

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1st, 2026

Next Week's Mass Ministries Saturday, March 7th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Students

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Carter Jelinek, Ethan Kaufman
Rohen Logue, Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Students Scrip: Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, March 8th, 8:00 am

Reader: Maly Krajco

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Johnathon & Mary Lynn Hergert
Bryce & Reese Kohlstedt

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family Scrip: Suzanne Walter

Sunday, March 8th, 10:30 am

Reader: Cheryl Blankenship

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Kathryn & Madalyn Stadele
Alex Ueeck, Lexi Wertz

Gifts: Katy Ueeck Family Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, March 3rd

St. Katharine Drexel

Mass 8:15 am

Alice & James Lux SP.I.

Wednesday, March 4th

St. Casimir

Mass 8:15 am

† Robert Mutz

Thursday, March 5th

Mass 8:15 am

† Tom Higgins

4:00 to 7:00 pm **Adoration following Mass**

4:30 to 7:00 pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, March 6th

Day of Abstinence

Mass 8:15 am

Reighly Schultz SP.I.

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 7th

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Janice Bauer

→ **Daylight Saving Time begins** ←

Sunday, March 8th

Second Sunday of Lent

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

† Helen Berms

Confessions 9:45 am

Mass 10:30 am

Our Parish Family

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)

Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Parish Calendar of Events

03/06 Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm

03/07 Student Mass, 5:15

03/08 Sunday, Youth Group Skating, 4:30pm (*tentative*)

03/11 Wed, Confirmation Sponsors mtg. 6:00 pm (*zoom*)

03/11 Wed, Extravaganza planning meeting, 6:30pm

03/13 Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm

03/14 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30pm

03/15 Sunday, Children's Liturgy, 8:00am Mass

04/18 Extravaganza ... Save the Date!

From Your Pastor

Well, the month of March is upon us as we come to this second Sunday of Lent. For some reason, March seems to have always garnered a lot of attention. For example, “Beware the Ides of March” in reference to the historical moment when Emperor Julius Caesar was killed that marked a turning point in the Roman government. Or, one that I am more familiar with, the old proverb, “In like a lion, out like a lamb;” or “In like a lamb, out like a lion.” Growing up, we always understood it as a weather indicator of sorts. If the weather was fierce at the beginning of the month, it would be calm by the end, or the other way around. Where this came from, there are many different theories. Some say it is based on astrology, referring to the months assigned to the various astrological figures. Others say it is based on a religious background in reference to Easter, as Christ is represented as both a lion and a lamb. Most often, it was stated that Jesus, the Lamb of God is sacrificed through His passion and death, would rise from the dead to fulfill the image of Christ as the Lion of Judah, winning victory for all people. I personally like this last interpretation, so I will stick with that one.

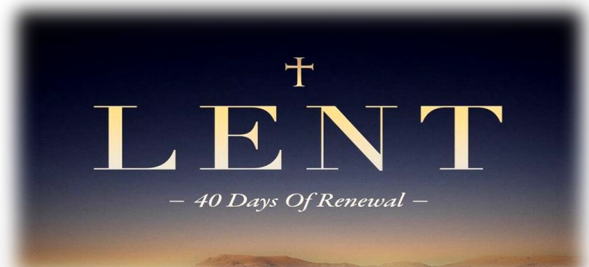
As we look at our readings for this weekend, we are given some imagery as well that points to a deeper understanding of what is about to happen. Our Gospel recounts the Transfiguration, the moment where Jesus reveals His glory to a few of His Apostles. One of the questions that arises is why Jesus didn't just appear to all of His Apostles or the vast crowds that were following Him to let them know who He truly was. While this is an excellent question, the reason is sound. As we look at different parts of the Gospels, we find other places where Jesus speaks intimately with the Apostles about the interpretation of the signs and miracles and even warns people who have been healed or cured on a few occasions not to tell anyone. Why not tell everyone and spread these incredible things? The reason goes deeper than merely the outward or visible. Jesus is seeking greater understanding and true and authentic faith. Sure, we can see signs and flashy things that can catch our attention for a moment or two, but if it doesn't lead to something more, then did it truly accomplish anything?

This then encourages us to consider our own faith and belief as we continue our Lenten journey. While we may have experienced powerful moments or witnessed amazing events, has our faith continued to grow? When we have a deep encounter with Christ, does it change the course of our lives, or is it just a temporary memory that quickly gets lost? This is why Jesus doesn't reveal these things to everyone or work in this way all the time. He desires us to consider the deeper meaning, the deeper understanding that God doesn't work in merely temporary or external ways, rather He seeks our conversion and our continual transformation of our lives.

During these next weeks, as we consider where we are both on our Lenten Journey and in our own personal journey of Faith, let us seek deeper understanding of God's love for us. May we use these days to contemplate how God delights in us and calls us to follow Him.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Nate Kuhn



Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$33,415.00 Amount Received: \$46,240.00
Amount Received Over our Goal as of 2/10/26:
\$12,825.00

Thank you for your generosity!

