

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



The Ascension of the Lord

7th Sunday of Easter May 21st, 2023

Saturday, May 27th, 5:15 pm

Lector: Candace McGrath

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jolene Frawley

Servers: Owen Drier, Eleanor Jelinek, Danicka Spencer

Ushers: Knights Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family

Scrip: Judy Murphy

Sunday, May 28th, 8:00 am

Lector: John Tennant

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Joyce Tennant

Servers: Thomas Honer, Emma Jelinek.

Avery & Daryn Kepler

Ushers: Knights Gifts: Tim Honer Family

Scrip: Christine Schmitt

Sunday, May 28th, 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Boak

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gloria Joseph

Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms

Baylee & Taylor Wertz

Ushers: Knights Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family

Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 22nd **St. Rita**
No Mass

Tuesday, May 23rd
Mass 8:15 am
† Connie Cosgrove

Wednesday, May 24th
Mass 8:15 am
† Kevin Boarts
Dr Zorea's talk in undercroft at 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 25th **St. Bede & St. Gregory VII**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
L& D member sof the Pepich Family
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Friday, May 26th **St. Philip Neri**
Mass 8:15 am
Deedee Hernandez SP.I.

Saturday May 27th **St. Augustine**
Confessions 4:00 to 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Caroline Mueller

Sunday, May 28th **Pentecost Sunday**
Confessions 7:30 to 7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Reed & Janie Manke SP.I.

Confessions 9:30 to 10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Baccalaureate at RCHS 7:00 pm

Parish Calendar Events

- 05/21 Sunday, Graduation Mass 10:30
- 05/21 Sunday, KC Assembly Meeting 6:30 pm
KC Meeting 7:00 pm
(June will return to the normal 2nd Sunday)
- 05/24 Wed, 7pm What's the Harm? Digital Addictions
(undercroft)
- 05/28 Sunday, Baccalaureate RCHS at 7:00 pm
- 05/31 Wednesday, 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 7:00pm
- 06/11 Sunday KC Meeting 7:00 pm
- 06/26—06/30 Monday thru Friday .. Vacation Bible School

From your pastor . . .

I was asked if I could make available the homily, I gave last Sunday on Mother's Day. I am happy to do so, in that it corresponds to our ongoing catechesis for the National Eucharistic Revival that is being promoted in all the dioceses of the United States.

A very blessed and happy Mother's Day, to our mothers who brought us to birth, those who brought us into their home and family through adoption and for those mothers who have passed from this life as we pray, they have entered into the Father's Kingdom with the saints and our Blessed Mother, Mary.

It is about our Blessed Mother, Mary, that I would like to focus the remainder of this homily. The month of May is dedicated within the life of the Church for special devotion to Mary. One of the traditional devotions is the crowning of the image of Mary with flowers, this having taken place here in our church two weeks ago at Mass with the school children when the 2nd grade girls who had made their first Holy Communion a few days previous were involved in the crowning of this beautiful statue of Mary that stands here in the sanctuary.

Our devotion to Mary is often assisted by a statue, a painting, or some icon of Mary. As beautiful and as meaningful as such images can be, it is possible for Mary to be viewed primarily as a beautiful image, that can over time distance her from being a real, biological, historical, and celestial person. To help us appreciate Mary's personal connection with God's plan of redemption, I wish to offer some reflections based on one of her titles, that being, Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The more we appreciate Mary's role in her Son's real presence in Holy Communion, the more we shall appreciate her as a human being who is united to believers in the Church as well as participating in everlasting life with her Son, Jesus in heaven.

What our Catholic Faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn, its faith in Christ.

God's plan of salvation involved the incarnation of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Son who, when entering this world received a body prepared for him by the free cooperation, of a woman, that woman being the Virgin Mary of Nazareth.

On this point, the Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium* stated the following: "The Father of Mercies willed that the incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life."

Having assented to becoming the mother of the savior, Mary was granted the graces that made her vocation possible, her vocation as Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Mother of the Eucharist. Her vocation was made possible not through any personal merit she achieved but only through divine initiative. Mary conceives God the Son in her virginal womb through the power of God, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, coming from above, overshadowing the Virgin Mary at the annunciation is the same Holy Spirit who descended as coming down on our altars like the dewfall, changing the creatures of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

By Faith we are able to discern why God wanted his son to be born of a virgin. Mary's virginity includes not only her biological status as revealed in her statement, "how can this be since I do not know man." Her virginity also includes the reality that her Faith is untarnished by any doubt, involving the undivided gift of herself to carry out God's will. Saint Augustine underscored this truth when he stated: "Mary is more blessed because she embraces Faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of God."

