

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2024

Saturday, December 28th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Stephanie Worthington

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Reese Kohlstedt, Rohen Logue

Andrew & Sofia Mata

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

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

Sunday, December 29th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Blake Parker, Colyns Morris

Wyatt & Brynlee Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Parker Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, December 29th, 10:30 am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms

Giada Johnson, Alex Ueek

Gifts: Katy Ueek Family **Scrip:** Suzanne Walters

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 23rd **St. John**
No Mass Confessions 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
† Chuck Worthington

Midnight Mass
† Edward & Elsie Gaura

Wednesday, December 25th **The Nativity of the Lord**
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am
Andrew Peckham SP.I.

Thursday, December 26th **St. Stephen**
No Mass

Friday, December 27th **St. John**
No Mass

Saturday, December 28th **The Holy Innocents**
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
Mickie Alandy SP.I.

Sunday, December 29th **The Holy Family**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Joe Jara

December 22nd, 2024



Fourth Sunday of Advent

"He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father..."
- Luke 1:32

From your pastor . . .

This column is for the bulletin of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, but because Christmas is Wednesday, I will use this opportunity to extend to you and your families a most blessed Christmas Day and Season.

In the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, we have before us the great mystery of Faith that God Himself entered into our world and assumed a human nature in order to bring about our redemption from sin. While the Jews and the Moslems make the claim that God has sent great prophets into our world to tell us about God's redemptive plan (Moses and Mohammed respectively), Christianity makes the far more radical claim that it is God Himself, in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ who comes to not only teach us but to save us.

I have pointed this out before, but will do so again; Christmas begins rather than ends with Christmas Day. Sadly many people will have their Christmas tree out on the curb and be taking down their Christmas decorations a few days after Christmas. Catholics are to celebrate what is known as the Octave of Christmas; the eight days (including Christmas Day) that are a continuance of Christmas Day itself. Within this Octave, the Church celebrates important feast days. December 28th is the Feast of the Holy Innocents (which recalls those innocent children who went to their death at the hand of King Herod during his search for the child whom the Magi had come to honor as the newborn King of the Jews); Sunday, December 29th celebrates the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; and January 1st, celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God which brings to a conclusion the Christmas Octave and which is also a Holy Day of Obligation. While the Octave of Christmas ends with the Holy Day dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Christmas season continues on with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 5th. The Christmas Season concludes with the Baptism of our Lord, on Monday, January 12th. If it is possible to keep your Christmas decorations intact until January 12th, consider doing so.

I take this occasion to express my gratitude to those parishioners who were involved in decorating the Church so beautifully for Christmas as well as the choirs and liturgical ministers who assisted in the celebration of the Masses. Soon a list of those donating the plants/flowers that grace the Church will appear in the bulletin. Thank you to all who made these donations either in your own name or in memory of a loved one.

I also thank the many parishioners who have greeted Deacon and me with cards and gifts. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and you will be remembered in the Christmas Masses I celebrate throughout the Christmas season.

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for some time and returned to worship God at a Christmas Mass, please know that are welcomed to join us for Mass every Sunday. We wish for you to become a regular, participating member of our parish family.

Finally, I pray through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth that your Christmas season will be a blessed time for you and your family members. I encourage you to make a visit to the Nativity scene (crèche) that graces our Church sanctuary and while there entrust the intentions of your family to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary Parish.

A Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

“Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured.
Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”
“The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us— that is all He asks.”
St. Therese of Lisieux

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!

December 25th Christmas

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life.

Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth
“so that they might have life and have it to the full!”



Christmas flowers

Please use the envelopes in your packet or any (marked envelope) in memory of a loved one

Scrip News

Merry Christmas from your St. Mary's Scrip Program. St. Mary School is on winter break until January 2nd, so Scrip-to-Go will be available after weekend masses and at the rectory. Need last minute gifts or food for festivities, use the **RaiseRight app** on your phone or buy eGift cards to print or email to that special person. We have you covered!
Questions or need help?
scrip@stmarysrc.com

St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption Parish

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

160 West Fourth Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications are available at the Parish Office

608-647-2621 must be received no later than

March 1, 2025

December 24th Christmas Vigil 4:00 pm

Reader: Gregg Schmitt

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Bryce Kohlstedt, Alexander Kloehn
Rohen Logue, Vessel Rush

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: St Mary's School Children

December 25th Midnight Mass 12:00

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Oliver Cosgrove, Baylee Wertz
Will Weiss, Elijah Weiss

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Cheryl Blankenship Family

December 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Andrea Ortiz

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family



The St. Mary's 7th grade class is selling frozen cut-out Christmas cookies as a fundraiser for their mission trip next year. Cookies are \$5 a dozen and can be purchased in the church kitchen during school hours. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Jelinek at erin.jelinek@stmarysrc.com.

Wisconsin State Council

Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle

TOTAL PRIZE LIST-\$124,000.00

1st Prize \$50,000 or a 2025 Ford Ranger
2nd Prize \$25,000.00 or a Harley Davidson Motorcycle
3rd thru 100th Prizes—\$500.00

4297 W. Beltline Hwy. Madison WI. 53711
Drawing -Saturday May 17th, 2025 - 7:15 pm
Tickets \$5.00 each
Tickets will be available after Mass

**Diocese of La Crosse
PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2025**

The March for Life will be in Washington, D.C.

January 22nd to 26th
through the Diocese of La Crosse

The Total cost is \$415.00 per person

The parish will make available ...
\$265.00 towards the total cost.

The youth will need to make a request to the
parish with their cost of \$150.00

Contact the Rectory 647-2621



**TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATRUAL DEATH**

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

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1,
6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
- Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
6bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

December 7/8, 2024

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| Adult Tithe..... | \$2,642.00 |
| Offertory..... | 406.00 |
| Student Ofertory..... | 22.69 |
| Building & Maintenance..... | 120.00 |
| Catholic School Support..... | 20.00 |
| Holy Day..... | 80.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | 402.00 |
| Religious Share The Care Retirement.... | 75.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,767.69 |

ConsiderAutomatic 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 !**

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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.