

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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**August 18th, 2025**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Saturday, August 23rd 5:15 pm

**Reader:** Judy Murphy

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Declan & Eleanor Jelinek, Sofia Mata,  
Vessell Rush

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek **Family Scrip:** Susan Tully

## Sunday, August 24th, 8:00 am

**Reader:** Chay Schmitt

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Carter Jelinek, Blake Parker,  
Reese & Bryce Kohlstedt

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Gregg Schmitt **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

## Sunday, August 24th, 10:30 am

**Reader:** Sara Schultz

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Jolee Larse, Andrea Ortiz,  
Madalyn & Kathryn Stadele

**Gifts:** Cheryl Blankenship **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, August 18th**

No Mass

**RECTORY CLOSED**

**Tuesday, August 19th**

Mass 8:15 am

† Otis & Mary Ann Scott

**St. John Eudes**

**Wednesday, August 20th**

Mass 8:15 am

† Mary Ann & Louis Krajco

**St. Bernard**

**Thursday, August 21st**

Mass 8:15 am

Adoration following Mass

Fran & Louis Krajco SP.I.

**St. Pius X**

**Friday, August 22nd**

Mass 8:15 am

Jesse & Michelle Peckham SP.I.

**The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Assisted Living

† Rose Mary Wanless

**Saturday, August 23rd**

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

John & Rebecca Fieldhouse SP.I.

**St. Rose**

**Sunday, August 24th**

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

Our Parish Family

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confessions 9:45

Mass 10:30 am

† Virgil & Evelyn Scheckel

## Parish Calendar of Events

08/19 Tuesday ... Parish Festival meeting 1:00 pm

08/24 Sunday ... Donut Sunday

08/26 Tuesday ... St Mary School Open House 2-6pm

09/02 Tuesday ... Student's First Day of School

09/03 Wednesday ... Father & Son Banquet

09/08 Monday ... PCCW Meeting

09/14 Sunday ... Religious Education First Day

09/20 Saturday ... Parish Festival

## From Your Pastor

I have often heard about the “Dog Days of Summer,” this time period between July and August where we feel the heat and often the humidity. I’ve always wondered why we call it that and what it has to do with dogs. I know dogs don’t often like the hot and humid weather, especially since they don’t sweat. So, I did some research and the Farmer’s Almanac spoke about this time connected to the first appearance of the star Sirius, also known as the “Dog Star” which is part of the constellation Canis Major or Large Dog. It was believed in ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt that this star added to the heat of the sun making our weather hot and sultry. While this of course isn’t scientifically true, it is a neat historical story and can give us something to talk about rather than getting worked up and complaining about the heat and humidity!

Within the Church, we are moving our way through the season of Ordinary time, walking with Jesus through his ministry of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom and bringing healing and conversion of hearts. This time is anything but ordinary in the sense that we use the word, such as commonplace, unexciting or simplistic. Rather, it is referring to the sequence of events that are ordered and leading us toward particular celebrations and ultimately towards eternity.

Our readings for this weekend, particularly our Gospel, may resonate with us a little different than normal. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about not bringing unity but rather division, not peace but the sword. Hearing this should strike us differently and perhaps cause us to be taken aback. This doesn’t seem to be consistent with Jesus’ mission or complete mission. Why would He want division rather than unity?

What is important to take into consideration is what we would describe as the cost of discipleship. Jesus expresses His desire that the world would be on fire with zeal for the will of the Father and love for God and one another. Yet, that isn’t the case. Sure, there are pockets here and there and even within ourselves, we have times where we are on fire and times where we are not. Yet, Jesus’ desire is not just there be a few spots here and there, but that the world would be ablaze. Sure, sometimes the weather makes us feel this way, spiritually speaking we are prompted to have that flame of love burning brightly in our hearts and actions. But unfortunately, this doesn’t always happen because of what it takes. It can cost us to conform our lives to Christ. It can come at the cost of relationships, daily activities/pastimes, even our time. When we commit to allowing the love of God to be our guide, it makes it clearer what can stay and what must go.