In the second chapter of the Book of Genesis are recorded the words attributed to the first man, Adam, when he observed his spouse, Eve for the first time: "This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." So too, it is to be understood that Jesus took his human flesh from the flesh of Mary." From whom else would he have received it? Here we can recognize supreme importance of Mary's Immaculate Conception and her perpetual virginity as it corresponds to Christ's real presence in Holy Communion. In our receiving of Holy Communion, not only are we united in communion with Jesus Christ, but to Mary, his mother and our Mother as well. In acknowledging this, it is important to understand that we are not consuming Mary's flesh in our Holy Communion, but the flesh she conceived in her immaculate and virginal womb, and then brought to birth in her Son, Jesus Christ.

When we come forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we will always find Jesus as did the Magi at Bethlehem as recorded in the gospel of Saint Matthew, "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

Saint John Bosco, once said that in our reception of Holy Communion "we should image the most holy Madonna Herself who comes to give us the holy host." When reflecting on this point we can envision Mary as our ever-present Mother, who is involved in making it possible for us to receive her Son as sacred food from heaven in Holy Communion. Continued...

Mary's role in the Church and in the lives of believers is inseparable from her union with her son and flows directly from it. After Jesus' ascension to his Father in heaven, Mary directs her concern to the Church on earth, through her prayers joined to the Apostles in the upper room of the Last Supper, imploring the Holy Spirit to be sent to the church, the same divine person who overshadowed Mary in the annunciation.

Mary's eternal union with her son is brought to completion in her Assumption. The Assumption of the B.V.M. is a singular participation in her son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. It is an anticipation of what God the Father intends to accomplish at the end of time for all those who have died in communion with his son, Jesus Christ.

Mary's assumption signals to the Body of Christ on earth, the Church that the teaching of Jesus at the Synagogue in Capernaum is the truth, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day."

We rejoice on this Mother's Day, celebrating our earthly mothers as well as our heavenly mother, the immaculately conceived and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

Eucharistic Revival

2022 - 2025

Prayer for a Deeper Love of Jesus in the Eucharist
Jesus, You came into the world to save us and to give Yourself to us in the Eucharist, saying

"I Am the Bread of Life"

You love us unconditionally and want to remain with us, to dwell within our hearts. Strengthen our understanding and love of You, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



*Let Jesus present in the
Blessed Sacrament
speak to your hearts.
It is he who is the true answer
of life that you seek.*

- St. John Paul II

"Take; this is my body"
Mark 14:22



The presence of
Christ in the
Eucharist is real,
true, and substantial

Eucharist "makes
present the one
sacrifice of Christ the
Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

Baccalaureate at RCHS 7:00 pm

May, 28th

Graduating Seniors

are encouraged to attend the

Baccalaureate service Sunday, May 28th

at the Richland Center High School

A \$400.00 scholarship for post high school
education will be chosen by members of the
Richland Center Ministerial Association.

Must be present to win

St. Mary's School

has the following
positions open



3k Teacher (Associates or Bachelor Degree required)
Part-time PE Teacher, (3 days a week)
Part-time Spanish Teacher (2 days a week)
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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.

What's the Harm?

Consequences of Digital Addiction

Dr. Aharon Zorea will be hosting a talk on digital addictions.

Wednesday, May 24th 7:00 pm

St Mary's undercroft

Free Event for Adults and Youth

Scrip News

Only the best gifts for your favorite grads! Whether it's eating out, study breaks, hobbies or road trips, there are gift cards that every grad can appreciate.

The Apple gift card buys products, apps, games, music, movies, TV shows and more. The Outback, Steakhouse gift card is also good at Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's Italian Grill, & Fleming's Prime Steakhouse. Best Buy has all the technology to help students achieve their goals.

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St. Mary's Parish VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"The Olympics of Catholicism!"
June 26th – June 30th, 8:00 am - Noon
Kindergarten to Fifth Grade
Cost \$5—Registration is due June 1st

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

- Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
- Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/
Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
- Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39
- Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

John 14:15 WEB
If you love me, keep my commandments.

May 13/14, Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,253.00
Offertory.....	362.00
Student Offertory.....	16.23
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	50.00
Religious Education.....	70.00
Holy Day.....	50.00
Total.....	\$4,851.23
April (ACH) Automatic Contributions	\$5,550.00

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please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but not less than six months
prior to the proposed wedding date.