

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 28th, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, January 3rd 5:15 pm

Reader: Colleen Pulvermacher

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Rohen Logue, Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family Scrip: Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, January 4th 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Adelyn, Cameron & Ellie Wertz  
Blake Parker

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Parker Family Scrip: Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, January 4th 10:30 am

Reader: Sara Schultz

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Blake & Makenna Mueller  
Baylee & Lexi Wertz

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

## Mass Schedule

Monday, December 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 30th

Mass 8:15am

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Wednesday, December 31st

Vigil Mass 5:15 pm

St. Sylvester

† Al Walter

Thursday, January 1st

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 9:00 am

† Mary Ann Koester

World Day of Peace

Friday, January 2nd First Friday

Mass 8:15 am

St. Gregory

† Duane & Donna Meyer

St. Basil

Saturday, January 3rd First Saturday

Mass 8:15 am The Most Holy Name of Jesus

† Deborah Burke

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Doug Batchelor

Sunday, January 4th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am

Mass 10:30 am

† Al Walter

## Parish Calendar of Events

12/31 Wednesday, Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Vigil Mass...5:15pm

01/01 Thursday, Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Mass...9:00 am (Holy Day of Obligation)

01/17 Saturday, KC Bingo, Community Center 6:30 pm

01/18 Sunday, Youth Group

### From Your Pastor

A very Merry Christmas to all of you! We continue to say Merry Christmas through the Christmas season, which doesn't end until the celebration of the Epiphany. Not only that, for the next seven days after Christmas, we celebrate the Octave of Christmas, which is eight days of treating each day as if it was Christmas all over again. It is a chance to celebrate the momentous event of God coming to dwell among us, and it doesn't just end after the day itself but continues. So, let's continue the celebration!

This weekend, during the octave of Christmas, we take time to honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I am always drawn to the words of the late St. John Paul II's during one of his Wednesday audiences where he spoke about the importance of the Holy Family. He spoke about the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, even going so far as to call their home the *School of the Gospel* in Nazareth. He goes on to say, "Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an *intimate community of life and love*; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "*domestic church*" that must shine with the Gospel virtues."

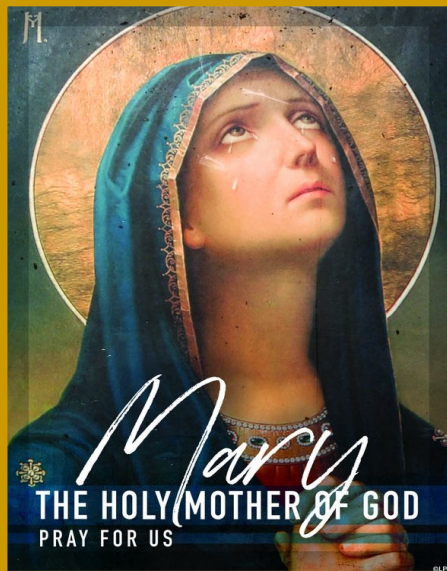
We are given this celebration of the Holy Family to provide us with encouragement in our own homes and in our own families. Unlike the Holy Family, our families aren't perfect and don't quite live up to the model of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Yet, they can be a source of inspiration. I always humorously like to joke that I feel kind of bad for Joseph, because he was the only one of the three who wasn't sinless. Imagine if something went wrong or something was misplaced in the home, who was blamed? Probably Joseph! All kidding aside, just imagine for a moment, what it would have been like to be in the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Consider the profound love and care they had for each other. Think about how their lives were focused not on selfish whims or prideful pursuits, but on doing the will of the Heavenly Father. This is why they stand as a model for us to try to imitate.

Yet we also must be careful that we don't approach this as something so far removed from ourselves and our families that we just give up. Yes, the Holy Family was about as perfect as you can get, and our families are not. But we must not get discouraged as we try to maneuver through our messiness. We can look to them as a source of strength and encouragement, especially if we are experiencing challenge or hardship. God chose to send His Son into our world, into a family, as a way of showing the significance of family life. Today we pray that the Holy Family may strengthen and guide our families to seek to do the will of our Father in heaven and that we may, like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, build up the home as a domestic church and model for the rest of the world.

Lastly, as we look ahead to the next few days, we have the arrive of the New Year and with that, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This day is a Holy Day of obligation where we are asked to attend Mass to honor our heavenly Mother and also as a way to begin the new year with the Lord. Mass times will be on Wed., Dec. 31 at 5:15 and then on New Year's Day, 9am. I look forward to welcoming the new year with all of you by honoring our Blessed Mother!

In Christ through Mary,

Father Nate Kuhn



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## St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for the members of the St. Mary School and Parish families to have a blessed Christmas, keeping Christ at its center. May we have a joyful, healthy, and holy new year.

...St. Mary School Staff and Students...

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## Wednesday, December 31st Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:15 pm

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Griffin & Oliver Cosgrove

Easton & Emma Jelinek

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family

## Thursday, January 1st Mother of God Mass 9:00 am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Bryce & Reese Kohlstedt,  
Vessell & Nyla Rush

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Cheryl Blankenship Family



## Christmas Angel Gifts

Thank you for everyone who contributed to our  
Christmas Angel gifts! God Bless you all !



## **Thrift Store**

St Mary's is one of the churches that are part of  
Church Women United.

This group started the Thrift Store.

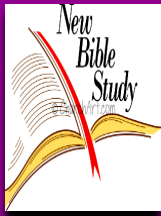
St Mary's is in need of a few more volunteers.  
This is something that you can do to give back to the  
Richland community.

You would be bagging and checking out customers.  
Shifts are W-T-F 4 hours 9-1 or 1-5,  
Saturday 10-1 and 1-4.

We ask you for 3 to 4 hours every other month.  
If you think this is something you might be interest-  
ed in please call 608-647-3594 with questions.

Thank you for considering.

**Youth Group**  
 Sunday, January 18th ...6-8 pm



**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](mailto:maly.krajco@stmarysrc.com)

**ST. MARY SCHOOL 2026 CALENDAR**

12th Annual  
 12 Month All School Calendar

Designed in Computer Class by our 8th grade students, each month features a full-color themed photo of a class, plus birthday listings for students and staff as well as holidays, and St. Mary's specific dates and events! The calendars make great gifts! All proceeds go directly to the 8th grade class Mission Trip fund. We thank Hynek Printing for generously funding the printing of the calendars!

\$10 Each  
 Checks payable to St. Mary School

Order forms are located in the main entry of church.

**Readings for the week of December 28, 2025**

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**December 13/14, 2025**

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| Adult Tithe.....              | \$4,964.00 |
| Offertory.....                | 668.00     |
| Christmas Flowers.....        | 307.00     |
| Bldg & Maint .....            | 20.00      |
| Religious Retire .....        | 30.00      |
| Holy Days .....               | 10.00      |
| Total.....                    | \$5 999.00 |
| ACH Tithe, October 2025 ..... | \$5,915.00 |

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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.