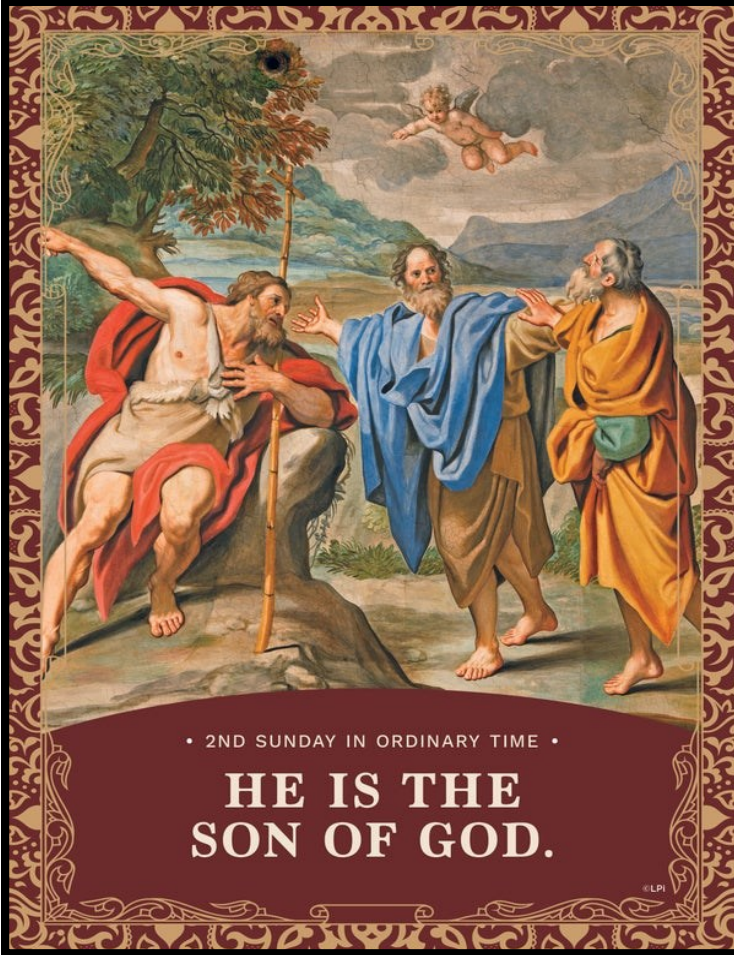


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

- Monday, January 19th **Martin Luther King Day**
No Mass
- Tuesday, January 20th **St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**
Mass 8:15am
† Dorothy Keating
- Wednesday, January 21st **St. Agnes**
Mass 8:15 pm
† Richard Johnson
- Thursday, January 22nd
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
For the Protection of Unborn Children
4:00 to 7:00 pm **Adoration**
4:30 to 7:00pm Confession (Spanish & English)
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Friday, January 23rd **St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope**
Mass 8:15 am
† George & Alice Mutz
- Saturday, January 24th **St. Francis de Sales**
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Louie Williams
- Sunday, January 25th **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Pete Bremmer
- Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

January 18th, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24th 5:15 pm

Reader: Judy Murphy
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Evan & Owen Drier
Carter Jelinek, Rohen Logue
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Steven Bauer Family Scrip: Nancy Schumacher
Sunday, January 25th 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Griffin & Oliver Cosgrove
Luke & Nicholas Perna
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Andrew Wright Family Scrip: Christine Schmitt
Sunday, January 25th 10:30 am

Reader: Students
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Kathryn & Madalyn Stadele,
Baylee & Lexie Wertz
Gifts: Students Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

Parish Calendar of Events

- 01/18 Sunday, Youth Group, 6 to 8 pm
01/25 Sunday, KC's Pancake Breakfast following the 8:00 am Mass
01/26 Monday, Catholic School's Week begins

From Your Pastor

With the festivities of Christmas coming to a close, we are now immersed in Ordinary Time, referring to the numbered or “ordered” weeks where we are to consider and contemplate the daily work of Jesus as He proclaims the Kingdom of God. One of the things that I will be doing during this time in my letters is to highlight an upcoming saint whose feast day falls within the upcoming week, or other important days on the Church calendar.

This week, I want to draw our attention to two days. Following the instruction in our second reading for this weekend, we heard St. Paul greet the people of Corinth with the reminder that they are called to be holy. This is the universal call for everyone, we are all called to be holy, to be saints. Thus, it is appropriate that we look at the life of one of those saints. On Wednesday, we celebrate the feast day of St. Agnes.

To provide a brief background, not much is known about her but there are a number of accounts of her and her holiness. She was born in the late 200s, about ten years before the most significant persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian. As Agnes got older, it is said that she was very beautiful and as was the custom at the time, by her early teens, there were young men requesting her hand in marriage. For Agnes, She did not desire to be married, as she had committed her life to Jesus as she saw in Him the greatest beauty. Because she rejected the proposals, someone turned her into the local Roman authority as being a Christian. The local prefect, on seeing this beautiful young woman, tried to bargain with her to give up her faith and offer incense to the Roman gods. When she continually rejected these offers, he became upset and after several different attempts to frighten, humiliate and even harm her, he finally sentenced her to death. She bravely went before the executioner and presented her life for the sake of Christ. It was said that the executioner’s hands were trembling as he reluctantly carried out the order.

St. Agnes, whose name means lamb in Latin, is the patroness of those seeking chastity and purity, engaged couples as well as others. The Church honors her on her feast day as lambs are presented to the Vatican. These lambs are given to the Sisters of St. Cecilia to be cared for until they are sheered on Holy Thursday. The wool that is from these lambs is used to make a liturgical garment called a Pallium. The Pallium is the garment that is worn around the neck of an Archbishop signifying his role as a shepherd of an Archdiocese. These new Palliums are given to any new Archbishop that is appointed for the upcoming year.

