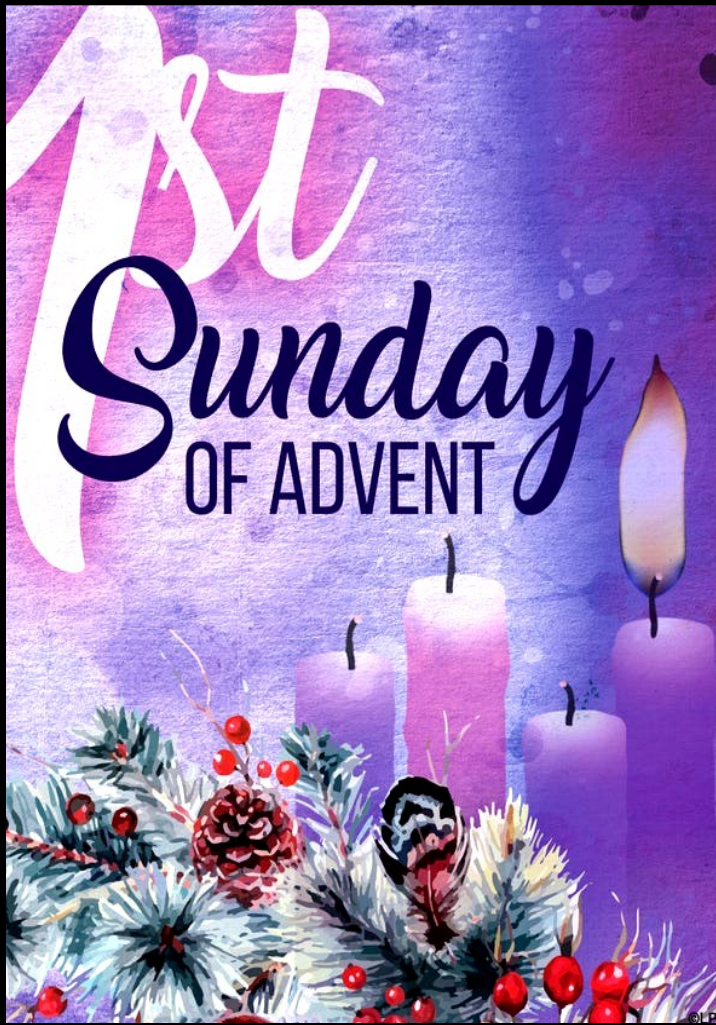


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



November 30th , 2025

Saturday, December 6th 5:15 pm

Reader: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Declan & Eleanor Jelinek,
Rohen Logue, Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family Scrip: Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, December 7th 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Griffin & Oliver Cosgrove,
Carter & Emma Jelinek

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family Scrip: Christine Schmitt

Sunday, December 7th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Will, Ella, Molly, Elijah Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 1st
No Mass

Tuesday, December 2nd
Mass 8:15am
† Duane & Donna Meyer

Wednesday, December 3rd
Mass 8:15 am
† Mary Jane Royak

Thursday, December 4th
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass
† Justin Kremel

Friday, December 5th First Friday
8:15 am
Arlene Miller SP. I.

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills
† Ann Gerlach

Saturday, December 6th First Saturday
Mass 8:15am
† Marianne Johnson

Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Joe Murphy

Sunday, December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Charles & Georgine Worthington

Parish Calendar of Events

12/03 Wednesday, OCIA...7:00 pm

12/07 Sunday, Youth Group ...6-8pm

12/13 Saturday, Rorate Caeli Mass...6:45am

12/21 Sunday, Youth Group ...6-8pm

.....From Your Deacon.....

Recently, Susan and I, along with Gary and Elizabeth Peckham, had the opportunity and privilege to go on a Pilgrimage with Cardinal Burke to Mexico City. It was a short pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children in Chalco, Mexico.

Seeing the tilma of St. Juan Diego in person at the Basilica was an amazing gift. Assisting at Mass in the Ancient Church at the Shrine with Cardinal Burke was a great privilege. But most importantly, and what I want to share with you, is the on-going miracle that I witnessed firsthand at Girls town in Chalco, Mexico.

The Sisters of Mary, with whom I have not been acquainted with previously, are nothing short of true miracle workers. The sisters go two by two into the poorest villages in the mountains and jungles of Mexico (and the other countries where they have schools) looking for and interviewing families, to offer one child in a family the opportunity to attend school. These families are the poorest of the poor. By that I mean many live in homes that are literally one-room stick frames covered with fabric or a tarp. No electricity, no running water or sanitation. They cook whatever food they have and heat their hut with a campfire in the center of the dirt floor.

The children begin their program with the Sisters of Mary at age 11 and graduate at age 17. During their time at the school, they are led to Jesus. They receive a first-rate education, are taught to cook, to sew, and become proficient in using computers among many other skills. The Holy Eucharist, however, is the center of their life. Not all are Catholic when they come, and not all are Catholic when they leave. But they do learn the Catholic faith and God's love shown to them through the good work of the holy Sisters of Mary.

Eighty to ninety percent of the girls who attend the school have been previously physically and/or sexually abused in their own homes or communities. A significant number of the girls don't return to their family's homes during Christmas vacation each year because their safety is at risk by doing so.

