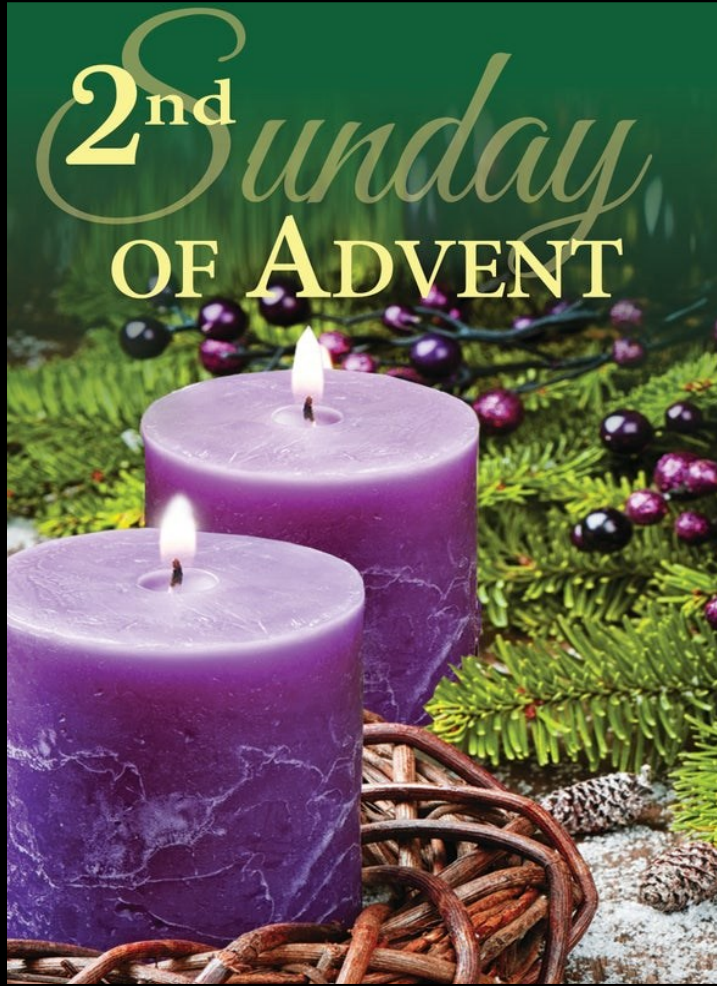


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 7th, 2025

Saturday, December 13th 5:15 pm

Reader: Students

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Judy Murphy

Servers: Evan & Owen Drier, Sofia Mata, Nyla Rush

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Students Scrip: Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, December 14th 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Sara Schultz

Servers: Luke & Nicholas Perna

Easton & Emma Jelinek

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family Scrip: Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, December 14th, 10:30 am

Reader: Gloria Joseph

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jeffrey Joseph

Servers: Johnathan & Mary Lyn Hergert,

Blake & Makenna Mueller

Gifts: Cheryl Blankenship Family

Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th **The Immaculate Conception**
Mass 8:15 am of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Mary's Staff SP.I (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 5:15 pm
† Patrick Mueller

Tuesday, December 9th **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
Mass 8:15am
† Eva Shilling

Wednesday, December 10th **Our Lady of Loreto**
Mass 8:15 am
† Joann Schmitz

Thursday, December 11th **St. Damasus I**
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass
Cameron Schultz SP.I

Friday, December 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Mass 8:15 am
Nolan Krajco SP.I

Saturday, December 13th **St. Lucy**
Rorate Caeli Mass 6:45 am
† Brian Boak

Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Charlie Ray

Sunday, December 14th **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Carter & Georgia Harrison

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

- 12/08 Monday, Immaculate Conception
Masses 8:15 am & 5:15 pm (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 12/13 Saturday... Rorate Caeli Mass...6:45am
- 12/15 Monday ... Last Day for Christmas Angel Gifts!
- 12/17 Wednesday... School Christmas Program,
Afternoon...1:00 pm Evening.....6:30 pm
- 12/21 Sunday... Youth Group ...6-8pm

From Your Pastor

As we come to the 2nd weekend of our Advent season, we continue this time of waiting and preparation. This time is an opportunity for us to enter more deeply into preparation for the gift that is to come, namely our Savior Jesus Christ. If we look at the words of the common Advent hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, the first verse begins, “O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appears.” These words are powerful in that they aren’t the gentle and bucolic words of comfort and joy, rather they describe the desperate need that the world is in. The promise of a Savior was very much on the minds of the Israelite people, as the words of the prophets foretold God would deliver His people from nearly the very beginning. But, as they waited, they were experiencing challenges. Now I am not speaking of precisely that moment that Jesus was born, but in general and through the generations, the Chosen People struggled to remain faithful and suffered a great deal as they stumbled through the years, trying to heed God’s voice. They were continually reminded that in order for things to be set right, for things to be as God intended, they needed a Savior.

