

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

## August 31st, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, September 6th 5:15 pm

**Reader:** Stephanie Worthington  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Evan & Owen Drier,  
 Sienna & Brielle Weeden  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

### Sunday, September 7th 8:00 am

**Reader:** John Tennant  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Oliver Cosgrove, Blake Parker  
 Bryce & Reese Kohlstedt  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Brian Parker **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

### Sunday, September 7th 10:30 am

**Reader:** Mary Ellen Boak  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Brayden Arms, Jolee Larse,  
 Harper Schnell, Baylee Wertz  
**Gifts:** Donna Bodinet **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

## Mass Schedule

Monday, September 1st **Labor Day**  
 No Mass **RECTORY CLOSED**

Tuesday, September 2nd **First Day of School**  
 Mass 8:15 am  
 Hallie Ryan Fieldhouse SP.I.

Wednesday, September 3rd **St. Gregory**  
 Mass 8:15 am  
 † Donna Meyer

Thursday, September 4th  
 Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**  
 † Darrell Krajco

Friday, September 5th **First Friday**  
 Mass 8:15 am  
 † Marcia Mueller

Mass 10:00 am **Schmitt Assisted Living**  
 † Ray & Anna Honer

Saturday, September 6th **First Saturday**  
 Mass 8:15  
 † Mary Heiar

Confessions 4:30 pm  
 Mass 5:15 pm  
 Finley Fieldhouse SP.I.

Sunday, September 7th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Confessions 7:15 am **Grandparents' Day**  
 Mass 8:00 am  
 † Richard Hackl

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

## Parish Calendar of Events

09/02 Tuesday ... Student's First Day of School  
 09/03 Wednesday...Father & Son Banquet 6:00 pm  
 09/08 Monday....PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm  
 09/14 Sun. ... Religious Education First Day 9:10 10:20  
 09/17 Wed ... Parents Mtg for Confirmation 6:30pm  
 09/17 “ “ 1 & 2 yr Confirmation First Class 7:00 8:30 pm

## From Your Pastor

As we come to Labor Day weekend, we take a moment to appreciate the opportunity for many to have a three-day weekend as we mark the unofficial end to the summer and stand at the beginning of the many activities that await in the coming days and months. We often look forward to spending this weekend doing “American” things, like hosting cookouts, going boating or camping, or in some places celebrating with parades and fireworks. There was a study done that said between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans eat somewhere around 7 billion hotdogs! I think this statistic isn’t completely accurate because they should have considered brats in that calculation as well.

But this weekend isn’t just about a day off of work or celebrating using these time-honored traditions, there is more to it than that. Of course, we recognize Labor Day as a state and national holiday, but we also should realize that the origins of this day are much deeper and finds its roots in the Church. Dating back to the Industrial Revolution, and even before, the condition and situation of laborers was addressed because of the inherent dignity of individuals but also the value and significance of work itself. The Church teaches that work is an opportunity for us as children of God to participate in the ongoing act of creation. God created the world and all things, but there continues the beautiful process of creation each day as new life comes into the world. Not only that, but creation illustrates this as well as new growth springs forth and fruit is produced. And we, as intentional participants in this creation, have been given the privilege of being workers in this, God’s vineyard.

As we know, work can often seem like a burden, not a privilege. Yet as we look at Scripture, we are reminded of the inherent goodness of labor, not just to provide support and sustenance for oneself and one’s family, but also to build up the world around us and make it a better place. The Church over the years has given us a few documents, written by popes, which highlight the importance of work, but also directly identifying the necessity of dignity in treatment of laborers and the necessity for just wages and proper working conditions. No human should ever be treated as a means to an end or merely as a cog in the machine of profit. Rather, work should unite us to each other and to Christ, who Himself worked and labored both physically as a carpenter and spiritually in the work of salvation. United to Christ, our work is meant to be part of His work, building the Kingdom of God.

So, as we celebrate this Labor Day weekend, my encouragement is for all of us to go back to the origin, to God. We thank God for the gift of work, for the ability that we all have to be participants in the Divine work of creation. We also turn to the Lord and His Church to guide us to work towards protecting and upholding the dignity and rights of all who labor, that they may be treated with dignity and receive a just wage.

As we enter into this new season, we look ahead to all of the activities coming up and opportunities for participation. We are excited to welcome Fr. Sebastian for the Father and Son banquet this week. If you haven’t gotten a ticket or tickets, please do so as soon as possible by reaching out to the parish office, Ed Pulvermacher, or Gary Peckham!

We are also continuing to sell raffle tickets for the Parish Festival on Sept. 20th. If you have purchased or sold the tickets you received, you can stop by the office to drop them off and to pick up more to sell you your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you all for your ongoing work to make this festival a continued success!

Lastly, amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life and with all the activities coming up, it is important to not lose sight of what we are about, namely children of God. There is great need for God to be at work in our own lives and in our world. Let us hold up each other and our world in prayer!

In Christ through Mary

**Fr Nate Kuhn**



**Don’t Forget to Pick up your  
FESTIVAL TICKETS!**



# HAVE A BLESSED LABOR DAY!

“ COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS. ”  
-PROVERBS 16:3

## 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



### Town Hall Meeting – Your Presence Needed!

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. Our closest option will be in Viroqua at noon on Sun, Sept 7, or in Keyesville at 6:30pm on Wed, Sept 10. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures for more information, along with the website where you can sign up: [www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch](http://www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch)

## 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

### Scrip News !

Raise Days are coming September 12-15. Plan your shopping list and earn extra during this event by buying gift cards for everyday spending or gifting. Make sure to add RaiseRight’s browser extension to your browser to get earning reminders while shopping online! If you haven’t joined our RaiseRight Scrip program yet, now is a great time to sign up and get extra gift card earnings from your favorite brands.

To sign up contact your

scrip coordinator at [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com)

The Scrip “to-go” box will now be in the school office during the week and in the church vestibule after weekend Masses.

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**

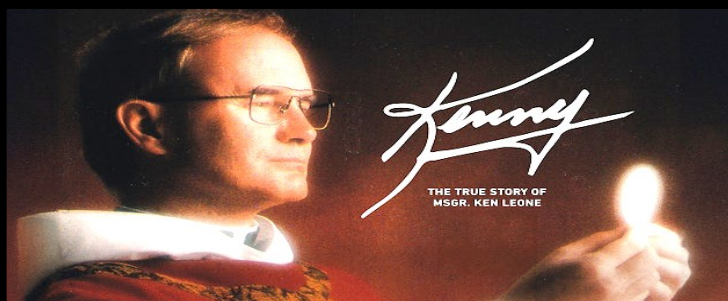
Classes will begin in early September



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

### Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/  
Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Don't Forget to Pick up your **FESTIVAL TICKETS!**



Also

Looking for Items for the Silent Auction & Chinese Raffle !

### August 15/16,, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,882.00
Offertory.....	740.00
Pastoral Care ...	75.00
Total.....	\$3,697.00
ACH Tithe, August 2025 .....	\$6,015.00
Feast of Assumption .....	\$576.30

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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

**Grand Knight:** Randy Birkholz

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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.