Yet, despite this previous life of pain and poverty, let me say, the pure joy that I saw on every face of these little girls is like nothing I have ever experienced. We celebrated Mass in the school's gymnasium with 3,200 girls who currently attend and live at this school. The girls were impeccably dressed. All wore matching uniforms which they made themselves. They were lined up in perfect rows with beautiful posture and poise, singing in perfect unison and pitch as if they were angels anointed by God. I dare say there was not a dry eye from any of us on pilgrimage who experienced this display of heaven on earth.

There are 42 Sisters of Mary serving the 3,200 girls at the Chalco school; 40 of them are themselves graduates of the school. Another campus located in Guadalajara, Mexico serves 2,000 boys. The Sisters fill the role of Mother for these girls. Professional teachers are hired to teach, and staff is hired for coaching, teaching music, sewing, cooking, etc. The girls have chores and everyone does their part. There are no TV's or social media or distractions from their studies and play. They have four duties to complete each day: studies, prayer, play, and work.

The girls who graduate from this school in large part - 95% of them - go on to get respectable jobs in the surrounding communities and many attend college. But the purpose of this school is first and foremost to save souls and break the cycle of poverty.

Firsthand testimony from one of the girls who graduated and now works as IT Director for the Sisters of Mary in Maryland in the United States confirmed the success of the program. She has gone on to help three members of her own family to attend and graduate from college. The cycle of poverty in her family and extended family is now broken forever because of the Sisters of Mary.

All of us who experienced the privilege of seeing the operation and results of the Sisters of Mary, World Villages for Children in person are committed to supporting and sharing this most important effort. It is transforming for those who attend the school and transforming for those of us who have simply observed the miracles it can produce. Please learn more and consider making your own pilgrimage to Sisters of Mary schools.

Learn more here: <https://worldvillages.org> or search World Villages for Children/Sisters of Mary World Villages.

The peace and goodness of Our Lord be with you...Deacon Donald Tully



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

Sara M. Triggs

Who entered into eternal rest
November 15th, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon her
soul and all the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace!
Amen



Christmas flowers

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

Christmas Angel Gifts

St. Mary of the Assumption Church & School
will again be collecting donations for
our local nursing homes.

Help spread the joy and happiness to all those in need!



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. Please put the unwrapped items
in the box containers that will be located at the church
and the entrance and school prior to December 15th.

**May God's Blessings be with you this
Christmas Season and Always !**

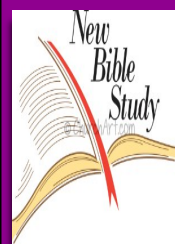
March for Life
Are you interested in attending the March for Life? We are looking
to see if any high school youth are interested in attending the March
for Life pilgrimage with a group from La Crosse and surrounding
areas. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Kuhn in the parish
office. Preliminary dates for the trip are:
January 22-24, 2025

Once you
understand
the Eucharist,
you can never
leave the
Church. Not
because the
Church won't
let you but
because your
heart won't
let you.

 CatholicLink



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
every Thursday following Holy Mass



Women's Bible Study

If any women are interested in joining a
Women's Bible Study, please contact
Maly Krajco
at maly.krajco@stmarysrc.com

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 7th 5:15 pm

Reader: Students

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Students Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Students

Sunday, December 7th 8:00 am

Reader: Emily Zorea

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Wyatt, Brynlee, Alayna Mueller, Colyns Morris

Ushers: Knight of Columbus Gifts: Aharon Zorea Family

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for those suffering the after effects of Hurricane Melissa
in Jamaica. We also pray for those who lost their lives and for their
grieving families. May they receive the assistance that they need to
recover from this devastating natural disaster.

Written by the St. Mary School 8th Students



Sunday, December 7th ...6-8 pm

Thank you to all the youth that joined us for our Mario Kart night and discussion on St. Carlo Acutis, as we had over twenty youth attend. We are looking forward to our next Youth Night on Dec. 7th for games and fun.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
The Next Class will be Wednesday,
December 3rd at 7:00 pm

Rorate Caeli Mass

Saturday, Dec. 13th @ :6:45 pm

On Saturday, Dec. 13th, we will be celebrating a *Rorate Caeli* Mass at 6:45am. Rorate Caeli are the first words of the opening antiphon of the Mass, the whole antiphon being, "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior." This Mass comes from a tradition in the Middle Ages where we look to Mary during the Advent Season as the one who brings forth the Light for the Nations, Jesus Christ. Mass will begin in candlelight and as the sun comes up, slowly the church will illuminate as symbolic of Jesus coming among us.

Please join us for this beautiful experience !

Scrip News

This holiday season, give the gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. Presents with purpose. A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to St. Mary's. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness. Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for St. Mary's. The 2025 Gift Guide is now available on raiserright.com. Download your shopping list and get scripting! Order at raiserright.com, the RaiseRight app, your weekend sellers or

contact scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65,
66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

November 15/16, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,442.00
Offertory.....	737.50
Student Offertory	60.96
Pastoral Care.....	320.00
Total.....	\$3,560.46
ACH Tithe, October 2025	\$5,815.00

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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.