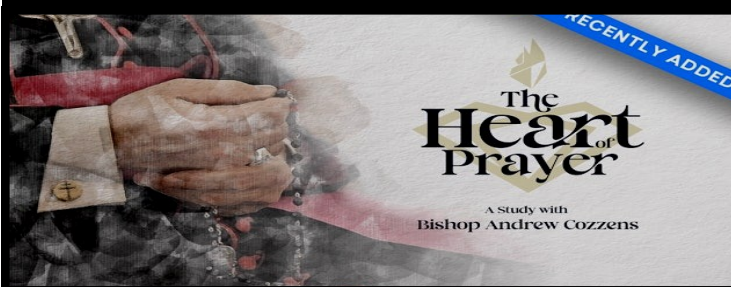
St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption
Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)
160 West Fourth Street Richland Center, WI 53581
Applications available in the entrance of Church
Or Parish Office 608-647-2621 must be received
no later than ... **March 15, 2026**

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Jesus, we pray that during Lent you help us grow closer to you each day through prayer. Give us the strength to sacrifice the things that pull us away from You, as You sacrificed so much for our salvation. Give us the courage and love to do what is right throughout Lent and beyond. -8th Grade Class



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

February 14/15, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,656.00
Offertory.....	\$524.45
Building & Maintenance	\$1.00
Catholic School Support	\$120.00
Total.....	\$5,301.45

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.

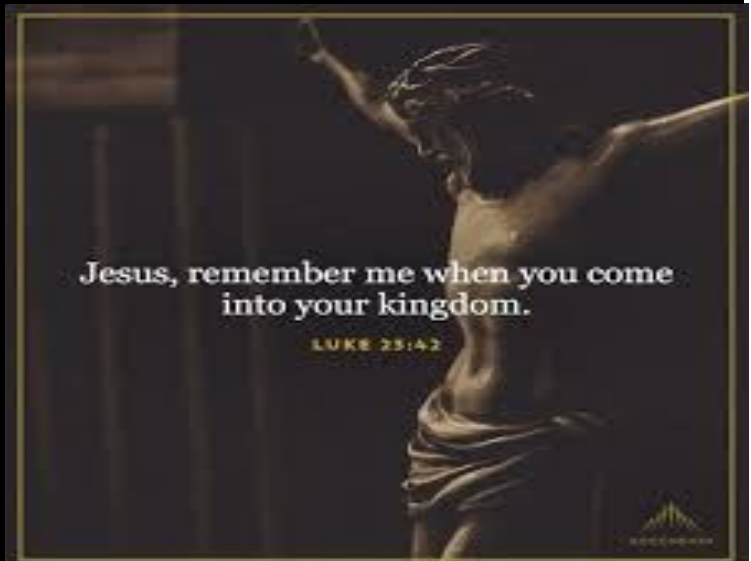
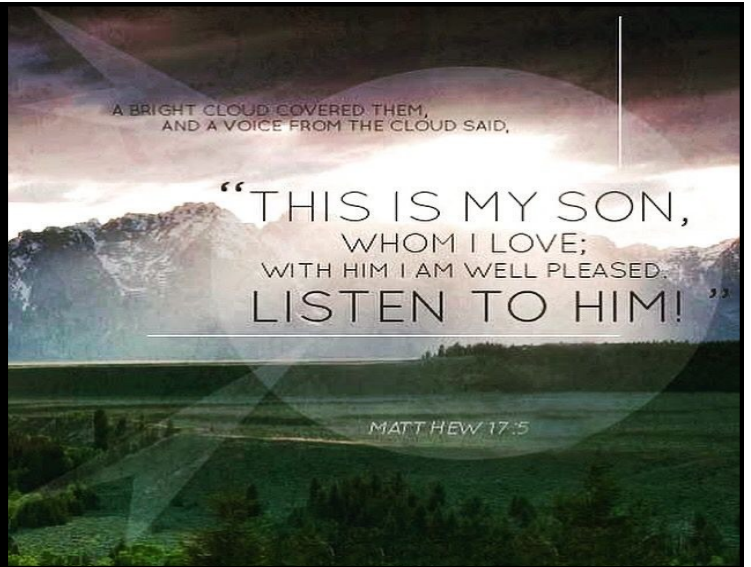
With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of

Beverly A. Nee

Who entered into eternal rest
February 15th, 2026

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



Easter Flowers
Please use the envelopes in
your packet or any
(marked envelope)

Scrip News

Did you know that St. Mary's Scrip Program is part of 50,000 schools and organizations that have turned everyday purchases into RaiseRight fundraising opportunities?

We make it easy for you by offering several ways to participate. Our Scrip-to-Go box has 35 different gift cards for purchase at school or after Mass; the Raise Right app lets you order physical cards or ecards and you can pay your coordinator or link a bank account/credit card; order cards directly from your scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Let's get scripping!! scrip@stmarysrc.com.
contact scrip@stmarysrc.com.

— Pope Pius X —
The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.

St Andrew Dinner
Young men, (14 and older) who want to learn more about the Catholic priesthood are invited to attend Vespers (Evening Prayer) and dinner with Bishop Gerard Battersby and local priests at various local parishes.
(Parents cannot attend)
Sunday, March 22, 2026
Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse
The evening attire is business casual



Embracing Your Call to Holiness

Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 14th, 2026
St. James the Greater Parish
2502 11th St, Eau Claire, WI
54703

8:00 am to 4:00 pm
www.ldccw.com for more information