

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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January 25th, 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 31st 5:15 pm

Reader: Stephanie Worthington

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Olivia Mueller, Nyla & Vessell Rush,
Morgan Worthington

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, February 1st 8:00 am

Reader: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Reese & Bryce Kohlstedt
Luke Perna, Blake Parker

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Parker Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, February 1st 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Giada Johnson, Jolee Larse
Andrea Ortiz, Alex Ueek

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 26th **St. Timothy**
No Mass **St. Titus**

Tuesday, January 27th **St. Angela Merici**
Mass 8:15am
† Mary Jo (Cosgrove) Da Silva

Wednesday, January 28th **St. Thomas Aquinas**
Mass 8:15 pm
Staff of St Mary's

Thursday, January 29th **St Francis de Sales**
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass
Candace McGrath SP.I.
4:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration
4:30 to 7:00pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, January 30th
Mass 8:15 am
† George Laubmeier (G3)

Saturday, January 31st **St. John Bosco**
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Janice Bauer

Sunday, February 1st **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Barton Wilson

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

KC Breakfast This Sunday, 8:30 to noon
For Catholic Schools week Free will Offering!

Parish Calendar of Events

01/25 Sunday, KC Breakfast 8:30 to noon
01/26 Monday, Catholic School's Week begins
02/28 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30pm

From Your Pastor

There is the old adage, *Carpe Diem!* meaning Seize the Day! which comes from the ancient Roman poet and philosopher Horace in his poem Odes. The larger part of this saying goes something to the effect of, "While we are talking envious time steals on: Catch today's joy and give the morrow but a minimum of trust." This fuller saying points to why we are called to seize the day or to catch today's joy, for tomorrow there will be another day, and we will have missed the opportunity before us.

This came to mind as I was reflecting on the reading we have for this weekend. All of them, in one way or another, point out that we are being called to see what is before us in the present moment and to respond. Our Gospel is perhaps the clearest as we have Jesus calling the first Apostles to follow Him. He doesn't prep them, he doesn't give them the full explanation of what he is inviting them to do, he doesn't even tell them to take time to think about it and get back to Him, He simply and plainly says, "Follow me." And the craziest part is that they did, they dropped everything and followed Him.

So often as I worked in Vocation work, I would get a chance to see something similar happen in the lives of young men. They would be struck in a moment, whether in prayer or through the words of another, with this profound feeling and urge to follow Jesus. Sometimes, immediately after this moment, I would get a call from them and they would share with me that they were pretty sure that the Lord was inviting them to enter into seminary to study to be a priest. But more often, that profound moment that they would have wouldn't be acted upon for some time. They would ponder or question whether it was really Jesus inviting them, whether they could do it, and so on until they had talked themselves right out of it. Rather than being a moment to go and follow Jesus became a silent memory that would sometimes stick in the back of their minds for years to come.

I share this because while this is a reality when it comes to young men discerning priesthood and really any person discerning their vocation, it is really for each and every one of us. All too often, God invites us to follow Him, the Holy Spirit prompts our hearts to hear Jesus say to us, "Follow me!" and we hesitate, we stall, we don't grasp the moment and let it slip away. And then, we move on with our lives. I would like to consider ways in which we can avoid missing the moment, seizing the opportunity. First, there is the presumption that we are listening as Jesus is calling and inviting us. Perhaps we can find more times in our day or week to take time to listen for Jesus speaking to us. Secondly, we should be prepared, even if the moment hasn't arisen yet, to respond when it does. Because it surely will! And what that invitation will be, only God knows. But if we are actively preparing each day to say yes to God, we will get that chance.

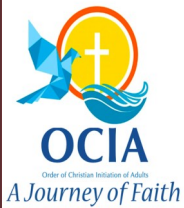
So, let's together follow Jesus as He summons us. Let us be ready to be like the Apostles to go where Jesus is leading us. And if we do, one thing is for sure, we won't regret a missed opportunity to say yes to Jesus!

Lastly, as we enter into this Catholic Schools week, we take the opportunity to consider the blessing of Catholic education. It is a gift to have a wonderful school where our students can learn the basics of fundamental education as well as the necessary components of living a life of faith at the same time. I look at it with a bit of jealousy, not having a Catholic school near where I grew up and seeing the blessings that a Catholic school can be.

Thank you all for your support of this worthy endeavor of Catholic education and let us continue to ask the Good Shepherd to fill the hearts and minds of all of our students with His love.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Nate Kuhn



OCIA

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

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to
know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom
to find you, conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting
for you, and a hope of finally
embracing you. Amen.

— Thomas Aquinas



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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 25, 2026

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 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or
Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-
14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6
bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1
Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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

John Paul II



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January 17/18, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,403.00
Offertory.....	969.00
Students Offertory.....	63.50
Building & Maintenance.....	10.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	25.00
Pastoral Care	100.00
Total.....	\$3,570.50

January 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.

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

Dear Jesus,

let your light shine in our Catholic schools.

Let your grace rain down, bringing hope to each person we encounter, wisdom to our teachers and leaders, and strength in times of trial. Protect us from harm. Let the children come to You, for the kingdom of God is theirs.

St Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of Catholic schools,
Pray for us Amen

...St. Mary's 2nd Grade Class...

Thank-a-Teacher!

A great teacher doesn't just share knowledge; they help a student see their own worth as a child of God. They mentor, they pray and they inspire.

Whether it was a teacher you had decades ago or one who is helping your child today, their impact lasts a lifetime.

*** We've created a special place for you to say "Thank You." ***



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Catholic Schools



Please welcome to our parish family
Crew Jacob Killoy

Baptized,

January 10, 2026

Parents, Jonathon and Brittany

Please pray for him as he grows in his faith.



Door of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Center is our local resource for meeting needs and enabling young families to keep their babies and nurture them as they grow. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint your congregation with Door of Hope and its services and how you can partner with us. All of our services are confidential, permission based and free of charge. Phone 608-637-8688

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Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

(Saint Francis de Sales)

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EVERYDAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD