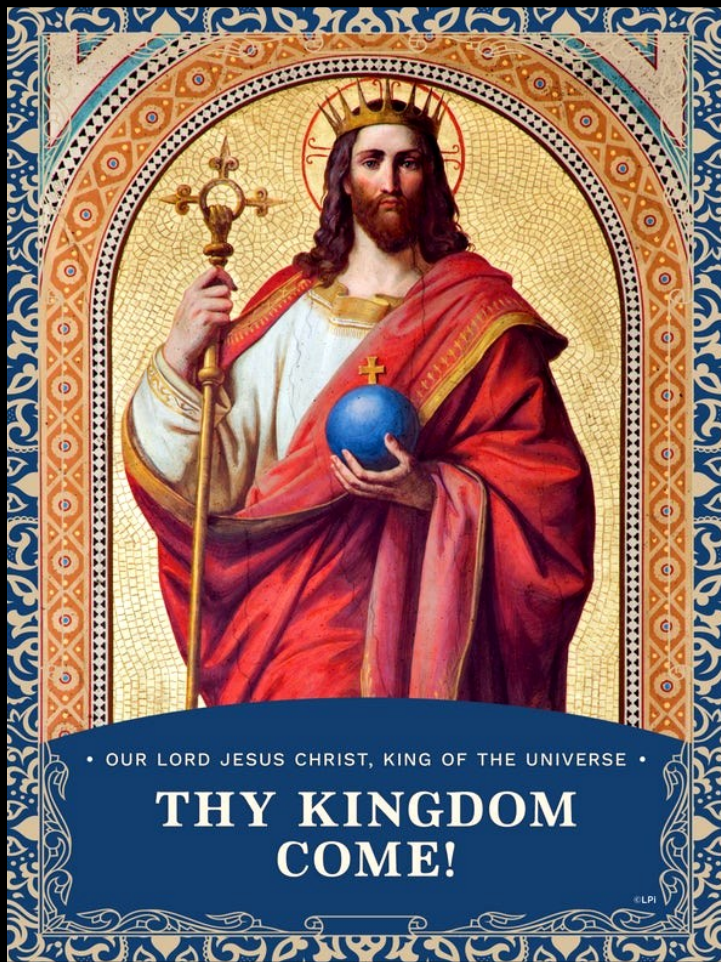


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



November 23rd, 2025

Saturday, November 29th 5:15 pm

Reader: Judy Murphy

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ethan Kauffman, Sophia Mata,
Brielle & Sienna Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

Sunday, November 30th, 8:00 am

Reader: Maly Krajco

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Adelyn, Cameron & Ellie Wertz
Gage Tennant

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, November 30th, 10:30 am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden Arms, Johnathan Hergert,
Jolee Larse, Alex Ueek

Gifts: Katy Ueek Family **Scrip:** Suzanne Walter

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 24th **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc
& Companions**
No Mass

Tuesday, November 25th **St. Catherine**
Mass 8:15am
† Dan Parduhn

Wednesday, November 26th
Mass 8:15 am
† Mark Schwingleshakl

Thursday, November 27th **Thanksgiving Day**
No Mass

Friday, November 28th
No Mass

Saturday, November 29th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Mary Jelinek

Sunday, November 30th **1st Sunday of Advent**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Mary Nee Turgasen

Parish Calendar of Events

12/03 Wednesday, OCIA 7:00 pm

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

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

From Your Pastor

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe

Well, we arrived at last. No, as much as I enjoy my time in the woods, I am not talking about hunting season, although it is something that I look forward to every year. I am not talking about Thanksgiving week and the anticipation of a great meal with family, nor the chaos of deals and shopping. I am talking about the final days of our liturgical year, the ending of Ordinary Time, the celebration of Jesus as King of the Universe, and the moments of preparation leading up to the start of the Advent season.

This weekend the Church invites us to celebrate that Jesus is our King, and not just the King of us as members of His Church, but as the full title of this day spells out, the King of the Universe. Unfortunately, our view of kingdoms isn't always the best. It is sort of ingrained within us that kings and kingdoms are not good and that within them, there is a lack of freedom. This seemingly inherent rejection of kings and kingdoms has come from a long history of bad examples and corruption. All we have to do is look back at history, whether that's to the beginnings of our own nation, or much farther back, in Old Testament times and see that when human beings assume the role of king, that seemingly absolute power often leads to corruption, selfishness, and ultimately suffering.

It was for just this reason that back in 1925, Pope Pius XI saw the need to make it clear that even though we as human beings struggle with power, the ultimate and absolute ruler is not merely an earthly ruler, but one who rules over all things. Against the background of the rise of communism and socialism on the heels of WWI, there were worldly power struggles. People were still recovering from the "war to end all wars," in which power and control lead to nations crumbling and a tremendous loss of human life. Pius XI established this celebration on the Church calendar to remind all peoples that our King is one who reigns in heaven and has dominion over all that is created, the world and all that is in it.

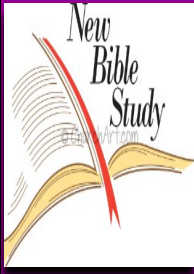
This solemnity doesn't just have its origins in the early 1920s, but much earlier. We hear the promise and words of Jesus Himself where He declares before Pontius Pilate that His kingdom does not belong to this world. Again, we understand this Kingdom as we hear the words in our Gospel of the repentant thief hanging on a cross next to Jesus as he pleads for Jesus to remember him when He enters into His Kingdom and Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This Kingdom is the one that Jesus talks about in the parable of the sheep and goats, as He says to the righteous, "Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." All this to say, this understanding of Kingdom and Christ as the King is not earthly or worldly, rather it is the heavenly Kingdom, and it is Jesus who reigns over the heavens and the earth.

So, as we celebrate our King, let us allow Him to be the King of our lives. This is perhaps the most challenging part. Do we let Jesus be in control of every aspect of our lives? Or do we just give Him some things? Do we allow Him to be the one who gives us Divine commands, or do we reject the notion of anyone telling us what to do? This honoring of Jesus as our King invites us to give ourselves to Him completely, holding nothing back. It is our chance to declare that we acknowledge that our King is eternal, forever in Heaven, and we are called to be one with Him!

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Nate Kuhn





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



Christmas flowers

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

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

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Upcoming Events

Rorate Caeli Mass

Saturday- December 6, 2025 @ 6:30 am - 8:00 am

Saint Nicholas Celebration for Families

Sunday-December 7, 2025 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday-December 12, 2025 @ 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
every Thursday following Holy Mass

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for all of the Parishioners of St. Mary Parish who support our school - whether it is their volunteering, their generous donations, or their prayers. Please keep them healthy and safe.

Written by Students of St. Mary School



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BELIEVE IN THE REALITY OF HELP AND HEALING, THERE IS HOPE
The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church and within our society for children and youth. We continue to express a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer) please fill out the report from found at:

www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting

Alternatively, you can contact
Mrs. Teresa Brown
Complaint Intake Agent
The Diocese of La Crosse
P.O. Box 4004
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@52213dioc.org

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

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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.....	\$4,433.00
Offertory.....	903.35
Student Offertory	57.07
Religious Ed.....	30.00
Military Chaplain.....	200.00
Christmas & Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	50.00
Total.....	\$5,693.42
 ACH Tithe, October 2025	 \$5,815.00

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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.