Yet sometimes, although we are 2000 years removed from Jesus coming, we find ourselves falling into complacency, taking for granted that our Savior has come and that our salvation is close at hand. Sometimes I think we have reverted, that we find ourselves in a very similar situation as the Israelites, hoping for God to send to them a Redeemer. When we get caught up in worldly things, this becomes the reality. We can easily put God and our practice of the Faith on a shelf to be used only in difficult moments. We can hide away our beliefs and go along with whatever societal winds are blowing, not concerned that they are leading us away from the freedom won for us by Christ. Now I am not trying to use this as a platform to try to shame or chastise anyone, yet I am convinced that the wisdom of the Church gives us this season of preparation to acknowledge that we are perhaps in this same state, this lonely exile, needing to be ransomed.

So, the challenge we have before us, both today and the days leading up to Christmas, is to take some time to step back and ask the question, “Do I need a savior?” Do we acknowledge that we need Christ to enter into our world once again, both on a worldly level, but also on a personal level? Are we able to take time to prepare, addressing areas of growth and places that need some cultivation? The time for this is now, the coming of our Savior is quickly approaching! Let us not put off what we can begin today!

Lastly, just a brief word about the upcoming *Rorate Caeli* Mass next Saturday. You will find a brief explanation here in the bulletin, but I just wanted to give a bit more context. This Mass was designed to illustrate some of the primary themes of Advent, namely: the need we have for a Savior, the reality that as Jesus comes, He scatters the darkness we find ourselves in, and Mary, who the Mass is in honor of, shows us how we too can say yes to God and bring forth the Savior in our own lives. A few logistical things, we will begin at 6:45 as it is still dark. Candles will be available for individuals to hold (think like the Easter Vigil for those who have attended.) We would ask that care is taken while entering the church as the lights will be off and may be difficult to see. For the Mass itself, I will try to have a worship aid which will contain the basics including the readings and directions for music. Please consider joining us for this wonderful Advent opportunity. Hope to see you there!

In Christ through Mary
Father Nate Kuhn



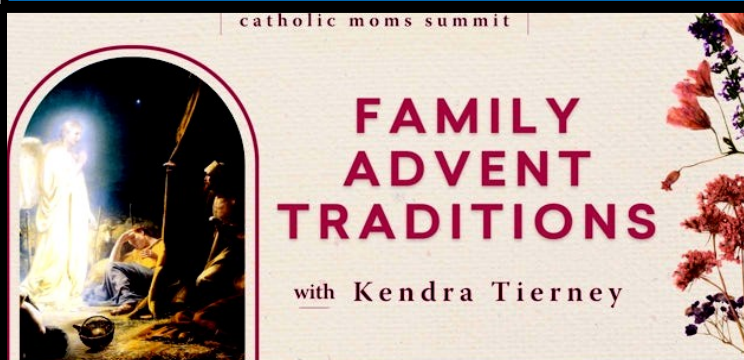


The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th, 2025
Masses 8:15 am & 5:15 pm
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Children's Liturgy December 21 Mass 8:00 am

Before the first reading, children aged 3 (potty trained) to 1st Grade will be called to the front of the church to join Ms. Krajco. (Of course this is optional). She will take them to the school to do various activities such as hear a Bible story, sing a worship song, do a small craft or activity, and pray. At offertory, children will be brought back to their parents to spend the rest of the Mass together.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Ms. Krajco at maly.krajco@stmarvsrc.com



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Christmas flowers

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

Christmas Angel Gifts

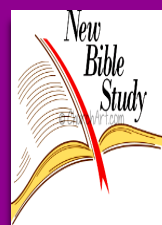
St. Mary of the Assumption Church & School will again be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.

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 !



Women's Bible Study

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

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray this Advent season the Lord protects the homeless, heals the sick, keeps all travelers safe, feeds the hungry, provides for those in need, and brings hope to those who have fallen away from their faith. May God's gifts bring joy to all of us this Christmas Season. **7th Grade**



Altar Server for the Month of...
October ... George Laubmeier (G5)
November ... Lexi Wertz

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 608-647-2621 Preliminary dates for the trip are: January 22-24, 2025

Life is a Gift

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

Save and earn by booking hotels and car rentals directly through the "Earn More" tab at RaiseRight.com! Your next trip can take your earning potential further than ever. High-value travel expenses equals high earnings for you and St. Mary's. Visit Raiseright.com, our Scrip sellers after Mass, school office or contactscrip@stmarysrc.com for all your card needs.

NOTE: Deadline for special card orders to be received by Christmas, is December 15th, 10am.

[contact scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:contactscrip@stmarysrc.com).

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1

November 29th /30th , 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,477.00
Offertory.....	495.40
Christmas Flowers.....	195.00
Parish Festival.....	20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3,237.40
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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.