The second day that I want to point out this week is Thurs., the 22nd. It is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This day is on the anniversary of the Supreme Court case Roe. V. Wade which legalized abortion. Since that decision back in 1973, millions of innocent lives have been lost to abortion. Back in 2022, there was another Supreme Court case that overturned Roe V. Wade. While it took away the federal support of abortion, it shifted the governance of laws pertaining to abortion to the states. Even with this decision, there are still many states that are open and permitting this grave atrocity against innocent life.

The Church asks all of us, this coming Thursday, to make it a day of prayer and penance to end the violence of abortion and to bring about the conversion of hearts to see the sacredness of all human life, most especially in the womb. While this topic may not seem directly applicable to everyone, it is as St. Paul reminds us, when one member of the body suffers, all the members suffer with it. As St. Mother Teresa once said to Congress, “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

This week, let us carry with us the instruction of St. Paul, that we are called to be holy, and ask the Lord to give us the courage to always do what is right and pleasing to Him.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Nate Kuhn

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 25, to Saturday, January 31, 2026



Our Mission:

Our Catholic Faith is the foundation and tradition of providing a quality, virtue – based education in a Christ centered environment focused on excellence in academics, worship and service

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for our moms, dads, siblings, and the orphan children who are looking for a forever family.

We pray for people without food or a home to live in. We pray for ourselves so we can be closer to God.

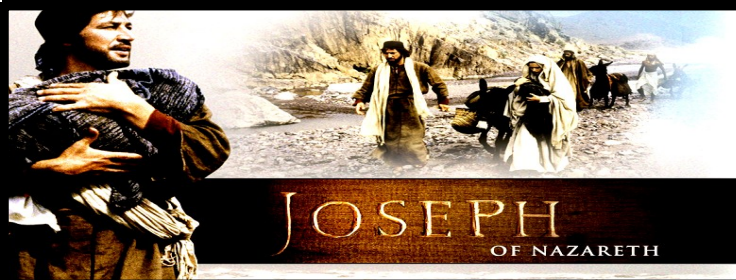
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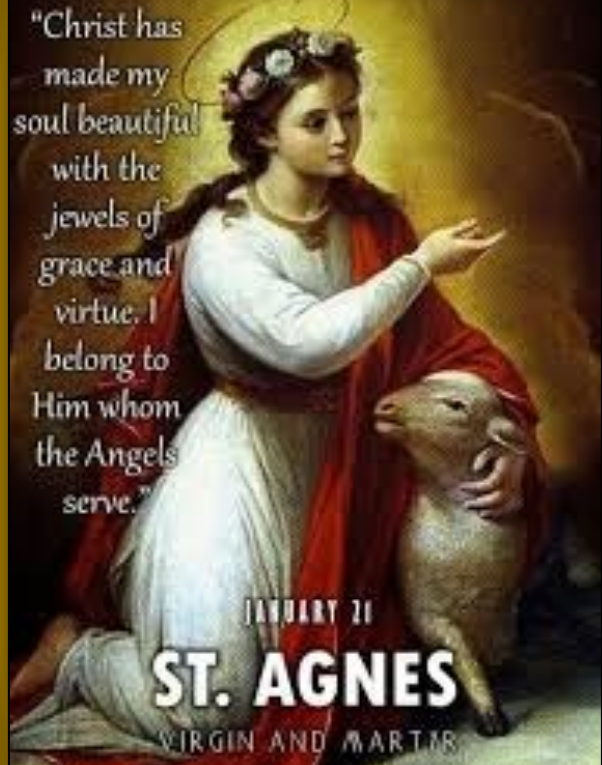


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January 22, 2026

National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Ideas to observe this Day of Prayer :

Go to Mass

Abstain from meat

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Fast

Pray a decade of the Rosary

Give up TV and movies for the day

Offer a Prayer for Life to
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

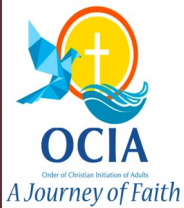
Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else.

KC Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 25th from 8:30 to 12:00 (noon)



The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast Please join us and help support St Mary's School in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week.

Menu: Buttermilk Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee, oj. There will be a free will offering. Everyone is welcome to attend.



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults
The Next Class will be Wednesday,
February 11th at 7:00 pm

Youth Group

Thank you for a wonderful first semester of youth group.
We have consistently had an about 20 students.
For a bowling night we were Slightly lower, but I know that
there were many people traveling for Christmas.
Everyone had a blast and lots of laughs.
Our first youth group of the new year will be
Sunday, January 18th ...6-8 pm

St. Mary's Fish Fry

Father McKeivitt Council # 3492

Friday February 20th , 2026

Fish Fry will be a drive-thru only.
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Baked and Fried Fish,
cheesy and baked potatoes, coleslaw,
applesauce, and a garlic biscuit. \$13.00 per
meal, with the option to add extra fish for \$3
per piece, up to 3 pieces per meal. Please enter
the drive-up on 4th Street and Central Avenue,
turning left onto 5th Street, and entering the
school and parish parking lot to place and
receive your order.

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1
Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,
12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

John Paul II



January 10/11, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,915.00
Offertory.....	864.00
Students Offertory.....	32.43
Building & Maintenance.....	25.00
Religious Education.....	20.00
Total.....	\$4,856.43

January ACH Tithe \$5,665.00

Thank You & God Bless You!
Your 2025 Contribution Statements will be
ready by the end of January

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but **not less than six months**
prior to the proposed wedding date.