The question that we are faced with is, are we willing to accept that or not? Or, to get to the heart of it, is it worth it? Initially, it can be challenging or even painful to realize that there must be changes. Sometimes these changes can cause division and hardship for others, especially when it means that they are affected by it. Yet, to stay close to Christ, to live in a loving union with Him, is worth giving up everything, as we hear in the parable of the pearl of great price. Once we understand what we have in our Faith and relationship with Jesus, it is worth everything.

So, as we go through these dwindling days of summer, let us burn brightly with God’s love. May we all be encouraged and strengthened to embrace the path of life that God offers to us and be willing to be a beacon, brilliantly shining forth in our world for all to see.

Lastly, just a few practical things as we look ahead. The parish festival is quickly approaching. We have been working out some detail with the planning and we finally have the tickets ready for the drawings. We will not be sending out tickets this year, so we are asking that everyone pick up some tickets in the back of the church for your family and to share with others. This will take a little more effort but I believe we can make this work. Thank you in advance for your understanding and willingness to help!

Also, we are quickly approaching the Father and Son Banquet on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. I encourage fathers and sons to reserve tickets to ensure enough food is prepared for everyone. I hope to see you there!

In Christ through Mary

**Fr Nate Kuhn**

**Back to School Packets  
can be picked up  
At the side  
entrance of  
church  
(door closest  
to the rectory)  
Also Religious ED Packets**



**Father & Son Banquet**  
September 3rd, 2025, The Phoenix Center  
6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner  
8:00pm Final Blessing  
Adults \$15.00 10 & Under \$8.00  
Tickets available after Mass or  
Parish Office 647-2621  
Ed Pulvermacher 647-2450  
Gary Peckham 647-6578



Guest Speaker ... Fr Sebastian Kolodziejczyk

**St. Mary HASA  
5th Annual Mum Sale**

\$14 per item - 10" Pot  
Purple Grass  
Mums in the  
following colors:  
Orange, Pink, Purple,  
Red, White & Yellow



Orders due to St.  
Mary by August 26th!  
Pick up on September  
20th at the St. Mary  
Parish Festival

Contact Nichole Myers  
for questions.  
nichole.myers@stmarysrc.com

**Parish Festival**  
Saturday, September 20th  
Food, Drinks, Bake Sale , Games  
Silent Auction

**3rd Annual Car Show**

**Cash Prizes**  
1st Place \$5,000.00  
24 other Cash Prizes totaling \$6,500.00

Live Music by the "Jammers"

Mass at 4:00 pm



Thank you to everyone who donates food for  
our Funeral Lunches!  
Perhaps you left a dish?  
If you know the owners of these items,  
Please let them know.



They can be found in the  
Undercroft  
Please pick up by  
September 7th

Or they may be donated to  
the Thrift Shop.

New Items needed for the  
Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle  
Gift Cards are also welcome!  
Items can be dropped off at the Rectory



**Kitchen Assistant needed**

9:30-1:30 on school days with some flexibility  
Duties include assisting with food prep,  
serving meals to students and staff, and  
kitchen and lunchroom cleanup



Position requires being on feet and able  
to lift up to 30 lbs.  
Contact Stacia 647-2422

**Don't Forget to Pick up your Festival Tickets !  
In the Entrance of Church !**



# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith., and receiving the Sacraments

Call the Rectory to find out more  
608-647-2621

Classes will begin in early September

### Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab,  
6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



Altar Server for the month of July  
is Andrea Ortiz



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**FORMED Account ?**

1. Visit FORMED .org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click link in email
5. You're in!

Want to create a new  
**FORMED account?**

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!

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION every Thursday following Holy Mass

### Consider ....Automatic Tithing

Your contribution would be on the 15th of every month,  
distributed however you wish. e.g. tithe, 10.00 to school etc.  
No checks to write.... Save time and money !

### August 9/10, 2025

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Adult Tithe.....           | \$3,332.00 |
| Offertory.....             | 797.81     |
| Bldg & Maint .....         | 545.00     |
| Holy Day .....             | 45.00      |
| Total.....                 | \$4,719.81 |
| ACH Tithe, July 2025 ..... | \$6,015.00 |

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### Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

President- Alisa Weiss Vice-President- Donna Bodinet

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Secretary-Sue Walter Treasurer-Joanne Hall

### Knights of Columbus Fr. Mc Kevitt Council #3492

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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.