

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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March 8th, 2026

Saturday, March 14th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Evan & Owen Drier

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

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

Sunday, March 15th, 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Luke & Nicholas Perna

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, March 15th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Giada Johnson, Blake Mueller
Elijah & Molly Weiss

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 9th **St. Frances of Rome**
No Mass

Tuesday, March 10th
Mass 8:15 am
† Joseph Slaney

Wednesday, March 11th
Mass 8:15 am
† Dr Francis & Virginia Bradford

Thursday, March 12th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
Frank Ward SP.I.

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

Friday, March 13th **Day of Abstinence**
Mass 8:15 am
Special Intention of A.M.

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 14th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Joe Murphy

Sunday, March 15th **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Mary Jo (Cosgrove) Da Silva

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

Parish Calendar of Events

03/08 Sunday, Youth Group skate night 4:30 to 7:30 pm
03/11 Wednesday, Extravaganza mtg 6:30 pm
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
03/15 Sunday Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00 pm
03/20 Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
04/18 Extravaganza ... Save the Date!
04/06 PCCW Meeting 6:30pm
04/26 Donut Sunday, following 8:00 & 10:30am Masses

From your Pastor

As we continue our Lenten journey, we come to the third Sunday and are given the Gospel of the Woman at the Well. This encounter of Jesus and the woman invites us to reflect on the truth that God knows everything about us, the good, the bad, and the ugly. And yet, even with knowing every detail about our lives, His love for us never wavers. This of course is what we are preparing for as we look forward to walking with Christ as He shows us the extent of that love in His Passion and Death which leads to the Resurrection.

During this time of Lent, we are given the opportunity to go back to the basics, to slow down, to remove distractions from our lives. In this way, we make room for God in our lives, or rather, we allow God to take priority over those other things that have prevented us from growing closer to Him. In this, it begins with the heart. As St. Francis de Sales once wrote, prayer is “heart speaking to heart.” Our relationship with God is fostered as we allow God to direct our heart, to stir within us the response to His divine love.

This response to God’s love, when lived out, becomes visible in our daily lives. Our actions look different, our speech is different, even our relationships with others change for the better. This is also why the Church provides us with guidance during Lent to help us to know ways by which our decisions and actions can become more Christ-like. Of course, we always think of the primary three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These of course, on the basic level, give us a general direction and a starting point. But then, we can go deeper, to allow the promptings of our heart-to-heart conversations with the Lord to enliven us and to lead us to specific actions. These actions, maybe unnoticed by others, are known by the Lord, who sees beyond the surface and sees the heart. Let us then, continue this journey through Lent and seek to continually follow where the Lord is leading us, listening to His voice in our hearts.

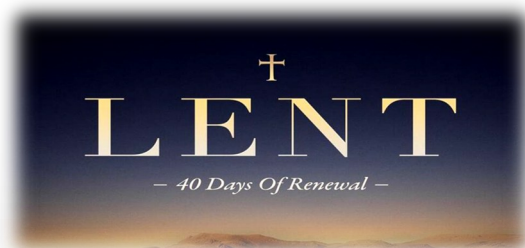
To shift gears just a bit, I want to mention just some practical things. The first, pertaining to the above conversation about Lent, is about Fridays. While it can be difficult to remember, Fridays are a day of abstinence from meat. This is a centuries-old custom within the Church, particularly as nations began to develop and meat became a dietary staple. Thus, abstaining from meat becomes a more significant Lenten sacrifice to help us call to mind the day in which Christ died on the Cross for us out of love. So we, out of love, restrain our desire of food to unite ourselves more closely to Him. While abstaining from meat on Fridays can be challenging, we also call to mind the principle of fasting, which the Church asks us to do on two days in addition to our Friday abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This is where those ages 18-59 are obligated to fast by having only one primary meal and if needed, two smaller meals, not equal to a full meal. These two days allow us to connect to Christ in a physical yearning as He yearned for us out of love.

Shifting gears to almsgiving, as was announced at the beginning of Lent, we are once again taking our collection for Lent to support the work of Lydia’s House, the local shelter here in Richland Center. I would like to thank you all in advance for your generosity and support for this crucial work in caring for our brothers and sisters in need. I would ask that the blue house boxes and all donations be returned by the weekend of April 11/12. Thank you!

Lastly, I wanted to provide an update on our Communion Rail. We heard back from the company that our new rail has been completed and will ship hopefully this week. Although this might get our hopes up, there is a good chance that the shipping will take some time and the scheduling for the installation will as well. But, we are getting closer and it may not be overly optimistic to have it in by Easter or sometime soon after. Let us all continue to seek Christ, who knows us, who loves us, and calls each of us to turn to Him and receive His mercy!

In Christ through Mary

Father Nate Kuhn



Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024

from the Catholic bishops
of the State of Wisconsin

Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)

Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)

Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)

These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish

ConsiderAutomatic Tithing

15th of every month

No checks to write ..Save time and money !

Contact the rectory 608-647-2621

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Dear God,

We pray for all of our students to have a successful science fair. May they share their stories with visitors and guests in a way that inspires others to learn. We also pray for our Sea Perch Teams to have a successful wrap up to their season. We are grateful for our mentors and the knowledge they shared with us. May God bless them always.

St. Mary's 7th Grade Class



The
Footprints
of GOD

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5. You're in!

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign-up
3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

February 21/22, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,414.00
Offertory.....	737.01
Student Offertory.....	27.16
Pastoral Care	115.00
Easter.....	25.00
Parish Festival.....	20.00
Total.....	\$5,338.17

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.



Youth Group Announcements

Sunday, March 8th, 4:30 to 7:30 pm
Skating at the Galaxy Skate Center , RC

Sunday, March 15th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Meeting at the Commons

Sunday, April 5th No meeting
Easter Blessings

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](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com).

"There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world."

- Pope Saint John Paul II



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

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

Helen Marie Berns

Who entered into eternal rest
February 23rd , 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

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